



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket No: 30-12639

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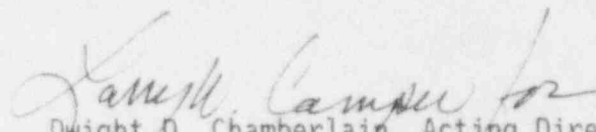
SUBJECT: NORTH DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA WASTE GENERATORS

We have been reminded by the Southwestern Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission that the current contract with the Southeast Compact Commission for disposal of low-level radioactive waste expires on June 30, 1994. Any shipments received at the Southeast Region's disposal facility after that date may not be accepted for disposal. The Southwestern Compact Commission has been unable to negotiate any further contract for disposal after June 30, 1994.

While the Southwestern Compact Commission continues to explore alternatives, it appears that generators of low-level radioactive waste need to plan to store their waste through 1996. This may require license amendments. We recommend that you evaluate your situation and take the appropriate actions to assure the safe management of low-level radioactive waste.

If you wish to discuss the effect of this situation on your NRC license, you may contact Jack Whitten, Vivian Campbell, Jackie Burks, or Christi Hernandez at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,


Dwight D. Chamberlain, Acting Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
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