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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (Commission) congratulates you on winning reelection as Governor by a decisive margin. We look forward to working with your administration as California takes necessary action to meet its statutory obligation to provide a disposal facility for the low-level radioactive waste generated by hospitals, research institutions, government agencies, utilities and industries in California and the other party states of the Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact: Arizona, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

As I pointed out in my letters to you of May 11, 2005; August 31, 2005; May 12, 2006, and August 15, 2006 (none of which has received a reply), our party states' generators of the most hazardous low-level wastes, identified as Classes B and C, will lose access to the only disposal facility in the nation currently accepting those wastes when the Barnwell, South Carolina facility discontinues taking our waste as of July 1, 2008. Many of our users of radioactive materials will have to cease operations or store these waste materials on site, which can result in costly economic impacts, along with arousing fears among the public to have such items stored at local educational and research institutions, neighborhood medical centers, industrial facilities and utility companies.

The Commission was pleased to learn recently that California is considering again becoming a member of the national Low-Level Radioactive Waste Forum (LLW Forum). This organization of states and compacts is working to find answers to the forthcoming dilemma, including the possibility of the federal government agreeing to accept Classes B and C waste for disposal. California, as a member of the LLW Forum, can be involved in those discussions and in developing solutions to the problem of the nation's need for low-level waste disposal.

To reemphasize what I have said in previous letters to you, the Commission will work with you and appropriate members of your administration in any way that we can. Please contact me via the Commission office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kathy A. Davis, Chair

Cc: Governors of Arizona, North Dakota and South Dakota
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