

1 **APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR DISPOSAL OF**
2 **RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

3 2004 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Stephen H. Urquhart**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires legislative and gubernatorial approval before a radioactive waste
10 facility may receive certain types or concentrations of radioactive waste.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms related to the regulation of radioactive waste facilities;
- 14 ▶ deletes certain outdated provisions relating to approval for radioactive waste
15 facilities;
- 16 ▶ amends certain approval requirements regarding radioactive waste facilities;
- 17 ▶ requires the approval of the Legislature, governor, and local governing body
18 responsible for planning and zoning before a radioactive waste facility may receive
19 specified types or concentrations of radioactive wastes; and
- 20 ▶ makes technical corrections.

21 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 This bill provides an immediate effective date.

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **19-3-105**, as last amended by Chapter 73, Laws of Utah 2003



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **19-3-105** is amended to read:

19-3-105. Legislative and gubernatorial approval required for radioactive waste license -- Class B and C low-level radioactive waste moratorium.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Alternate feed material" has the same definition as provided in Subsection 59-24-102(1).

(b) (i) "Radioactive waste facility" or "facility" means a facility that receives, transfers, stores, decays in storage, treats, or disposes of radioactive waste:

(A) commercially for profit; or

(B) generated at locations other than the radioactive waste facility.

(ii) "Radioactive waste facility" does not include a facility that receives:

(A) alternate feed material for reprocessing; or

(B) radioactive waste from a location in the state designated as a processing site under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7912(f).

(c) "Radioactive waste license" or "license" means a radioactive material license issued by the executive secretary under Subsection 19-3-108(2)(c)(i), to own, construct, modify, or operate a radioactive waste facility.

~~[(1)]~~ (2) The provisions of this section are subject to the moratorium regarding class B and C low-level radioactive waste under Section 19-3-103.7.

~~[(2)-(a)]~~ (3) A person may not own, construct, modify, or operate ~~[any facility for the purpose of commercially transferring, storing, decaying in storage, treating, or disposing of]~~ a radioactive waste facility without ~~[first submitting and receiving the approval of the board for]:~~

(a) having received a radioactive [material] waste license for the facility[-];

~~[(b) A person may not construct a new commercial radioactive waste transfer, storage, decay in storage, treatment, or disposal facility until:]~~

~~[(i) the requirements of Section 19-3-104 have been met;]~~

(b) meeting the requirements established by rule under Section 19-3-104;

(c) the approval of the governing body of the municipality or county responsible for local planning and zoning where the radioactive waste is or will be located; and

59 ~~[(ii)] (d) [in addition and] subsequent to meeting the requirements of Subsections (3)(a)~~
60 ~~through (c), the approval [required in Subsection (2)(a);] of the governor and the Legislature~~
61 ~~[have approved the facility; and].~~

62 ~~[(iii) local planning and zoning has authorized the facility.]~~

63 ~~[(c) For purposes of this section, the following items shall be treated as submission of a~~
64 ~~new license application:]~~

65 (4) A new radioactive waste license application, or an application to renew or amend
66 an existing radioactive waste license, is subject to the requirements of Subsections (3)(b)
67 through (d) if the application, renewal, or amendment:

68 ~~[(i)] (a) [the submission of a revised application specifying] specifies a different~~
69 ~~geographic site than a previously submitted application;~~

70 ~~[(ii) an application for amendment of a commercial radioactive waste license for~~
71 ~~transfer, storage, decay in storage, treatment, or disposal facilities, including incinerators, if the~~
72 ~~construction]~~

73 (b) would cost 50% or more of the cost of construction of the original [transfer,
74 storage, decay in storage, treatment, or disposal] radioactive waste facility or the modification
75 would result in an increase in capacity or throughput of a cumulative total of 50% of the total
76 capacity or throughput which was approved in the facility license as of January 1, 1990, or the
77 initial approval facility license if the initial license approval is subsequent to January 1, 1990;
78 or

79 ~~[(iii)] (c) [any request for] requests approval [for a commercial radioactive waste~~
80 ~~transfer, storage, decay in storage, treatment, or disposal facility] to receive, transfer, store,~~
81 ~~decay in storage, treat, or dispose of:~~

82 (i) class B or class C low-level radioactive waste[, including the submission of a new
83 license application, revised license application, or major license amendment.]; or

84 ~~[(3) A person need not obtain gubernatorial or legislative approval for the construction~~
85 ~~of a radioactive waste facility for which a license application has been approved by the~~
86 ~~Department of Health or submitted to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and to the~~
87 ~~Department of Health for approval before January 1, 1990, and which has been determined, on~~
88 ~~or before October 31, 1990, by the Department of Health to be complete in accordance with~~
89 ~~state and federal requirements.]~~

90 (ii) radioactive waste having a higher radionuclide concentration limit than allowed,
91 under an existing approved license held by the facility, for the specific type of waste to be
92 received, transferred, stored, decayed in storage, treated, or disposed of.

93 (5) A radioactive waste facility which receives a new radioactive waste license after
94 May 3, 2004, is subject to the requirements of Subsections (3)(b) through (d) for any license
95 application, renewal, or amendment that requests approval to receive, transfer, store, decay in
96 storage, treat, or dispose of radioactive waste not previously approved under an existing license
97 held by the facility.

98 [~~(4)~~] (6) [~~The~~] If the board finds that approval of additional radioactive waste license
99 applications, renewals, or amendments will result in inadequate oversight, monitoring, or
100 licensure compliance and enforcement of existing and any additional radioactive waste
101 facilities, the board shall suspend acceptance of further applications for [commercial]
102 radioactive [waste facilities upon a finding that they cannot adequately oversee existing and
103 additional radioactive waste facilities for license compliance, monitoring, and enforcement]
104 waste licenses. The board shall report the suspension to the Legislative Management
105 Committee.

106 [~~(5)~~] (7) The board shall review each proposed radioactive waste license application to
107 determine whether the application complies with the provisions of this chapter and the rules of
108 the board.

109 [~~(6)~~] (8) (a) If the radioactive waste license application is determined to be complete,
110 the board shall issue a notice of completeness.

111 (b) If the board determines that the [plan] radioactive waste license application is
112 [determined by the board to be] incomplete, the board shall issue a notice of deficiency, listing
113 the additional information to be provided by the applicant to complete the application.

114 **Section 2. Effective date.**

115 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
116 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
117 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
118 the date of veto override.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

Provisions of this bill can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

Businesses will be responsible for licensure costs for new waste streams.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst