

**SOUTHEAST COMPACT COMMISSION
FOR
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

STRATEGIC PLAN

2025 – 2035

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States Working for Responsible Waste Management

** Please note that the Strategic Plan is a “living document” and as such, it is subject to change over time.

VISION

Low-level radioactive waste streams¹ in our party states are managed appropriately in order to protect the environment and the health, safety, and security of our citizens.

MISSION

To facilitate the availability of adequate, reliable, and appropriate services to manage low-level radioactive waste streams generated in the Southeast² Compact Region and to promote and encourage the maximum use of those services by the party states.

VALUES

- 1. Truth, honesty, and integrity are intrinsic to all Compact activities.**
- 2. The Commission recognizes that radioactive materials have beneficial uses to society.**
- 3. The Commission understands and honors our legislative mandate.**
- 4. Disposal of LLRW is preferable to storage.**
- 5. Sufficient capacity should be provided either within or outside the compact region for proper management of LLRW generated in the region.**
- 6. The Commission encourages minimizing the LLRW generated in the region.**
- 7. Licensees/generators should have access to and be encouraged to use the best available waste management technologies and practices to minimize the volumes of waste requiring disposal.**

¹ Throughout this document, “low-level radioactive waste” means “radioactive waste not classified as high-level radioactive waste, transuranic waste, spent nuclear fuel, or by-product material as defined in Section 11e, (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, or as may be further defined by Federal law or regulation,” as defined in the statute which established the Southeast Compact Commission.

² Throughout this document, “Southeast” means “Southeast Compact Region.”

GOALS

1. **Provide long-term access to treatment, storage, disposal, and other options for the safe and environmentally responsible management of LLRW streams generated in or imported into the Southeast Compact Region.**
2. **Actively participate in and provide leadership to national efforts to promote safe and economical management of radioactive materials and LLRW.**
3. **Prudently manage the Commission's funds so that adequate resources will be available for the Commission to fulfill its mission.**

GOAL #1: Provide long-term access to treatment, storage, disposal, and other options for the safe and environmentally responsible management of LLRW streams generated in or imported into the Southeast Compact Region.

OBJECTIVES:

1. **Review the waste management practices and services available to and used by licensees in the Southeast Compact Region to determine the adequacy of existing disposal services to meet the current and future needs of regional licensees.**

Actions:

- A. Support the Low Level Waste Forum and coordinate the dissemination of information to members of the Southeast Compact.

- B. The Executive Director shall monitor projections for future waste generation from decommissioning of nuclear power plants and the proposed new reactors (new design) and new technologies.

2. Actively work to preserve and promote access to treatment and disposal facilities to meet the needs of Southeast generators.

Actions:

- A. The Commission shall continue its policy to allow Southeast generators to export LLRW to out-of-region management facilities (*Commission Resolution, 8/22/95*).
- B. At least once per year, a representative of the Commission shall provide updates to commissioners on the status of access to disposal sites and include the status updates on the Commission website, when appropriate:
 - (1) The activities and policies of the Northwest Interstate Compact and the states of Washington and Utah with regard to access to the Hanford and Clive sites;
 - (2) The activities and policies of the Atlantic Compact Commission and South Carolina with regard to access to the Barnwell site; and
 - (3) The activities and policies of the Texas Compact Commission and Texas with regard to access to the Texas Compact disposal site.
- C. Where appropriate and feasible, facilitate economical long-term access to treatment, storage, and disposal facilities for Southeast licensees through the establishment of appropriate agreements or other instruments.
- D. The Commission shall work with the U.S. Department of Energy and other organizations to develop viable options for the management and disposal of disused sealed sources.
 - (1) The Executive Director will continue to monitor the deliberations of the Disused Sealed Source Working Group of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Forum, Inc. and keep Commissioners informed of any recommendations for improved management of sealed sources and disused sealed sources.
 - (2) Explore other opportunities to support SE generators with disused and other materials.
- E. Continue to support the SCATR Program, continue to fund disuse program, and explore options to expand both programs.

GOAL #2: Actively participate in and lead national efforts to promote safe and economical management of radioactive materials and LLRW.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Work with other compacts and states to monitor and participate in national policy development.

Actions:

- A. The Commission shall participate in national conferences, meetings of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Forum, Inc., and other events where national policy is debated and influenced.
- B. The Commission shall monitor, review, and assess issues and actions arising out of federal, state, and regional developments that may impact the Southeast Compact and act as appropriate to promote the interest of the Southeast Compact Region.
- C.. Review and update as needed the information provided on the Commission website about national policy issues, how LLRW is managed and regulated, and the significance to society of proper waste management.

4. Maintain membership in the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Forum, Inc. (Forum) and provide direct and indirect support to the Forum.

Actions:

- A. Continue to provide direct financial support to the Forum, including but not limited to, payment of the annual membership fee as a “Compact” member.
- B. Encourage Commissioners and the Executive Director to attend each of the two Forum meetings held each year within the constraints of the Commission’s annual operating budget.
- C. Provide in-kind support to the Forum by allowing and encouraging commissioners and the Executive Director to serve as officers and/or Executive Committee members of the Forum and by providing other assistance.
- D. Periodically host a LLW Forum meeting.

Objective 3: Prudently manage the Commission's funds so that adequate resources will be available for the Commission to fulfill its mission.

Actions:

- A. The Finance Committee will maintain a policy statement defining the need for and the proper uses of the Commission's funds.
- B. Follow the bylaws as adopted in regards to commission funds.

C The Secretary/Treasurer will monitor the activity in the investment accounts by reviewing the email notifications from the financial advisors on maturities, interest and other payments, reviewing monthly statements from the financial advisors, and reconciling those statements with the monthly accounting records of the Commission.

D. When Commission investments are called or mature, the Secretary/Treasurer will consult with the investment advisors to determine the best possible strategy for reinvestment of those funds in those instruments allowed under the then current *Southeast Compact Statement of Investment Objectives* so as to assure the prudent management of Commission funds.