

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 89-192

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AGAINST ACCEPTANCE
OF ANY PRESENTLY REGULATED RADIOACTIVE WASTES
IN ANY LANDFILL, SEWAGE SYSTEM, OR OTHER DISPOSAL FACILITY
OPERATED BY THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission have approved the concept of deregulating various radioactive wastes which are now considered to be "low level" wastes, requiring special treatment, handling, and disposal facilities, and have approved the "linguistic detoxification" of such radioactive wastes, by declaring them to be "below regulatory concern"; and

WHEREAS, if such Federal proposals for deregulation are carried out, such deregulated radioactive wastes would go to landfills, sewers, incinerators, and other facilities for solid, liquid, or hazardous waste, which are neither designed nor intended to take radioactive wastes; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that more than 30% of the volume of what is currently considered "low level" radioactive waste could be deregulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, evidence is growing that exposure to low levels of ionizing radiation have greater negative health effects than previously assumed; and

WHEREAS, radiation and chemicals have synergistic effects on the environment, and on human health, and damage to human health and the environment may result from the proposed deregulation of presently regulated nuclear wastes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, opposes the deregulation of presently designated "low level" radioactive wastes, and prohibits the acceptance of any such radioactive waste materials, considered to be radioactive under the regulatory definitions currently in effect, at any solid, liquid, or hazardous waste facility operated by the County of Mariposa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors calls for the United States Congress to rescind Section 10 of the 1985 Low Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act (PL99-240) which authorizes and requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to set standards for wastes considered to be "below regulatory concern".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 25th day of April, 1989 by the following vote:

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AYES: BAGGETT, PUNTE, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE



GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel