

November 18, 2011

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 a member of the Texas House State Affairs Committee, I was involved every step of the way as our committee debated Senate Bill 1504, legislation I support because of its economic and environmental promise.

As such, I attended the November 10 ribbon cutting ceremony for the Texas Compact Disposal Facility that is near my House district in Lubbock. Needless to say, I was very impressed with this one-of-a-kind facility, and I am happy to report it is ready to begin disposal operations.

I had hoped to see you at the ribbon cutting to personally discuss the disposal site and the implementation of SB 1504, but I understand the Texas Compact Commission had scheduled a meeting the day before in Austin. Nevertheless, I urge you to personally visit the Compact Disposal Facility at your earliest convenience because I believe you will be as impressed as all other visitors who take the time to see it firsthand.

In discussions with the facility operator, it became clear the Compact Commission needs to revise its rules and forms for the importation of non-Compact waste to conform to the provisions of SB 1504. I urge the Commission to complete this task as soon as possible.

I understand the Commission will hold a stakeholder meeting on November 22 to consider revisions to your import rules. I urge you at the conclusion of that meeting to send the revised rules and forms to the Texas Register for public comment so as not to delay the process leading to the final adoption of the rules and the startup of disposal operations.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has reported it will certify the site for operational startup in early 2012, and I am confident the Compact Commission will complete the work necessary to facilitate a timely startup.



Needless to say, I am looking forward to operations finally getting under way at the Texas Compact Disposal Facility so we can properly and permanently dispose of low-level radioactive waste, diversify the Permian Basin economy and bring a new, non-tax revenue source online for the state of Texas.

If I can assist you or the Commission in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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