

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

A strong reaction is being voiced against the proposal that Northern Ontario be the nations nuclear waste dumping site. Although Northern Ontario has been considered as a site by the Federal Government for several years, area residents have been almost totally uninformed. In the late fall of 1977, the Hare report (a study on nuclear waste) was released. The report recommended that test drilling begin in 1978. This information came as a shock to northern citizens. "Is democracy in question?" asks Mr. Peter Lang, Member of the Citizens Committee to Study Nuclear Waste in Thunder Bay.

Citizens are concerned with the safety of the disposal method, due to the extremely high corrosiveness of the waste resulting in leakage. Citizens are further concerned with the movement of up to 10,000 tonnes yearly of this highly radioactive waste across our country. As far as recycling of nuclear waste is concerned, breeder reactors, the method used for recycling, are shut down throughout the world. The reason being the extremely high risk involved in handling. Citizens question the whole nuclear program especially when the Hare Report states that there is only enough known uranium available for 25 years. Northern citizens are further concerned with being the dumping site for southern garbage and also the possibility of it becoming an international dumping site.


Petitions are being circulated throughout the north and thousands of signatures are being collected. Citizens are demanding hearings throughout the north and especially those communities chosen by the Government for waste disposal. Such sites so far known are Marathon, English River, Kenora area, Chapleau, Ignace and Madoc. Citizens of Madoc joined together in protest and, as a result, delayed test drilling and stopped the possibility of dumping in their area.

With unemployment so high, people are anxious to encourage possible employment - yet the risks involved are such that even communities with the highest unemployment are saying no. Marathon, a community of 2,200 has collected over 800 signatures thus far, Schreiber 671 and Thunder Bay over 5,000. While some petitions request hearings throughout Northern Ontario, others clearly state no dumping period.

Quebec has called for a moratorium on nuclear power expansion while Manitoba is postponing their nuclear program. Ontario continues to expand. A Red Rock citizen stated, tongue-in-cheek, that the waste should be buried on Parliament Hill. There, he further states, "our government, who have our best interests in mind, could keep a close watch on it".

Although a deadline of January 20th, 1978 was set for citizens to respond to nuclear waste disposal, due to the strong reaction, it has been extended. The new deadline is not yet known. This does however, give people a chance to begin or to continue circulating petitions and to prepare briefs for possible hearings.

The Thunder Bay Citizens Committee to Study Nuclear Waste has started gathering information on the hazards involved in waste disposal as well as alternatives to nuclear power. A speakers bureau has been established and speakers are available upon request. For further information feel free to Contact the: Citizens Committee to Study Nuclear Waste  
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Thunder Bay, Ontario. Phone 622-3258 or 622-2155



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