

A RESOLUTION **2017-03-30-0016R**

EXPRESSING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE THROUGH THE CITY AND EXPRESSING THE SAFETY CONCERNS TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, on April 28, 2016, Waste Control Specialists, LLC (WCS) applied to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a license to construct and operate a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel at the present WCS facility in Andrews County, Texas, approximately 350 miles northwest of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in response to the WCS license application to the NRC, on February 21, 2017, Bexar County Commissioners approved a "Resolution to Protect our Lives, Land and Water from Radioactive Waste Risks" stating that "Bexar County does not support or consent to consolidated interim storage of radioactive waste in Texas and New Mexico, or the transportation of high-level radioactive waste on our railways or highways for the purpose of consolidated storage or permanent disposal of high-level radiation waste in Texas or New Mexico"; and

WHEREAS, a Council Consideration Request was authored by Council member Nirenberg on March 8, 2017, in opposition to the CISF which focused on the risks related to the transport of high-level radioactive waste through the San Antonio area for the purpose of unnecessary storage and the increased risk of accidents or terrorism activity; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the Bexar County Resolution and agrees that the transportation of high-level radioactive waste through San Antonio would pose a significant danger; that our lives, land and aquifers must be protected from radioactive contamination which could result from accidents, radiation releases or leaks, or terrorist actions during the thousands of high-level radioactive waste shipments that would occur for a period of many years, if the waste is transported through the City; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio opposes the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste on the railways or highways through the City.

SECTION 2. The transportation of high-level radioactive waste through the City is a grave concern and poses a significant safety risk to the citizens of the entire area. The City of San Antonio supports the Bexar County "Resolution to Protect our Lives, Land and Water from Radioactive Waste Risks" as it pertains to the transportation of high-level radioactive waste through the area. A copy of the Bexar County Resolution is attached as **Attachment 1** to this Resolution.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized to provide this Resolution to the NRC and to inform all parties of the City of San Antonio's safety concerns and opposition to the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste through the City. The City Manager, or her designee, is further authorized to assess options for the City to file a petition to intervene in, or request a hearing on, the WCS license application; to continue to monitor the status of the WCS license application; to participate as a non-party in the license application process as appropriate; and monitor transportation permit applications to the NRC.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this 30th day of March, 2017.

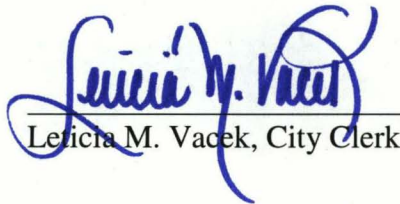


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Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

Agenda Item:	30 (in consent vote: 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)						
Date:	03/30/2017						
Time:	09:51:12 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	A Resolution expressing the City's opposition to the transportation of high level radioactive waste through the City and expressing the City's safety concerns to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Charles Hood, Fire Chief; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				
Alan Warrick	District 2		x			x	
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				x
Rey Saldaña	District 4	x					
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

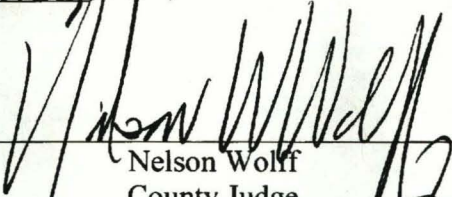


Protect Our Lives, Land and Water From Radioactive Waste Risks

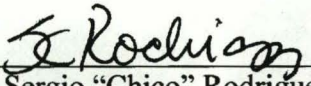
- WHEREAS,** Andrews County in Texas and Eddy and Lea Counties in NM are targeted for forty years or more of storage for the nation's most dangerous nuclear reactor waste, which could lead to dangerous de facto permanent dumps, and importing high-level radioactive waste would put millions of people at risk for financial and health impacts from potential accidents or incidents; and
- WHEREAS,** transporting high-level radioactive waste for the purpose of consolidated storage would unnecessarily increase risks of accidents or terrorism activity, and the waste would likely travel through the San Antonio region, where major military bases are located; and
- WHEREAS,** high-level radioactive waste should remain secured at or near the site of generation and be transported only once, when a scientifically viable permanent disposal site becomes available; and
- WHEREAS,** high-level radioactive waste consists of irradiated (spent) fuel from nuclear power reactors and/or weapons production that includes uranium, plutonium and other radioactive elements that must be isolated for thousands of years or longer. The waste on a single train car would likely contain as much plutonium as was in the bomb dropped on Nagasaki; and
- WHEREAS,** exposure to radioactivity is known to lead to birth defects, genetic damage, and cancers and unshielded exposure to high-level radioactive waste could give a lethal dose; and
- WHEREAS,** our lives, land and aquifers must be protected from radioactive contamination which could result from accidents, radiation releases or leaks, or terrorist actions during the thousands of high-level radioactive waste shipments that would occur for a period of 24 years if consolidated storage is licensed; and
- WHEREAS,** an accident releasing only a small amount of radioactivity could contaminate a 42-square mile area. A DOE study found that cleanup could cost \$620 million in a rural area and \$9.5 billion in the most heavily contaminated square mile of a large city; and
- WHEREAS,** small communities with largely Hispanic populations and few resources to fight back are being targeted to host the radioactive waste dumps, an example of extreme environmental injustice; and
- WHEREAS,** many states have previously rejected consolidated high-level radioactive waste storage or disposal, and Texas farmers and ranchers concerned about the Ogallala Aquifer defeated a proposed Deaf Smith County nuclear disposal site in the 1980's.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bexar County does not support or consent to consolidated interim storage of radioactive waste in Texas and nearby New Mexico, or the transportation of high-level radioactive waste on our railways or highways for the purpose of consolidated storage or permanent disposal of high-level radioactive waste in Texas or New Mexico.

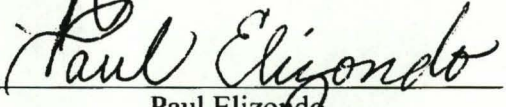
Approved on, this 21 day of February, 2017,



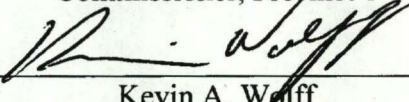
Nelson Wolff
County Judge



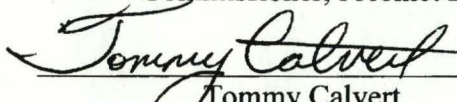
Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Paul Elizondo
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Kevin A. Wolff
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Tommy Calvert
Commissioner, Precinct 4