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To: <m.cole@southhuron.ca>

Subject: Request to sign Great Lakes Mayors open letter to Minister McKenna opposing OPG nuclear waste dump

Hello Mayor Cole,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me today.

See attached joint sign on letter. As mentioned, we have worked closely with Mayor Keith Hobbs (City of Thunder Bay) and Mayor Mike Bradley (City of Sarnia) in launching this initiative. Both are the initial signers of this letter and long time opponents of OPG's plan. In addition, Mayor Hobbs is a director and past chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

With a decision on this matter expected in the fall of 2017, we feel it is very important that Great Lakes communities continue to apply political pressure on Minister McKenna to reject OPG's plan. We believe a joint sign on letter will leverage the resolutions passed to date and demonstrate to Minister McKenna that opposition from Great Lakes communities remains strong and united.

I have now started the process of approaching Great Lakes Mayors whose communities have passed resolutions. Incidentally, 187 resolutions representing over 23 million people have been passed so far opposing OPG's proposed DGR. See

<http://www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com/resolutions.php>

After reviewing the joint sign on letter, I am hoping you and the South Huron council will agree to having your signature added. I understand that you will need to bring this matter before council.

Mayor Cole, thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Fernandez
Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump

To learn more please visit our website:
www.stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.com

To sign the online petition:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stopthegreatlakesnucleardump.html>

*Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of concerned Canadians who believe that the **protection of the Great Lakes from buried radioactive nuclear waste is responsible stewardship**, and is of national and international importance.*

The Great Lakes were created by an ice age 12,000 years ago.

The Egyptian pyramids were created 4,500 years ago.

Some nuclear waste remains radioactive for 100,000 years.

The Great Lakes constitute 21% of the world's fresh water.

The Great Lakes are the water source supporting 40 million people in 2 countries.

An underground nuclear waste dump 1 km from the shore of Lake Huron defies common sense

Open Letter to Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change opposing Ontario Power Generation's proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) - Signed by [] Great Lakes Mayors

<Date>

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

We are writing to you in connection with the interests and concerns of our constituents, millions of people living in cities, towns, municipalities, villages and counties surrounding the Great Lakes.

We are deeply concerned that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to bury nuclear waste in close proximity to the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes are critically important resources to both Canada and the United States and supply drinking water to forty million people including to the citizens we represent. The Great Lakes support fishing, boating, recreation, tourism, and agriculture and are the life-blood of a six trillion dollar Great Lakes region economy.

We find it irresponsible and deeply troubling that OPG failed and continues to refuse to investigate any other actual sites for its proposed nuclear waste repository (DGR) despite being required to do so under regulatory guidelines and further as required by you in your February 18, 2016 request.

We are completely mystified by OPG claims that its proposed DGR is "not an area of concern among the general population" in the face of 187 resolutions having been passed by local, county and state governments representing over 23 million people opposing the construction of a DGR anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin. It is plain to see that OPG's claims do not square with the facts.

Signatories to this letter, all duly elected officials of Great Lakes communities that have passed resolutions, remain deeply opposed and united in opposition to the permanent burial of nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes basin and we fully support Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump in their work to protect the fresh water of the Great Lakes from the threat posed by OPG's proposed DGR.

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Madame Minister, we the undersigned request that you act to protect North America's most precious resource and the health and safety of the millions of people who rely on your leadership by rejecting OPG's application for its DGR in Kincardine, Ontario.

Sincerely,

Mayor Keith Hobbs
City of Thunder Bay, Ontario

Mayor Mike Bradley
City of Sarnia, Ontario

Warden Bill Weber
Lambton County, Ontario

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