
SENATE BILL NO. 119—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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

PREFILED FEBRUARY 3, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Agency for Nuclear Projects. (BDR 40-249)

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 and powers of the Executive Director of the Agency for Nuclear Projects; revising the scope of the duties of the Administrators of each Division of the Agency; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Agency for Nuclear Projects and imposes on the
2 Executive Director of the Agency and the Administrators of each Division of the
3 Agency certain duties relating to the potential disposal of radioactive waste in this
4 State and the location of a facility for the disposal of radioactive waste in this State.
5 Additionally, existing law vests the Executive Director with certain discretionary
6 powers relating to the potential disposal of radioactive waste in this State. (NRS
7 459.009, 459.0093-459.0098) This bill revises the definition of “radioactive waste”
8 to include high-level radioactive waste, low-level radioactive waste, transuranic
9 waste, spent nuclear fuel and certain other radioactive materials, thereby expanding
10 the scope of the duties and powers of the Executive Director and the Administrators
11 as such duties and powers relate to the potential disposal of radioactive waste in
12 this State.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 459.009 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 459.009 As used in NRS 459.009 to 459.0098, inclusive,
3 unless the context otherwise requires:

- 4 1. "Agency" means the Agency for Nuclear Projects.
5 2. "Commission" means the Commission on Nuclear Projects.
6 3. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the
7 Agency.

8 4. "Radioactive waste" ~~is limited to:~~
9 ~~—(a) The highly radioactive material resulting from the~~
10 ~~reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, including liquid waste and any~~
11 ~~solid material derived from the liquid waste that contains~~
12 ~~concentrations of matter produced by nuclear fission sufficient to~~
13 ~~require permanent isolation, as determined by the Nuclear~~
14 ~~Regulatory Commission;~~

15 ~~—(b)}~~ *means radioactive material, including, without limitation:*

16 (a) *High-level radioactive waste;*

17 (b) *Low-level radioactive waste;*

18 (c) *Transuranic waste;*

19 (d) *Spent nuclear fuel [that has been withdrawn from a reactor*
20 *following irradiation and has not been separated into its constituent*
21 *elements by reprocessing; and*

22 ~~—(e) Other];~~

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

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

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

31 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

