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**H. W. “Bud” Arrowsmith Honored with Inaugural Hodes Lecture Award
for Significant Contributions to Radioactive Waste Management**

-- Arrowsmith to Deliver a Distinguished Lecture at Waste Management Symposium in Tucson --

RALEIGH, N.C. – The Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management will formally present its first Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award to H. W. “Bud” Arrowsmith at 1:30 p.m. MST on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Waste Management Symposium (WM’04) in Tucson, Ariz.

Immediately after receiving the award, Arrowsmith will deliver a distinguished lecture describing how his innovations in the low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) management industry were developed, their impact on the industry, and the need for future innovations.

Arrowsmith is currently V.P. of marketing and sales for RWE NUKEM Corp. He was the founder and served as the president and CEO of the Scientific Ecology Group (SEG). He and SEG developed and implemented numerous technical innovations in the field of radioactive waste management, including compaction, incineration, recycling, decontamination, and vitrification.

“As a regulator in Tennessee and as a commissioner with the Southeast Compact Commission for many years, I have seen Bud Arrowsmith view low-level radioactive waste management problems in the United States as opportunities to be pursued,” said Michael Mobley, secretary/treasurer of the Commission. “I am pleased to recognize Bud for meeting these challenges with critical new technology, facilities, and resources for the nuclear industry.”

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"I am extremely pleased to help honor the memory of Dick Hodes this way," said Arrowsmith. "I know that he believed, as I do, that public opinion, technology, science, economics, and law all play a part in the development of new innovations. While none of us expects quick or easy answers, there is a great need to develop innovative plans for the future. "

The Texas A&M University student chapter of Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT) will receive special recognition during the awards program for its innovative educational activities related to LLRW management.

"The Commission's selection committee was very impressed with the efforts of the student chapter to reach beyond their technical specialty of nuclear engineering to apply their knowledge in the policy arena," said James Setser, chair of the Commission. "I applaud their participation in the legislative process and encourage them to continue this practice throughout their careers in the nuclear energy industry."

Later during the symposium, on Thursday, March 4, Jason Cezeaux, president of the Texas A&M chapter, will present a paper on the group's activities.

The Commission established the Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award in 2003 to honor the memory of its late chairman, Dr. Richard S. Hodes. Hodes was an innovator and a strong proponent for innovation in the field of low-level radioactive waste management. Hodes served as the chair of the Southeast Compact Commission from its inception in 1983 until his death in 2002.

The Hodes Honor Lecture Award will be presented annually to an individual, organization or company that contributed in a significant way to improving the technology, policy, or practices of LLRW management in the United States.

The Southeast Compact for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management is an agreement among seven states -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia -- to provide for the responsible management of the region's LLRW. The Compact Commission oversees administration of the Compact.

The Southeast Compact Commission is soliciting nominations for the 2005 Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award. Nominations must be submitted by June 30, 2004. Direct nominations and inquiries to:

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