

RADIOACTIVE WASTE AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to the disposal of radioactive waste.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that certain waste classifications are determined at the time of acceptance;
- ▶ allows the director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control to authorize alternate requirements for waste classification and characteristics that would allow an entity to accept certain waste at a specific site; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

19-3-103.7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 10

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

Section 1. Section **19-3-103.7** is amended to read:

19-3-103.7. Prohibition of certain radioactive wastes.



28 ~~[(1)]~~ (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), an entity may not accept in the state or
29 apply for a license to accept in the state for commercial storage, decay in storage, treatment,
30 incineration, or disposal, waste, that at the time of acceptance is:

31 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) class B or class C low-level radioactive waste; or

32 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) radioactive waste having a higher radionuclide concentration than the highest
33 radionuclide concentration allowed under licenses existing on February 25, 2005, that have met
34 all the requirements of Section 19-3-105.

35 (2) (a) At the request of a licensee or applicant, the director may authorize provisions
36 for the classification and characteristics of waste on a specific basis, if after evaluation of the
37 specific characteristics of the waste, disposal site, and method of disposal, the director finds
38 reasonable assurance of compliance with the performance objectives and other applicable
39 requirements set forth in rules made by the board that govern the type of issues addressed in 10
40 C.F.R. 61, Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste, Subpart C,
41 Performance Objectives.

42 (b) The prohibition of accepting waste or applying for accepting waste described in
43 Subsection (1) does not apply to waste that is classified in compliance with the requirements of
44 Subsection (2)(a).

45 (c) The board may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
46 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement Subsection (2)(a).