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Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
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Dear Governor Granholm,

Please intervene to halt the CMS/Beeland permit for a deep injection well in Alba. The underground aquifers in the Alba area constitute the headwaters for two of Michigan's most famous trout fishing rivers, the Jordan and the Manistee. Six different watersheds converge in this area, covering most of northern Michigan. A leak or failure in the well or in the on-site storage tank could be catastrophic for our natural resources and our tourist based economy.

Alternatives do exist. This injection well would handle at best only 10% of the contaminated leachate from the Bay Harbor resort. The rest is still flowing into the bay, polluting Lake Michigan with heavy metals and other contaminants. The EPA, in 2005, ordered CMS to "isolate, contain, or remove" the CKD piles. That order should be enforced to protect Lake Michigan and our pristine rivers.

The permitting process is flawed and heavily biased towards the applicant (CMS). Antrim County, Star Township, Friends of the Jordan River, a long list of organizations and most of the residents in the area oppose this well. Yet the EPA and DEQ do not have to consider public opinion in granting the permit. We the undersigned, are asking you to be our voice in government and halt this permit before irreparable harm is done to our environment and our economy.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Senator Levin
Senator Stabenow
Rep. Stupak