



MAKING WAVES

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Mayor Heartwell Speaks with President Obama

Former chair of the Cities Initiative and Mayor of Grand Rapids, George Heartwell had a few moments with President Obama last week while in Washington D.C. for the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting. Mayor Heartwell urged the President to continue funding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.



Update on Proposed shipment of Radioactive Steam Generators from Bruce Power

- The Canadian federal regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has not yet made a decision on whether or not to approve the transportation of the radioactive steam generators. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is reviewing comments submitted by over 70 interveners, including the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.
- Approval for this proposed shipment is still required from U.S. Department of Transportation and Sweden. The existing Canadian nuclear export permits also expire in January 2011. Bruce Power indicated in December 2010 that even if it obtained approval, it would not be shipping the radioactive steam generators in 2010 or early 2011 (due to shipping season closing).
- Many municipalities along the route have passed resolutions expressing concerns or opposing the shipment (including Montreal, Windsor and over 70 communities in Quebec). Others, such as Bruce County have expressed support for the proposal. Seven U.S. senators have expressed concerns to U.S. Departments and the CNSC.

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Save the Date!!

Please Save the Date for our 2011 Annual Members Meeting and Conference, hosted by the Region of Niagara. This year's conference will take place in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 15-17, 2011. Please stay tuned to the Cities Initiative website for more updates on the conference.

Membership

Please join us in welcoming **Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Michigan City, Indiana** to the Cities Initiative! Join the 73 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative members in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River by clicking [here](#) for a membership application. If



you are already a member, please encourage your neighboring communities to join, and be sure to renew your membership when you receive your notice.