

GREENPEACE

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Re: Your radioactive waste, your responsibility

Dear Premier McGuinty,

Your legacy as Premier will be a million years of radioactive waste.

We are calling on you to tell Ontarians how and where you will store these dangerous and long-lived wastes.

There is already over 30,000 tonnes of high-level radioactive waste at reactor sites in Ontario. There is no sure and fail-safe way of isolating these wastes from the environment and humans for the next million years. Even Ontario communities with nuclear reactors want the radioactive waste sent elsewhere.

You cannot create deadly radioactive waste and then claim it is someone else's responsibility to deal with it. Your government is passing the buck by saying the federal government is responsible for radioactive waste management – this is a dodge. You are responsible for the radioactive waste.

As Premier, you are responsible for the government's plan to spend over \$40 billion to build 14,000 MW of nuclear power - and perpetuate the production of high-level radioactive waste. Before the plan came out in 2006, you said that Ontario "would have its say" before becoming a radioactive dumping ground.

On what possible ethical grounds can you and your party push forward with plans to produce more radioactive waste without clearly telling Ontarians where and how you will store it?

We ask you to be honest with Ontarians. Before the election on October 10th, tell Ontarians where you will store the stockpiles of radioactive waste your policies will create. As a Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa, would you support storing these wastes in Ottawa? If not, where?

Sincerely,

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