



Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission

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Dear Low-Level Radioactive Waste Generator:

Under the authority of the federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia entered into the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact (Appalachian Compact) for regional disposal and management of low-level radioactive waste (LLRW). The Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (Appalachian Commission) is the governing body for the Appalachian Compact. One of the duties of the Appalachian Commission is to assemble and make available information concerning LLRW management and disposal.

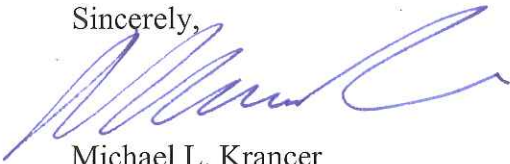
Similar to the Appalachian Compact, the states of Texas and Vermont entered into the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (Texas Compact), of which the governing body is the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (Texas Commission). The State of Texas is the host state for the Texas Compact's LLRW disposal facility (Texas Regional Facility).

This letter is to notify you that on November 10, 2011, Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS), a private company, announced the opening of the Texas Regional Facility for the disposal of commercial LLRW. The Texas Regional Facility is located in Andrews County, Texas, and received a license from the State of Texas on September 10, 2009. The license allows WCS to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW at the Texas Regional Facility. (A facility for the disposal of radioactive waste for which the Department of Energy is responsible is co-located with the Texas Regional Facility.) The Texas Regional Facility is also licensed for the treatment and storage of LLRW. More information about WCS may be found at <http://www.wcstexas.com>.

The Texas Commission has established rules for the importation and exportation of LLRW into and out of the states of the Texas Compact, including procedures for associated petitions and fees. The generators of LLRW outside the states of the Texas Compact must secure a contract with WCS, and must file an import petition with the Texas Commission and receive approval prior to disposal of waste at the Texas Regional Facility. More information concerning the Texas Commission's import/export rules may be found at <http://www.tllrwdec.org>.

Generators of LLRW, and in particular those currently storing Class B and C waste, in the states of the Appalachian Compact should consider the availability of the Texas Regional Facility in the development of strategies for management and disposal of LLRW. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact Dave Allard or Rich Janati at 717-787-2480.

Sincerely,



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