

## **APPROVAL OF PETITIONS FOR EXPORTATION**

The Compact states that the Commission may, upon petition, allow the exportation of low-level radioactive waste to disposal facilities outside the region. Such petitions require a two-thirds vote of the Commission for approval.

The Commission process for approval of exportation petitions is structured to ensure compliance with the Commission document "Requirements of the Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission for Exportation Petitions for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal," as amended, which is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Commission. Petitions submitted to the Commission are evaluated by the Executive Director for compliance with these requirements, and, if proper, are processed and approved on behalf of the Commission, subject to oversight by the Commission's Exportation Advisory Committee.

If a petitioner seeks an exportation decision at a Commission meeting, the petition must be submitted to the Commission in time to have it placed on the meeting agenda. The petition format must be consistent with the requirements in the document entitled, "Requirements of The Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission For the Exportation Petitions for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal." The Commission makes the decision at its meeting regarding the petition. The Commission's Executive Director then processes such petitions after the decision including approving the petition when directed by the Commission.

Oversight by the Exportation Advisory Committee includes, but is not limited to:

1. monthly review of the details of each petition processed by the Executive Director during the period under review;
2. coordination with the Executive Director where necessary;
3. reporting to the full Commission at each Commission meeting on the activities of the Committee to verify that the petition approval process is operating as the Commission intended;
4. recommending changes to the petition approval procedure when necessary; and
5. requesting Commission ratification of petitions processed since the last meeting.