



THE NORTHEAST-MIDWEST SENATE COALITION

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October 22, 2013

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

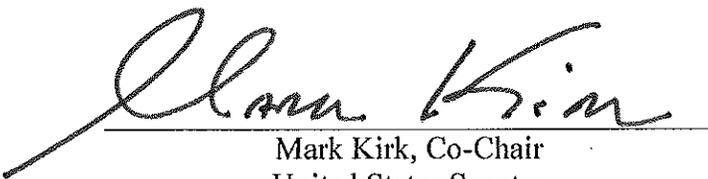
As Great Lakes Senators, preserving the health and water quality of the Great Lakes is a top priority. As such, we remain deeply concerned with Ontario Power Generation's proposal to build an underground radioactive nuclear waste repository less than a mile inland from the shores of Lake Huron near Kincardine, Ontario. The proposed plan would allow low and intermediate waste produced from Canada's nuclear facilities to be stored approximately 120 miles upstream from the main drinking water intakes for Southeast Michigan.

We are concerned about the potential damaging impacts to both public health and water quality from this proposed repository and encourage the EPA to continue to be actively involved in Ontario Power Generation's proposal. Further, we would like you to demonstrate what precautionary measures are proposed to date that will be put in place to prevent any possible exceedances of water quality standards.

The Great Lakes are a vital resource to both the United States and Canada, supplying drinking water to nearly 40 million people. We cannot afford to put the safe water supply of millions of people in jeopardy. We urge EPA do everything possible to ensure that this proposed repository represents a zero threat to the Great Lakes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact us or have your staff contact Sarah Walter at (202) 224-2854 or Sarah_Walter@kirk.senate.gov or Heidi Keller at (202) 224-6221 or Heidi_Keller@levin.senate.gov

Sincerely,



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