

RESOLUTION NO. 91-03

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT OVER THE DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AT THE LEXINGTON-BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT IN MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY; EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE EFFECTS SUCH DISPOSAL MAY HAVE ON THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF MADISON COUNTY; RECOGNIZING THAT THE UTILIZATION OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY AS A CHEMICAL MUNITIONS DISPOSAL SITE WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT; AND RECOGNIZING THAT SHOULD SUCH A COSTLY FACILITY BE BUILT THAT THE ONGOING USE OF SUCH A FACILITY FOR THE INCINERATION OF OTHER TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WOULD BE PROBABLE AND WOULD HAVE SIMILAR EFFECTS ON THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY AREA; REQUESTING THAT THE ARMY GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO TRANSPORTATION OF THE CHEMICAL STOCKPILE OUT OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY BY THE SAFEST METHOD RATHER THAN ON-SITE INCINERATION; AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY WERE PROMISED A SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY; AND REALIZING THAT THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO DEMILITARIZE THESE CHEMICAL WEAPONS; AND JOINING THE CITIZENS OF MADISON COUNTY IN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL.

WHEREAS, obsolete and deteriorating chemical weapons are presently stored at the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot in Madison Co. Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, any accident, incident or disaster involving said weapons would pose a direct threat to the health and welfare of residents of Madison Co. as well as tax local medical facilities and personnel; and

WHEREAS, incineration of chemical weapons may pose long term health hazards to residents within Central Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in the event an incinerator is built, other chemical munitions, military hazardous waste, municipal

garbage and/or industrial toxic and hazardous waste may be shipped into Madison to be burned thereby posing a potential hazard to the residents of Madison Co.; and

WHEREAS, these additional waste products may be shipped through Madison Co. thereby posing a hazard to the residents of Madison Co.; and

WHEREAS; the utilization of Central Kentucky as a chemical munitions disposal site would be detrimental to the image of Madison Co. in terms of economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS; the utilization of Central Kentucky as a ongoing site for the incineration of other types of toxic and hazardous waste would be detrimental to the health and welfare of the residents of Madison Co., the agriculture and the general environment of the region; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for serious consideration by the Army to the option of transporting the chemical stockpile out of Central Kentucky to an unpopulated area for disposal;

WHEREAS, in Congressional Hearings held in Madison Co. in 1986 the Undersecretary of the Army stated that a site-specific environmental impact study would be preformed for LBAD and that since then the Army has refused to preform such a study, and

WHEREAS, since the decision to incinerate was made in 1984 there have been new advances in alternatives to incineration that have not been considered for the

demilitarization of the chemical stockpile stored at LBAD, and since these alternative technologies promise a considerably more acceptable environmental impact on the health and safety of the residents of Madison Co. and Central Ky.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1 - That the Madison Co. Fiscal Court expresses its concern over the disposal of chemical weapons at the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot in Madison Co. Kentucky and the effects such disposal may have on the health and welfare of residents of Madison Co. and Central Kentucky.

Section 2 - That the Madison Co. Fiscal Court recognizes that the utilization of Central Kentucky as a chemical munitions disposal site would have a serious detrimental impact on economic development, tourism, agriculture and the general environment in Madison County.

Section 3- That the Madison County Fiscal Court requests that the Army give highest priority to transport by the safest means the chemical weapons out of Central Kentucky to an unpopulated area rather than using on-site incineration .

Section 4 - That the Madison Co. Fiscal Court joins the citizens of Madison Co. in expressing concern over the final recommendation as to the disposal of chemical weapons stored at the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot.

Section 5 - That the Madison Co. Fiscal Court joins the

citizens of Madison Co. in expressing concern over the high probability that should such a costly facility be constructed, that the continued use of such a facility for the incineration of additional toxic and hazardous waste would have a detrimental effect on the health , safty and the general environment of Madison Co. and Central Kentucky.

SECTION 7 - That the Madison County Fiscal Court joins the citizens of Madison Co. in their demand for a full-scale site-specific environmental impact study to be done for the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot including a re-evaluation of the transportation option.

SECTION 8 - That the Madison Co. joins the citizens of Madison Co. in their demand that the Army look further into alternative technologies to incineration, ie: chemical neutralization, super-critical water oxidation etc., for the demilitarization of the chemical weapons currently stored at LBAD. And that the possibility of this process being used to reduce these chemicals down from nerve agents to hazardous waste to be transported to a less densly populated area for final disposill be considered.

Section 9 - That the Madison County Clerk be and hereby is directed to mail a copy of the foregoing Resolution to the following:

1. Secretary Richard Cheney , Secreary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301
2. Undersecretary John W. Shannon, Assistant Secretary

of the Army, Dept. of the Army, Washington D.C. 20310

3. General Walter Busbee, Program Manager , Chemical Demilitarization, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301

4. Ms, Marylin Tischblin, Chief, Public Affairs Office, Dept. of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., 20101-5401

5. Each of the nine Kentucky Congressional Delegates.

6. Both of Kentucky,s U.S. Senators - Senator Ford and, Senator McConnell.

7. That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED BY MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT: April 16, 1991

George W. Roblin

County Judge Executive
Madison County, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Winter

Madison County Clerk

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