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SENATE BILL NO. 121—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 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.

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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.

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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 ~~{+}~~ *(a)* Be informed on issues and developments relating to the  
5 disposal of radioactive waste.



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1 ~~[2-]~~ (b) Report to the Governor and the Legislature on any  
2 matter relating to the disposal of radioactive waste which it deems  
3 appropriate and on any such matter requested by the Governor.

4 ~~[3-]~~ (c) Advise and make recommendations to the Governor and  
5 the Legislature on the policy of this State concerning all projects  
6 involving the disposal of radioactive waste.

7 ~~[4-]~~ (d) Formulate the administrative policies of the Agency and  
8 its divisions.

9 ~~[5-]~~ (e) Advise the state and local governments on litigation  
10 relating to radioactive waste.

11 ~~[6-]~~ (f) Adopt such regulations and perform such other duties as  
12 are necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 459.009 to  
13 459.0098, inclusive.

14 *2. As used in this section, "radioactive waste" means*  
15 *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;*

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

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

25 *↳ The term includes, without limitation, radioactive material that*  
26 *is a solid, semisolid, liquid or contained gas, or any combination*  
27 *thereof.*

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

