
TITLE: Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMR's)

SUBJECT: Environment

MOVED BY: Chief Duncan Michano, Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation, ON

SECONDED BY: Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), ON

DECISION Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

- A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states:
 - i. Article 29 (2): States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent,
- B. The Nuclear Industry, particularly in Ontario, seeks to build and operate small modular nuclear reactors and to operate these reactors in small communities throughout the north.
- C. The Nuclear Industry is seeking assistance from the Government of Canada to conduct research and build these Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMR's).
- D. Nuclear reactors, regardless of size, produce bi-products and radioactive waste material that will be toxic and dangerous to human health for thousands of years.
- E. The Nuclear Industry in Canada has nowhere to store this waste and as of June 30, 2017, Canada has an inventory of about 2.8 million used nuclear fuel bundles with an average of 90,000 additional used fuel bundles being generated each year.
- F. The Nuclear Waste Management Organization is currently seeking out willing communities to construct a long-term underground repository in Ontario to store Canada's nuclear waste.

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- G. The First Nations of Ontario oppose the construction and operation of these reactors.
- H. The First Nations of Ontario have a duty to protect the health of their citizens today and in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Demand that free, prior and informed consent is required to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in First Nations lands and territories.
2. Demand that the Nuclear Industry abandon its plans to operate Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada.
3. Demand that the Government of Canada cease funding and support of the Small Modular Nuclear Reactors program.
4. Direct that the National Chief and appropriate staff work to ensure that the Nuclear Industry and the Canadian Government abandon this program.

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