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Mr. Robert Wilson, Chairman  
Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission  
3616 Far West Blvd., Suite 117, #294  
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Chairman Wilson:

As chairman of the Texas House Appropriations Subcommittee on Article VI, which handles funding for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), I am writing to inquire about the status of revenue issues that directly affect the 2012-13 state budget.

Specifically, Senate Bill 1504 (82<sup>nd</sup> R) sets a new surcharge for non-party Compact waste imported into the Texas Compact Disposal Facility. These new surcharge revenues are to be deposited to the General Revenue-Dedicated Low Level Waste Account No. 88. The fiscal note accompanying SB 1504 indicated a probable revenue gain of \$32 million to Account No. 88 in the 2012-2013 biennium.

This revenue is critical for two reasons: It will fund the TCEQ's oversight of disposal operations at the Texas Compact facility and the revenue generated by disposal operations in Fiscal Year 2012 is to be used to fund the operation of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission beginning in Fiscal Year 2013.

As such, I am requesting from the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission quarterly revenue estimates for Fiscal Year 2012.

Since the first quarter of FY 2012 has closed and the disposal facility is not yet operational, please provide specific quarterly revenue projections for the second, third and fourth quarters of FY 2012. Also, please provide the total amount of revenue the Commission anticipates contributing to Account No. 88 during FY 2012 in accordance with SB 1504.

If I can be of assistance in helping you fulfill this request, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drew Darby". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Drew Darby

cc: Mr. Mark Vickery, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Mr. Zak Covar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality