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Questions for the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

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1. Has the Compact Commission considered the implications of the continued presence of water in monitoring wells at the site for the total disposal capacity of the site, as well as the capacity available to party state generators?
2. In the event that the water at the site prevents WCS from expanding the compact facility beyond the existing disposal unit, will the Commission adjust the annual amount of nonparty compact waste allowed to be disposed at the compact site in order to ensure adequate capacity for Texas and Vermont waste?
3. What is the Commission's view regarding the necessity to designate specific routes for transportation of waste within the host state?
4. WCS has submitted an application to amend its disposal license to significantly increase the radioactivity (curie limit) of Carbon-14 for the CWF (and Technetium-99 for the FWF). What is the reason for these proposed, significant increases? If this application were approved, how would party waste generators be affected?
5. Why is the Compact Commission considering approving import applications before the relevant committee has established criteria for evaluating and prioritizing import applications and before completing the capacity study required under SB 1504?