



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

May 10, 2017

The Honorable Darrell Issa
United States House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2269
Washington, DC 20515

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

**RE: H.R. 474 (Issa) Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Issa:

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports H.R. 474, the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2017. This common sense bill will allow the Secretary of Energy to contract for the removal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from nuclear generating stations, and to contract for interim storage of the SNF in a location more suitable for storage than at nuclear generating facilities. In 2013, the Department of Energy estimated the year 2048 would be the earliest that a permanent SNF storage facility would be ready. This bill allows for an interim solution.

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

This bill also gives priority to moving high-level radioactive waste and SNF from sites without an operating nuclear reactor. This would apply to San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), which is in a location particularly vulnerable to natural disasters, and close to population centers. Situated in close proximity between the Pacific Ocean and Interstate 5, the results of a radioactive leak at SONGS would be devastating. Nuclear generating stations were not designed for long term storage of SNF, and the sooner the SNF is removed, the lower the chances of an on-site leak.

Mark Muir
Council Member

The City of Encinitas supports H.R. 474, and looks forward to the successful passage of this bill. We also look forward to the removal of the SNF from the SONGS facility.

Sincerely,

Joe Mosca
Council Member

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Carpi & Clay
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities
City Council