

SENATE BILL NO. 121—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Commission on Nuclear Projects. (BDR 40-250)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to hazardous materials; revising the scope of the duties of the Commission on Nuclear Projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Commission on Nuclear Projects and imposes
2 certain duties on the Commission relating to the potential disposal of radioactive
3 waste in this State and the location of a facility for the disposal of radioactive waste
4 in this State. (NRS 459.009-459.0092) This bill revises the definition of
5 "radioactive waste" to include high-level radioactive waste, low-level radioactive
6 waste, transuranic waste, spent nuclear fuel and certain other radioactive materials,
7 thereby expanding the scope of the duties of the Commission as such duties pertain
8 to the potential disposal of radioactive waste in this State.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 459.0092 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 459.0092 **1.** The Commission shall:
4 ~~1-1~~ **(a)** Be informed on issues and developments relating to the
5 disposal of radioactive waste.



~~(2-)~~ (b) Report to the Governor and the Legislature on any matter relating to the disposal of radioactive waste which it deems appropriate and on any such matter requested by the Governor.

~~(3-)~~ (c) Advise and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on the policy of this State concerning all projects involving the disposal of radioactive waste.

~~(4-)~~ (d) Formulate the administrative policies of the Agency and its divisions.

~~(5-)~~ (e) Advise the state and local governments on litigation relating to radioactive waste.

~~(6-)~~ (f) Adopt such regulations and perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 459.009 to 459.0098, inclusive.

2. As used in this section, "radioactive waste" means radioactive material, including, without limitation:

(a) High-level radioactive waste;

(b) Low-level radioactive waste;

(c) Transuranic waste;

(d) Spent nuclear fuel;

(e) Any radioactive material resulting from, or a by-product of, the nuclear fuel cycle, the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel or nuclear weapons reprocessing; and

(f) Any other radioactive material that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission determines must be permanently isolated.

↪ The term includes, without limitation, radioactive material that is a solid, semisolid, liquid or contained gas, or any combination thereof.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

