

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
NEFCO GENERAL POLICY BOARD WITH RESPECT TO BRINE  
DISPOSAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency, as the Designated Planning Agency for water quality planning purposes within and for the five Northeast Ohio Counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, organized a Northeast Ohio Brine Disposal Task Force to determine a comprehensive strategy to address problems associated with improper disposal of brine from oil and gas wells in the area; and

WHEREAS, that Task Force included representatives of the three Designated Planning Agencies in northeast Ohio (NOACA, NEFCO and EDATA), which together are responsible for water quality management planning in the thirteen-county Northeast Ohio area, as well as representatives of civic, industrial, environmental and academic organizations concerned about the problem and those state agencies responsible for enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force investigated the problem at length and has produced a final report documenting the character and extent of the brine disposal problem in the area and a comprehensive set of recommendations for administrative and legislative reform, and

WHEREAS, the NEFCO General Policy Board on May 15, 1984 adopted recommendations regarding brine disposal which are consistent with Task Force recommendations except that NEFCO recommends that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (DNR) retain responsibility for regulating the disposal of brine from oil and gas wells and that NEFCO recommends that spreading of brine for ice and/or dust control can continue, subject to limitations imposed by guidelines to be developed in consultation with Ohio DNR and Ohio EPA;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Ohio:

Section 1: The final report of the Northeast Ohio Brine Task Force, except for recommendation #8, be and is hereby accepted.

Section 2: The recommendations for administrative and legislative reform, except for recommendation #8, be endorsed with active effort to secure administrative and legislative implementation.

Section 3: The recommendations made by the NEFCO General Policy Board regarding the need for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to upgrade its control of brine disposal be endorsed.

Section 4: The clerk be and he is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to accompany the recommendations of the Northeast Ohio Brine Disposal Task Force to the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Directors of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the President Pro Tem and Chairman of Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment Committee of the Ohio Senate, and the Speaker and Chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Section 5: This Resolution is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety for the reason of a potential health threatening situation

and provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed, it shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided by law.

Passed:

6/5/84

Bob E. Hill  
President of Council

E. Eugene Jackson  
Mayor

Dated: 6-5-84

Attest:

Theresa M. King  
Clerk of Council