

# NEWS



[FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 5, 2017](#)

## Kildee opposition to Lake Huron nuclear waste dump creates national coverage in Canada

TORONTO—Congressman Dan Kildee’s (D. Michigan) opposition to a Canadian nuclear waste dump on Lake Huron drew national television attention across Canada recently and sets out a bi-partisan strategy to protect American citizens and their water, a bi-national environmental organization said Monday.

Mr. Kildee and other Great Lakes region politicians, have been working to oppose the Canadian nuclear waste dump for more than four years but it was Congressman Kildee’s remarks at a high-level conference on the Great Lakes that drew the attention of Canada’s leading public affairs program. “The broadcast by CTV’s W5 (see links below) included a presentation by Congressman Kildee and showed the growing American opposition to the project. Almost 200 cities and towns lining the Great Lakes basin have passed resolutions against the Lake Huron nuclear waste dump,” explained Dr. Ellen Dailey of Erie, PA, Vice-President and a Director of SOS Great Lakes.

“With the exception of Congressman Kildee and Dingell; and Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters (D-MI) and the other Great Lakes politicians who jointly signed a letter to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau in 2015 opposing the shoreline nuclear waste dump on Lake Huron, support from other U.S. elected representatives has been lacking,” Dr. Dailey said.

“This issue goes way beyond most environmental and water quality issues. The Great Lakes are a shared resource between Canada and the U.S., but more of the Great Lakes are in U.S. territory and far more Americans would be affected by a nuclear waste leak than would Canadians. Why we are forced to sit on the sidelines while Canada decides our fate?”

“This is not acceptable,” she said. We need more of our elected officials to stand up and represent our interests. There is too much at stake to stay silent on this issue,” the physician said.

“This is not how we treated Canadians when they expressed concern about [our nuclear waste storage plans in the past](#). When former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark expressed concern about a plan to study a site selection in Vermont some 25 miles from the Canadian border, the U.S. immediately removed the site from further consideration.

“In this case Ontario Power Generation wants to bury highly radioactive waste that will remain radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years, literally on the shoreline of Lake Huron--literally on our border. The fact is that every attempt at burying nuclear waste in the world, including one in New Mexico, has failed to contain that waste. The difference is if this one were to leak, it would be leaking deadly radionuclides into our drinking water,” Dr. Dailey said.

OPG proposes to bury some 7 million cubic feet of Low and Intermediate Level radioactive nuclear waste less than 1,000 yards from the shore of Lake Huron. Much of the intermediate level waste will remain radioactive for more than 100,000 years. Radioactive waste has escaped into the environment in all three previous attempts in the world to bury it deeply. In the case of Germany, radioactive waste is threatening to overflow two sites despite government expenditures in excess of \$200 million annually to stem the overflow.

SOS Great Lakes is the leading bi-national organization opposing burial of nuclear waste on the shoreline of Lake Huron or anywhere else in the Great Lakes basin. Their position is supported by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative that oppose the DGR and nearly 200 towns and cities lining the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River basin formally oppose the project. Michigan State government unanimously opposes the project and have introduced motions asking the U.S. government to halt this project.

The two-part segment can be viewed at

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/w5/town-divided-over-plan-to-store-nuclear-waste-near-lake-huron-1.3349452>

For further information contact:

[info@sosgreatlakes.org](mailto:info@sosgreatlakes.org)

or Robin Palin 514 426-7137 ext 221

[rpalin@rppr.com](mailto:rpalin@rppr.com)