

**Organizational Position Statement
Formally Supporting Continuation of the
Illinois Nuclear Construction Moratorium of 1987, and the
Illinois Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard of 2007**

To Our Elected and Appointed Officials:

Whereas, the 1987 Illinois Nuclear Power Construction Moratorium (220 ILCS 5/8-406) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-406(c)) was enacted to protect the public and environment “until the United States Government...has identified and approved a demonstrable technology or means for the disposal of high level nuclear waste,” and

Whereas, no such technology or environmentally acceptable disposal facility currently exists, nor by U.S. Dept. of Energy estimates will exist for the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, in February 2009 the Obama Administration canceled future funding for the flawed and controversial Yucca Mt. high-level radioactive waste repository project, leaving the US with NO current location in the running for a permanent HLRW disposal site; and

Whereas, building more nuclear reactors will only result in an additional creation and build-up of high-level radioactive wastes **in Illinois** on the Illinois River network beyond the 8,000+ tons already stored here.

Be it resolved that we the undersigned organization **endorse and support the continuation and enforcement of the Illinois nuclear construction moratorium law until:**

- 1.) a facility for the **permanent and environmentally responsible disposal** of spent reactor fuel is **in operation**; and
- 2.) the conditions of the 2007 Illinois Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard legislation – 25% of electricity generated in Illinois will be from sustainable, renewable (non-nuclear, non-fossil fuel) sources by 2025 – are **first completely met and the power plants are in operation.**

Organization: _____

Represented by: _____

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Date: _____

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