

## **RESOLUTION on the IJC Nuclear Task Force**

**WHEREAS, the INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION (IJC) authorized a "NUCLEAR TASK FORCE" in 1994 to review, assess and report on the state of radioactivity in the Great Lakes, and in its biennial reports in 1994 and 1996 called upon the Governments to incorporate those radionuclides which meet the definition of persistent toxic substances in their strategy for virtual elimination,**

**WHEREAS, the Nuclear Task Force (NTF) in its Terms of Reference was to undertake as its initial project to provide a report on the Inventory of Radionuclides for the Great Lakes, which was finally released in February of this year,**

**WHEREAS, in its Terms of Reference the NTF "shall make its first official recommendation of additional projects upon the completion of work for its first assessment of the state of radioactivity in the lakes",**

**WHEREAS, the NTF concludes that there is a strong need for a comprehensive review of all monitoring activities at nuclear facilities with a view toward making the monitoring more accommodating to the needs of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (NFT, 4.2.3),**

**WHEREAS, the NTF further concludes that there are radionuclides of concern that merit studies and further reporting because of the patterns of use and discharge; physical, chemical and biological properties,**

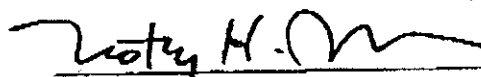
**WHEREAS, over 20 million people around the Great Lakes Basin derive food sources and drinking water from the Great Lakes,**

**WHEREAS, the inventory document does not address either health effects or ecological effects of Great Lakes biota (including humans!),**

**WHEREAS, the Terms of Reference state the Nuclear Task Force is to be sunsetted after 5 years of existence, which would be by the end of next year, only 18 months from now,**

**WE THEREFORE RESOLVE that the IJC recognize the magnitude of work to finish the proposed health studies and extend the life of this Task Force indefinitely and seek the necessary funding for this critically important work on a high priority basis!**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE 16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 7, 1998.**

  
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Whereas the NRC issued a Demand for Information on Oct. 6, 1990, seeking information why they should not prohibit Sierra Nuclear, the vendor of the VSC-24 casks, from all further fabrication of these casks due to significant quality control failures since 1992,

Whereas, the NRC has permitted the loading of 13 VSC-24 casks at Palisades and 2 casks at Point Beach,

Whereas, three NUHOMS casks that were placed on the shore of Lake Erie at Toledo, Ohio, were found to be defective with walls below the thinness of the specifications,

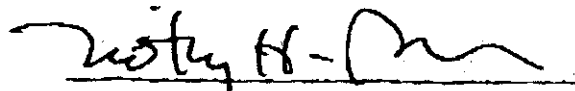
Whereas, this vendor's operation, Vectra Technology, was shut down by the NRC, but the defective casks remain on the shores of Lake Erie,

Whereas, the Dept. of Energy has refused to honor its contract with utilities to remove high level radioactive waste from reactor sites,

Whereas, the Federal Government has failed to develop the technology for the permanent disposal of high level nuclear waste,

Be It Resolved, that no more dry casks should be permitted to be loaded on the shores of the Great Lakes and that cost effective alternatives to the continued generation of nuclear waste be implemented with all due speed.

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