

SOUTHWESTERN LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

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Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, which governs the Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact among Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota as well as California, has been following with interest your administration's progress toward restructuring California's government through the California Performance Review. We are particularly interested in what your administration plans to do to meet California's obligation to its own producers of low-level radioactive waste (medical facilities, educational institutions, industry, utilities, and government agencies) and to those within the other Compact states.

The Commission recognizes the budget difficulties you currently face. However, developing a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility would not result in long-term costs to California. If a private firm is found which is willing to undertake development with its own money, then the license fees paid by that firm would offset California's cost for regulatory actions. If no private firm is found, then the law provides that the Resources Agency become the developer. In that case, disposal fees would pay for the entire program.

The Commission's next meeting is in April. We hope that the State of California representative at the meeting will be able to inform the Commission as to California's plans to meet the needs of low-level radioactive waste producers throughout the Compact states.

The Commission stands ready to work with you and your administration in any way that we can to assist you in your progress toward developing a regional low-level waste disposal facility as required by law. Please contact me via the Commission's office as shown on the letterhead. Thank you.

Kathy A. Davis  
Commission Chair

cc: Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission  
Governors of Arizona, North Dakota, and South Dakota