Three Perspectives on Low-Level Waste

The world of low-level waste disposal, as seen by three major players in the LLW business.

This year I thought about providing an overview of the moribund state of low-level waste disposal in the United States, as was done last year in these pages. When I reviewed last year’s LLW overview article, however, I realized that not much had changed since then. So, if Radwaste Solutions readers really want an overview of the LLW situation in the United States, they can go to “Crossroads or Dead End: LLW Disposal in the United States,” Radwaste Magazine, May/June 1999, p. 9. (It’s also available on the Internet at http://old.ans.org/pubs/magazines/radwaste/6/5webllw.htm.)

This year, instead, we are presenting three perspectives from representatives of the three major types of players in the LLW field: a disposal site operator, an LLW compact, and an LLW generator group. In these perspectives, written especially for Radwaste Solutions, you can read the views of the LLW situation of Charles Judd, president of Envirocare of Utah Inc.; Kathryn Haynes, executive director of the Southeast Compact; and Donna Earley, president of the California Radioactive Materials Management Forum.—Nancy J. Zacha, Editor