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With a flourish and the bestowal of the ceremonial pen, Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. signed a bill Friday that outlaws so-called **Class B and C radioactive waste from Utah.**

The ban on the waste, which can be thousands of times hotter than what Envirocare of **Utah** now accepts, comes after years of contention about its safety and how its acceptance here might harm **Utah's** image.

"This was a good bipartisan issue," Huntsman said, squaring the stack of paper the bill was printed on. "Here I am, ready to sign it."

Flanked by lawmakers, environmental activists and Envirocare owners and managers, Huntsman passed the bill to Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert, on whose signature the law went into effect.

Huntsman, who made banning the waste one of his key campaign issues, passed the pen to bill sponsor, Sen. Curtis Bramble. "It's plastic," the governor said.

Bramble, who for years fought passage of a statutory ban on the B and C waste, originally helped craft Senate Bill 24 to adjust hazardous and **radioactive** waste tax rates and to impose more regulatory oversight on **radioactive** waste companies.

He substituted that bill with one including a ban after learning the new owners of Envirocare -- Salt Lake City businessman Steve Creamer and a New York venture capital firm -- planned to relinquish a regulatory permit to accept the waste once the sale closed at the end of January. **The ABCs of Radioactive Waste**

State and federal regulators use an "ABC" scale to label low-level **radioactive** waste. Low-level waste can include items such as gloves and other protective clothing, glass and plastic laboratory supplies, machine parts and tools, filters, wiping rags, and medical syringes that have come in contact with **radioactive** materials.

Class A waste is the least **radioactive** but most abundant and the only one currently allowed for disposal in **Utah.**

Class B and C waste can be thousands of times more **radioactive** than **Class A** waste. The bill Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. signed outlaws disposal of this waste in **Utah.**

GRAPHIC: Gov. Jon Huntsman signs a bill outlawing **Class B and C radioactive waste from Utah,** fulfilling a campaign promise. The bill "was a good bipartisan issue," Huntsman said at Friday's signing with legislators,

environmental activists and Envirocare owners in attendance.

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