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Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
%Ms. Margaret Henderson, Interim Executive Director
3616 Far West Boulevard Suite 117, #294
Austin, Texas 78731

Re: Proposed rule: 675 Subchapter B Exportation and Importation of Waste

Dear Commission Members:

Please do not go forward with the part of the proposed rule that would allow and regulate importing out-of-state and international radioactive waste into Texas. Please separate the regulations of exporting and importing waste. There is no necessary connection between them. We look to you for evidence that you represent the citizens of Texas and not just the waste industry. We expect you to do your homework; we expect you to secure adequate funding to do the necessary study and analyses that such regulations require. Why are you in such a hurry to rush forward on importing waste?

Your work and actions are not credible when you rush into regulations that you have not demonstrated are needed. You are operating on a minuscule budget; you are not taking into account whether there is room in the as yet unbuilt radioactive waste disposal facility; you have not provided any evidence that you have done a thorough and independent study of the issues. Why are you insisting on ramroding the rule through? Can we expect from your actions that you will rubberstamp the industry, go through some sort of pretense wanting public comments and then do what the industry wants you to do without presenting any independent evidence of the need for such speedy action?

Please see your responsibilities to the citizens of Texas. Please separate exporting regulations from the importing.

Very truly yours,

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