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Subject: Request from the Deep Geologic Repository Joint Review Panel

Mr. Burnham

Attached, please find a document and cover Email sent to the DGR Joint Review Panel from Michigan State Senator Hopgood on May 24, 2013. This record has been posted to the on-line public registry for the DGR review at <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=17520>.

The Joint Review Panel would like an explanation of the record from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada to facilitate its understanding of the submission and to allow the Panel to place the information properly in the context of the DGR project review.

For your reference, the responsibilities and terms of reference of the Panel are laid out in the [Joint Review Panel Agreement](#). The [Guidelines](#) issued by the Government of Canada define the nature, scope and extent of the information that must be adequately addressed by the proponent, Ontario Power Generation, before the Panel may schedule and announce a public hearing for the DGR project. The Panel closed the comment period on the adequacy of the environmental impact statement and licence information on May 24, 2013, and within 30 days will decide whether to proceed to a hearing or request additional information from Ontario Power Generation.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request. The Panel would like to receive your input as soon as possible. Later this week would be ideal.

Regards,

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Subject: follow up

Debra,

Were you going to send a request my way?

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From: The Office of Senator Hopgood [<mailto:SenHHopgood@senate.michigan.gov>]

Sent: May 24, 2013 10:59 AM

To: DGR Review / Examen DFGP [CEAA]

Subject: Public Comment on the EIS and License Application for the Deep Geologic Repository Project

Ms. Debra Myles and Ms. Kelly McGee:

Attached please find a copy of Michigan Senate Resolution 58 regarding the Ontario Power Generation's proposed underground long-term burial facility for Ontario's low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station. This resolution, which I cosponsored, was approved unanimously in the Michigan Senate on Wednesday, May 22. Formal copies of the resolution are being transmitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, amongst others, by the Michigan Secretary of the Senate. I would also like to submit this language to you to be included as part of the official public comment record. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the concerns outlined in SR 58. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or concerns regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

HOON-YUNG HOPGOOD

Michigan State Senator

8th District

Substitute for Senate Resolution No. 58.

A resolution to urge careful review of the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada and memorialize the United States Congress to do all it can to see that Michigan's concerns are fully addressed.

Whereas, Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground, long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is long-lived intermediate waste. This site, less than a mile inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 440 yards below the lake level, is approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for Southeast Michigan; and

Whereas, Lake Huron and the other Great Lakes are critically important resources to both the United States and Canada. The Great Lakes contain 95 percent of North America's surface fresh water and provide drinking water to tens of millions of people. Pristine water is important to fishing, boating, recreation, tourism, and agriculture in Michigan and throughout the region. Agriculture, commercial and sport fisheries, shipping, recreation, and tourism are important components of the Great Lakes economy. This proposal to place a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes raises serious concerns; and

Whereas, As part of an effort to protect water quality, Michigan's siting criteria for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste prohibits any site located within ten miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, the Saint Mary's River, the Detroit River, the St. Clair River, or Lake St. Clair. It also excludes sites located within a 500-year floodplain, located over a sole source aquifer, or located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of the site. We encourage Canada to consider similar siting criteria; and

Whereas, International agreements between the United States and Canada state that radiological contamination should be reduced and emphasize the concept of prevention. We encourage Canada, as part of its public review process, to make known the steps that have been or will be taken to fulfill the requirements of these agreements; and

Whereas, Siting an underground nuclear waste repository in limestone, as proposed by Ontario Power Generation, is the first of its kind. The environmental impact statement for this proposed nuclear waste burial facility noted that the acceptability of an alternative site was "unknown." We encourage the use of sound scientific principles and analyses in determining whether this geologic formation is appropriate for the safe long-term storage of radioactive waste and that before making any further approvals of this proposed facility, this scientific data, along with information regarding the alternative sites that were considered, be made available; and

Whereas, Given the proximity and potential impact to many Michigan residents, we urge Canadian and Ontario officials, along with all relevant governmental agencies, to ensure open communication and information sharing with Michigan citizens about this proposal and to possibly consider extending the public comment period; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge Canadian officials to thoroughly review the proposed underground nuclear waste repository in Ontario, Canada including the issues raised herein, and we memorialize the United States Congress to do all it can to see that Michigan's concerns are fully addressed; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.