

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

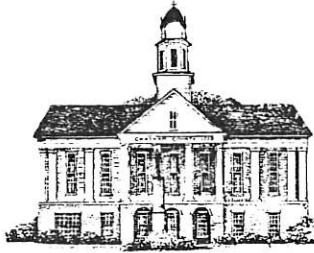
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Resolution on Increased Storage of Nuclear Waste near Chatham County, North Carolina

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and attendant bodies have under consideration the storage of additional highly radioactive nuclear waste at a location immediately adjacent to Chatham County; and,

WHEREAS, independent scientific expertise regarding nuclear waste storage is readily available to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Board that the United States Department of Energy exhibited unconscionable and profoundly irresponsible performance of their duties by not timely providing for the promised material repository for the nation's radioactive nuclear waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners strongly endorses the effort of United States Senator John Edwards and United States Congressman David Price as set forth in their January 5, 2001, letter to Dr. David Meserve, Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a copy of which is attached, to make every possible effort to ensure that the public safety is the paramount concern underlying Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision making and to inspire public confidence in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's procedural processes.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in the high and noble tradition of our democracy herewith respectfully petition United States Senator John Edwards and United States Congressman David Price, as well as other colleagues they may respectfully entreat, to jointly and strongly petition, on our behalf, the appropriate federal agencies and/or bodies of relevant authority to secure the following ends:

- A. That the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board be strongly encouraged to recognize the wisdom and pragmatic justice, over the short and long terms, for all concerned parties, in enabling an open, scientific judicial forum relating to the people's business immediately before them in the specific matter of the storage of an increased amount of highly radioactive nuclear waste in the immediate geographic region of Chatham County; and
- B. That the United States Department of Energy immediately pursue responsible options for dealing with highly radioactive nuclear waste so as to enhance the public health and safety of all citizens of the United States.

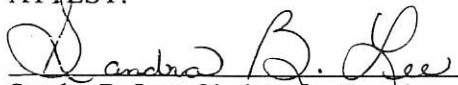
- C. That the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission fully explain its decision to grant the license amendment for the spent fuel storage, even while the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board continues to consider the issues before it.

Adopted this, the 19th day of February, 2001.



Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners