

Texas Radiation Advisory Board

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the use of radioactive isotopes in energy production, biomedical research and medical procedures such as cancer diagnosis and treatment benefit all Texans; and

Whereas, these beneficial medical applications produce low-level radioactive waste that must be disposed of safely; and,

Whereas, the low-level radioactive waste disposal facility in Barnwell, South Carolina is scheduled to permanently restrict out of state compact waste on or before the year 2008, impacting Texas waste generators that use the site;

Whereas, on-site storage of radioactive waste simply defers the problem, creates multiple storage sites, and keeps by-product material scattered throughout the state, thereby making the citizens more vulnerable to terrorists' threats and natural disasters;

Whereas, the State of Texas is legally bound to fulfill its contractual obligations to the other members of the Texas/Maine/Vermont compact and provide a disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste generated in those states;

Whereas, a Texas facility is still needed in order to comply with federal law;

Now therefore, be it resolved that:

The Texas Radiation Advisory Board strongly supports the need for a safe disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste and urges, upon careful review, that the Texas legislature pass legislation that will allow for the creation of a facility that will lead to the isolation and disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Passed and Adopted on this 20th day of July, 2002

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