



**RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
OPPOSING THE MINING OF URANIUM IN VIRGINIA**

DECEMBER 13, 2012

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water is Virginia's largest water utility, serving one out of every five Virginians who obtain their water from public utilities and being one of the top 25 largest water utilities in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water provides drinking water that consistently surpasses federal and state water quality standards and, as a recognized leader in the water business, takes an active role in protecting its drinking-water sources as part of a multiple-barrier approach to public health protection, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water regularly tracks legislative and regulatory issues in Virginia which may impact Fairfax Water's source water quality and water supply reliability, and the quality and reliability of water supply sources throughout Virginia, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water relies on the Potomac River and the Occoquan Reservoir as sources of water supply to provide finished drinking water, and

WHEREAS, uranium deposits appear to be located in sections of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont areas of Virginia, including areas of the Potomac and Occoquan watersheds, and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, 53 uranium mineral lease agreements, now expired, were acquired in Fauquier County, with many of these agreements being within the Occoquan watershed, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water conducted a study (the "Fairfax Water Study"), prepared by Hazen and Sawyer and Tetra Tech in December 2011 to assess the potential water supply impacts from uranium mining in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Water study concluded that uranium mining and milling activities initiated in the Potomac and/or Occoquan watersheds have the potential to increase the risk of negative impacts to Fairfax Water's source water quality and water supply reliability, and

WHEREAS, it is unknown whether other sites in Virginia outside of the proposed uranium mine site in Pittsylvania County are economically viable for the mining of uranium now or in the future, and

WHEREAS, climatic and hydrologic variations in Virginia cannot exclude the possibility of extraordinary storm or other events that are capable of producing surface water conditions that may transport and disperse radioactive materials downstream and away from the site of mining, milling, and related storage of byproduct, and

WHEREAS, given that hydrology has been a causative factor in most failures, the potential for extraordinary precipitation events in Virginia increases the risk of a mine tailings containment structure failure relative to drier regions, and

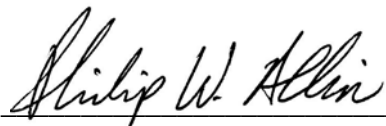
WHEREAS, even if the probability of a major tailings release is small, the adverse consequences of such a release will be catastrophic to the water supply for downstream jurisdictions and entities in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water recognizes the increased risk from potential uranium mining and milling within the watersheds that supply drinking water to multiple jurisdictions in Virginia,

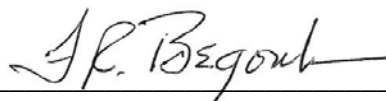
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

That the Fairfax County Water Authority opposes uranium mining in Virginia and supports the continuation of the existing moratorium on uranium mining in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Signed on this, the 13th day of December 2012 by:



Philip W. Allin
Chairman



Frank R. Begovich
Secretary