

JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE ANISHINABEK NATION AND THE IROQUOIS CAUCUS ON THE TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

On March 22, 2017, the Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus affirmed by ceremony today, our sacred responsibility as inherent keepers and caretakers of fire, water, land and air, throughout our territories.

The Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus met to discuss our shared concerns about the transport and storage of radioactive waste.

The Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus continue to hold sacred, our responsibilities to our ancestors, our people today and those yet unborn.

The Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus have never relinquished or abandoned our responsibility to the protection of fire, water, land and air.

This responsibility is embedded in our reciprocal relationship with Mother Earth.

Radioactive waste is toxic.

Radioactive waste impacts the environment by degrading the quality of surrounding air, water and soil, as it is destructive to all life.

Radioactive waste management and transportation is a critical issue, now and into the future.

The continued lack of consultation by the crown with the caretakers and keepers of the land, will result in irreversible consequences for thousands of generations.

The Anishinabek Nation and the Iroquois Caucus stand together – united – to oppose any activities associated with the transport and underground storage of radioactive waste in our territories.

We welcome all who stand with us, in upholding this sacred responsibility.

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