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Mr. Will Batson,
Legislative Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Batson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on October 28, 2015 at the hearing entitled "Update on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues". I am pleased to respond to questions to the Texas Low-Level Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC) by the Members and provided to me by letter dated November 19, 2015. The TLLRWDC response is attached.

Thank you for allowing the TLLRWDC the opportunity to participate and would be pleased to answer any additional questions Members may have.

Sincerely,


Leigh Ing
Executive Director
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Cc: Brandon T. Hurley, Chairman, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
John M. Salsman, Vice-Chairman, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Attachment

Responses to Questions for the Record

The Honorable John Shimkus

1. **Your testimony notes that Texas limits out-of-compact waste to less than 275,000 curies per year. Will you please describe the process by which requests are approved or disapproved? For example, does the Compact consider how the 275,000 curies are allocated by different waste classes and quantities?**
 - A. **Of the amount of material that is approved by the Compact, how much actually ends up being imported for that year.**

Response:

1. The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission (Compact) accepts applications for the import of low-level radioactive waste for disposal. All applications are reviewed for sufficiency by the technical committee of the Compact. If the request for import meets all legal and technical requirements and there is available capacity, the low-level radioactive waste will be authorized for import. We continually review our import authorization process to ensure efficiency, timeliness and maximum use of the facility. The Compact does not allocate authorization for disposal by class or quantity.
 - A. In many cases, low-level radioactive waste generators are unable to predict the activity and date of their shipments to the disposal facility because of impediments to accurately predicting Curie amounts, changes in budgetary priorities at the generating facility and uncertainties in availability of shipping containers. The approved activity and the activity imported each year since the Compact Facility opened are as follows:

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| 2013: Approved Activity – 223,054.54 Curies | Disposed of Activity – 171,236.95 Curies |
| 2014: Approved Activity – 88,935.17 Curies | Disposed of Activity – 37,750.33 Curies |
| 2015: Approved Activity – 274,021.70 Curies | Disposed of Activity – 35,005.50 Curies |