



Cook County Board of Commissioners

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September 28, 2005

Mr. Steven Kleuss
Laurentian Resources Conservation and Development Council
4850 Miller Trunk Highway, Suite 2A
Duluth, MN 55811

Dear Steve:

On September 26, 2005 by unanimous vote, the duly elected commissioners of Cook County agreed to send a letter of support for the Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) located at International Falls, MN.

Cook County has a strong interest in this Plasma gasification project. The benefits of this project will be far-reaching and significant. We recognize the importance of finding solutions to the municipal waste problem that affects all of our communities, and of searching for new and/or renewable sources of energy.

The benefits of this project will also include:

- 1) Employment opportunities for the area
- 2) Reducing the need for continual expansion of landfills
- 3) Developing educational support for new technologies
- 4) A move toward energy independence by production of alternative fuels (hydrogen, biodiesel, ethanol, E85) and electricity
- 5) Establishing Northeastern Minnesota as a leader in environmental technologies and solutions

Cook County looks forward to working with RECAP through the Laurentian Resources Conservation and Development Council to make it a successful venture.

Sincerely,

JANICE HALL, Chair
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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