

Statement of the nuclear-free city of Fingal, Ireland

The following motion was proposed by Green Party Councillor Heidi Bedell, seconded by Cllr. Michael Kennedy and unanimously agreed by the Councillors of Fingal County Council at their meeting on Monday the 8th July.

That Fingal County Council (as a nuclear free city) is opposed to the transportation of this rejected plutonium MOX, (a mixture of plutonium and uranium oxides) through the Irish Sea and calls on the Irish Government to:

- protest the shipment to the Japanese and British governments;
- protest the proposed level of security as inadequate and demand an armed military escort capable of meeting any threat from terrorism accompany the shipment;
- We note the formation of a citizens' flotilla of small yachts to peacefully express the Irish people's opposition to the shipment.

"I am delighted at the positive outcome of my motion to oppose the transportation of this faulty MOX shipment," said Councillor Bedell, "255 kgs of weapons-usable plutonium are also travelling with the shipment and together they pose a very serious threat to the Irish Sea and both Irish and Welsh people."

"The governments of New Zealand and South Korea have both voiced objections to this dangerous transportation as well as groups from Japan, Ireland, Wales, Australia, Vanuatu and Cape Horn, all areas that could be threatened by this shipment."