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Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the topics being considered by the Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force, as described in the subject *Federal Register* notice.

Topic 5. A national system to provide for the proper disposal of radiation sources. The Task Force recognizes the importance of the need for the proper disposal of radiation sources. One of the best physical securities for a radiation source is the final disposal at a licensed facility. In the development of recommendations, the Task Force needs to address the issue associated with the limited ability to dispose of radiation sources at the existing commercial disposal sites. There are only three commercial disposal sites currently operating:

- Barnwell, S.C. accepts all classes of Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW), but state actions will result in loss of access by 2008
- Hanford, Washington accepts Northwest and Rocky Mountain Compact LLRW only
- Envirocare, Utah accepts low activity (Class A) waste only

Formation of interstate compacts, as a result of Congressional Legislation passed in 1980 and amended in 1985, have not resulted in the opening of any new low level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal facilities. This concern is discussed in GAO-04-604, "Report to the Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U. S. Senate, Low-Level Radioactive Wastes, Disposal Availability Adequate in the Short Term, but Oversight Needed to Identify Any Future Shortfalls."

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