

RESOLUTION OF TMACOG
RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS
Perrysburg Township Resolution No. 2004-13
OPPOSING EXPANSION OF THE ENVIROSAFE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan serving 758,373 people in a 2,150 square mile area which includes Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Wood Counties, Ohio; and Bedford, Erie, and Whiteford Townships and the City of Luna Pier in Monroe County, and Rig Township in Lenawee County, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, PL 92-500 and the Clean Water Act of 1977, PL 95-217, the *Areawide Water Quality Management Plan* was developed and adopted on December 19, 1976 and most recently updated on October 15, 2003 by TMACOG; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Lake Erie and its near shore coastal area is a critical concern of TMACOG and a regional, state and national priority,

WHEREAS, Envirosafe Services of Ohio (Envirosafe, ESOI) operates the only commercial hazardous waste landfill in the State of Ohio which is located in the City of Oregon along Otter Creek and one mile from the Lake Erie,

WHEREAS, the waste codes permitted at the Facility allow for the disposal of numerous hazardous wastes which are carcinogenic and include some of the most toxic and dangerous chemicals known to mankind;

WHEREAS, since 1991 the operation of the Facility has been less than stellar as evidenced by many notices of violations, substantial administrative and court imposed fines levied for noncompliance;

WHEREAS, the groundwaters of the State of Ohio have been contaminated with carcinogenic and mutagenic compounds from the historic operations of the company despite assurances from the company that this could never occur;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its current permit and its current rate of disposal, the Facility will be filled to its permitted capacity in about 2006;

WHEREAS, ESOI previously represented that the company did not intend to expand and that the Facility would close when Cell M was filled to its current capacity;

WHEREAS, despite previous representations to the contrary, ESOI now seeks to expand its hazardous waste landfill by extending Cell M by another seventy-five (75) feet high, making Cell M approximately 150 feet above grade; and also expanding its footprint;

WHEREAS, any such proposed expansion would result in hundreds of millions of additional pounds of hazardous waste being stored near residences and in near-shore Lake Erie watershed; and

WHEREAS, Lucas County the City of Oregon, the City of Toledo, the City of Northwood, each passed legislation strongly opposing the proposed expansion by ESOI because of its negative impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY TMACOG:

1. That TMACOG expresses its opposition to the proposed expansion of the ESOI hazardous waste landfill in the strongest terms possible; and further
2. That TMACOG supports and encourages the Mayor and Administration of the City of Oregon and other concerned local governments to take all actions they deem necessary to oppose the expansion of the ESOI Hazardous Waste Landfill; and finally
3. That TMACOG'S President sign and send a copy of this resolution to the following:
 1. Christopher Jones, Director Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 2. Governor Taft
 3. Senators DeWine and Voinovich and Representative Kaptur
 4. All local and state Representatives
 5. The Board of Lucas County Commissioners

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of Perrysburg Township June 7, 2004
Yea 3, Nay 0, Abstain 0
Robert Mack Yes, Barb Gunn Yes, Craig Lahote Yes