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THE "CITIZENS TREATY AGAINST TRANS-BOUNDARY POLLUTION." More than 500 Canadian and American residents met in the middle of the international bridge that connects St. Lawrence County, NY, with Ontario, Canada, on November 19 to sign the **Citizens Treaty Against Trans-Boundary Pollution**. **People Opposed to Waste Incineration (POWI)** organized to fight a hazardous waste incinerator proposed for Augusta Township, Ontario, and **Work on Waste-St. Lawrence County**, NY, battling against a proposed solid waste incinerator, joined forces by officially signing the Citizens Treaty. The Treaty was formulated because the bureaucracies of both the Canadian and American regulatory agencies abandon responsibility for the fate of pollutants once they have crossed political boundaries. **POWI-WOW** will work to defeat both incinerator projects. The incinerators, if built, will be within 5 miles of one another. The hazardous waste incinerator proposal came to light on October 5, 1988, when the residents of Augusta Township learned that their 5 member Town Council secretly signed an agreement to sell land to **ENSCO** to build a hazardous waste incinerator. Residents also found out that **ENSCO** had been discussing the incinerator plans with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment since June 1988. On November 14, in a most dramatic turn of events, Augusta residents overwhelmingly voted out of office the old council, and voted in a council that pledged to the community to do everything within their power to stop **ENSCO's** plans to build a hazardous waste incinerator. **ENSCO** operates the El Dorado, Arkansas, hazardous waste incinerator, which according to **ENSCO** officials, handles one-third of America's toxic wastes. Canadian residents were horrified to learn of the disturbing number of rare diseases occurring in El Dorado. **Work on Waste-St. Lawrence County, NY**, is trying to stop the construction of a 250 tpd incinerator, which, if built, will be within a half-mile radius of a large New York State run Psychiatric Hospital and two New York State run prisons. The County, in its environmental impact review, did not take into account the impact of the incinerator emissions on its Canadian neighbors, even though the proposed incinerator is less than one mile from Canada. For a copy of the **Citizens Treaty Against Trans-Boundary Pollution** please send a s.a.s.e. to **Waste Not**.

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CONGRESSMAN JAMES FLORIO'S ASH LEGISLATION UNDER FIRE. A coalition of environmental groups held a press conference on November 15 in Cherry Hill, NJ, to criticize NJ Congressman Florio's proposed ash legislation that would classify incinerator ash as a "special waste." Organized by former NJ State Senator Alene Ammond of the **Cherry Hill Tax CRisis Committee**, the groups who spoke out were: **Greenpeace; Citizens Clearing House for Hazardous Waste; Princeton's Environmental Research Foundation; Work on Waste-U.S.A.; NJ Environmental Response Network; Pennsauken, NJ, Stop Incineration Now; Camden County, NJ, Citizens Against Trash to Steam; Burlington County, NJ, Allied Citizens Against Pollution.** According to the NJ Courier-Post, 11-16-88, "The environmentalists said Congress must place a moratorium on incineration. Regulating the process isn't acceptable, they said, because rules would encourage expansion of the industry. The two-hour press conference was peppered with verbal assaults on the Democratic congressman's motives in proposing the incinerator bill - and vehement denials that the assault was politically motivated. After repeatedly charging that Florio had sold out the public, the group invited the congressman to redeem himself by working with them on a national trash disposal policy. They also called for state as well as national moratoriums on incinerator construction and increased recycling..." Congressman Florio's bill died in committee this session and Florio says he won't re-introduce it. **Hazardous Waste News (HWN) #103** details Florio's partners and co-workers who "have set up two separate corporations to promote solid waste incineration and the landfilling of toxic ash." Copies of **HWN #103** can be obtained from PO Box 3541, Princeton, NJ 08543-3541.

OREGON: OGDEN MARTIN INCINERATOR FACES FINES IN MARION COUNTY. "State inspectors plan to fine operators of the Marion County garbage-burning plant for allegedly exposing workers to excessively hot temperatures and other safety violations...An August 11 inspection led (the) Accident Prevention Division (**APD**) to allege that **Ogden Martin** management did not adequately prepare workers for the hot temperatures in a chamber of the burning plant...Mike Fajer, an industrial hygienist with **APD**, said he inspected the plant Aug. 11, following an employee's complaint earlier that day. Fajer said he found that at least three workers had been required to endure unsafe temperatures inside the plant's heat exchanger, where garbage is burned, producing heat that is used in generating electricity. The heat exchanger had been shut down because of a malfunction, and while it was being repaired, the workers were ordered inside to remove built-up fly ash, Fajer said. 'They didn't let the area cool as much as they normally would,' Fajer said. 'They were a little overeager'...Also, before allowing the workers inside, Fajer said, the firm allegedly failed to check the chamber for air contaminants, a lack of oxygen or an explosive atmosphere. In addition, Fajer said, **Ogden Martin** did not provide the workers with lifelines and safety belts before they entered the chamber, and failed to provide the workers with adequate first aid training so they could deal with the threat of heat stress..." Statesman-Journal, Salem, OR, 9-24-88.

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