

**SCIO TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2022-19**

Resolution Supporting Polluter Pay Legislation

November 15, 2022

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held on the 15th day of November 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hathaway, Flintoft, Brazeau, Knol, McLaughlin, Reiser

Members Absent: Palmer

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Knol supported by Brazeau.

Whereas: Scio Township has a compelling interest in addressing the groundwater contamination from the industrial solvent 1,4-dioxane, released by Gelman Sciences, Inc.

Whereas: The cleanup of this contamination and of contaminated sites in Michigan is of paramount public importance;

Whereas: The cleanup of contaminated sites with impacted groundwater is particularly important because contaminated groundwater does not remain static in the environment;

Whereas: The Gelman 1,4-dioxane plume, the current PFAS crisis and increasing algal blooms in the Great Lakes from nutrient pollution are all warning signals that we must do more to address water pollution, particularly on the Huron River.

Whereas: In July 2022, Tribar Manufacturing, located in Wixom, Michigan, negligently discharged toxic chemicals that endangered public health, the City of Ann Arbor's drinking water supply and the environment in general; and had previously discharged PFAS chemicals that created a "no eating of fish taken from Huron River order" several years earlier;

Whereas: Under current law, polluters are not required to clean up contamination to residential standards and generally can simply restrict access to a site or aquifer instead of meeting residential standards;

Whereas: The fourth court order between Pall/Gelman/Danaher and the State of Michigan has been rejected by the Michigan Court of Appeals, and remaining action is subject to the current third consent judgment based on standing state regulation when third judgment was adopted by all parties;

Whereas: Intervenor of said fourth court order were essentially dismissed by the Michigan State Court of Appeals;

Whereas: Senate Bill 58 and House Bill 4314 would require polluters to clean up contamination they cause to residential standards and restore affected aquifers to drinking water standards, unless meeting those standards would be technically infeasible; and,

Whereas: Senate Bill 58 and House Bill 4314 would make it more difficult for polluters to use institutional controls as a substitute for active remediation;

RESOLVED: That Scio Township urges the State Legislature to hold hearings on these bills and to adopt MI 2021 SB 58 and HB 4314; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Scio Township urges all legislative and congressional representatives of Washtenaw County to support polluter pay legislation and to support the USEPA Superfund intervention in response to the Gelman Sciences dioxane contamination.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


AYES: Hathaway, Flintoft, Brazeau, Knol, McLaughlin, Reiser

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Palmer

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

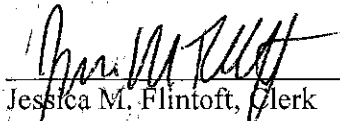


Jessica Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: November 15, 2022

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica M. Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: November 17, 2022