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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY,
COLORADO, STATING AN OBJECTION TO THE TRUCK TO RAIL TRANSFER OF
RADIOACTIVE, HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE IN CONEJOS COUNTY WITHIN
250 FEET OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER A HEADWATERS TRIBUTARY TO THE
RIO GRANDE RIVER**

Resolution #2011- 6

WHEREAS, Conejos County is a populated area within the San Luis Valley hemmed in on the west by the San Juan mountain range and on the east by the Sangre de Cristo mountain range where the radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste would adversely affect the quality of life in the area; and

WHEREAS, Conejos County residents will be exposed to radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste and according to the National Academies of Science there is no known safe level of radioactive exposure for humans; and

WHEREAS, Conejos County residents will be exposed to radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste and according to the permit application submitted to Conejos County the waste will be Class 7 radioactive and Class 9 unregulated under Department of Transportation (DOT) guidelines, and Class A low-level radioactive waste under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidelines. "Health Impacts from Acute Radiation Exposure," 2003, for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. The study says that a 300 rad exposure (which is the dose that you could get from a 90 minute unshielded exposure to Containerized Class A waste) would lead to hematopoietic syndrome. Fifty percent of people would die within 60 days at that dose level. This concept of 50 percent of a population within 60 days of level of exposure without medical treatment is a concept that in Radiation Health Physics is known as LD50-60 (LD = lethal dose to 50 percent of the population within 60 days); and

WHEREAS, Conejos County has residents with psychiatric and other medical conditions, whom could be negatively affected by the effects of the radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste; and

WHEREAS, Conejos County has residents who are active-duty military or veterans, some of whom suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), the symptoms of which can be triggered by the sight of the radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste in supersacks; and

WHEREAS, Tourism is critical to the economic development and stability of the region, and the transfer of radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste would disturb the region's tranquility and have potential negative effects on their already struggling economy, and to the persons who come to that community for the peace and quiet it offers; and

WHEREAS, Many Conejos County residents speak Spanish only or Spanish as their first language, and no radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste transfer from truck to rail project information has been provided to them in Spanish; and

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WHEREAS, There are unknown environmental and other impacts from the transfer of truck to rail of radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste plan, so an environmental impact study should be performed; and

WHEREAS, Local volunteer firefighters, first responders, and the regional hospital are not equipped with the proper gear and training to handle radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste spills; and

WHEREAS, The transportation of radioactive, hazardous, and toxic waste has not been determined site specific to Conejos County to be safer on rail versus truck, and the safety of the transportation of the two comparatively is not in question, since Conejos County has not been provided a choice; and

WHEREAS, The permit application Energy Solutions submitted to Conejos County for a Special Use does not comply with the Conejos County Land Use Code; and

WHEREAS, San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners is concerned about the dangers of truck to rail transport of radioactive, hazardous and toxic waste in Conejos County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY THAT:

THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DOES NOT SUPPORT THE TRUCK TO RAIL TRANSFER OF RADIOACTIVE, HAZARDOUS, AND TOXIC WASTE IN CONEJOS COUNTY WITHIN 250 FEET OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER A HEADWATERS TRIBUTARY TO THE RIO GRANDE RIVER.

APPROVED AND DONE on February 2, 2011 by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado in Telluride.

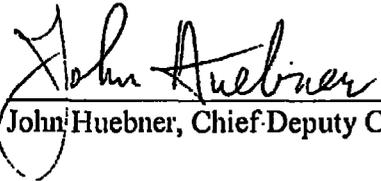
**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Joan May, Chair

Vote:

Joan May	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Elaine Fischer	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Art Goodtimes	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

ATTEST:


John Huebner, Chief Deputy Clerk

