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Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1998

(July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998)

Total expenditures	\$ 1,428,415.40
Siting Board Operations	\$ 776,538.00
Staff (Salaries, Fringe & Indirect)	\$ 727,715.11
Office Administration & Equipment	\$ 38,503.88
Public Outreach, Exhibits & Conferences	\$ 10,319.01
Professional Services from State Departments	\$ 172,490.24
Department of Environmental Protection	\$ 34,999.47
Office of the Attorney General	\$ 56,370.00
Office of Dispute Settlement	\$ 81,120.77
Other Professional Services	\$ 361,939.16
Northeast Compact Commission	\$ 117,448.00

1999 Public Meetings of the Siting Board

In 1999 the Siting Board will meet starting at 9:30 a.m. at 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ in the Public Hearing Room on the following dates:

March 4, 1999
 June 3, 1999
 September 9, 1999
 December 2, 1999

Please consult our web page <http://www.state.nj.us/llrwsb> or call us at 609-777-4247 for any updates to this schedule.

The members of the New Jersey Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board

- ▼ Paul E. Wyszowski, P.E., Chair, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies
- ▼ K. David Steidley, Ph.D., Vice Chair, St. Barnabas Medical Center
- ▼ Michael Hogan, Esq. or Gerald P. Nicholls, Ph.D.,
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, representing Commissioner Robert C. Shinn, Jr.
- ▼ Michael F. Lakat, New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, representing Commissioner Len Fishman
- ▼ Bonnie Magnuson, League of Women Voters
- ▼ Richard J. McGoe, GPU Nuclear
- ▼ Robert P. McKeever, Global Power Systems, Inc.
- ▼ Leland Merrill, Ph.D., Former Trustee, New Jersey Audubon Society
- ▼ James A. Shissias, Public Service Electric & Gas
- ▼ Theodore J. Stahl, M.D., Clinical Professor of Radiology and Medicine UMDNJ, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- ▼ Joseph Stencel, Princeton University Water Resources Group

The members of the Waste Advisory Committee

- ▼ Richard K. Olsson, Ph.D., Chair, Rutgers University, Department of Geological Sciences
- ▼ James Clancy, Public Service Electric & Gas
- ▼ Thomas M. Dempsey, P.E., GPU Nuclear
- ▼ William G. Dressel, Jr., New Jersey State League of Municipalities
- ▼ Donald L. Fauerbach, New Jersey Conference of Mayors
- ▼ Leslie G. London, Esq., McManimon & Scotland
- ▼ William McGrath, Bristol-Myers Squibb
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The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, Governor
Members of the Senate
Members of the Assembly:

We are pleased to send you the 1998 Annual Report of the New Jersey Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board.

The Siting Board experienced many changes in 1998. On February 5, 1998 the Board voted to suspend the siting process having determined that no pressing needs exists at present for a disposal facility in New Jersey. However, the Board is committed to continue to provide educational materials regarding low-level radioactive waste to the public and to monitor the disposal alternatives in the nation for the purpose of determining the future need for a disposal facility in New Jersey.

In June 1998, we compiled the *Status Report: Managing Low-Level Radioactive Waste in New Jersey, 1987-1998 and Beyond*. This report contains our thoughts on the lessons learned during active siting and recommendations that we believe would facilitate a smooth transition should there be a need to resume siting.

In August 1998, responsibility for providing administrative support for the Board was transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection. The Siting Board office was physically moved to Arctic Parkway in Ewing Township.

In September 1998, the Siting Board formed a task group to prepare a report on the long and short-term availability of disposal options nationally. Work continues on this important reference.

We will continue to work with the New Jersey generators, the Northeast Compact Commission, and the public to secure safe, long-term disposal options for low-level radioactive waste.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Wyszkowski, P.E.
Chairman

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1998 Accomplishments:

- ▼ The Siting Board voted to suspend the siting process at its February 5, 1998 meeting, having determined that no pressing need exists at present for a disposal facility in our state.
- ▼ Articles in the press were generally favorable, remarking on the Board's ability to admit to and act on the fact that active siting was no longer needed.
- ▼ The Siting Board prepared a revised budget to reflect the resources needed for its continuing legislative mandates. These include: monitoring the disposal alternatives in the nation for the purpose of determining the future need for a disposal facility in New Jersey, providing educational materials regarding low-level radioactive waste to the public, and supporting the activities of the Northeast Interstate LLRW Management Compact Commission. The revised budget was adopted on June 4, 1998.
- ▼ The Board prepared a *Status Report: Managing Low-Level Radioactive Waste in New Jersey, 1987-1998 and Beyond* that was distributed to the Governor and Legislature, as well as many interested parties. The report provided a detailed record of the Siting Board's experience working to site a disposal facility. Lessons learned and recommendations were provided that would be useful if the State makes a decision to restart the siting process at some point in the future.
- ▼ In August, the Siting Board and the Department of Environmental Protection executed a Memorandum of Agreement that outlines the responsibilities for providing administrative support. As of August 17, 1998, administrative support for the Board was assumed by the Radiation Protection Programs element of the NJ DEP. The office was physically moved to Arctic Parkway, and one staff member transferred to the DEP. The phone and fax numbers were maintained, and all files transferred in an effort to minimize disruption.
- ▼ The National Low-Level Waste Management Program organized a workshop in Lambertville, NJ on lessons learned from various siting processes. The workshop was attended by representatives of siting efforts from New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and the national program and from one New Jersey town that had considered volunteering to host a site.
- ▼ A work group of Board members and representatives of the Northeast Compact Commission was set up to examine the availability of long and short-term disposal options nationally and to prepare a report on their findings.
- ▼ NJDEP staff provided consultation on Siting Board issues at the League of Municipalities annual convention.

1999 Agenda:

- ▼ The Board will prepare a report to the Governor outlining the long and short-term availability of safe, secure disposal for LLRW generated in New Jersey.
- ▼ The Board will continue to interact with and support the activities of the Northeast Compact Commission in its role to ensure safe reliable disposal of LLRW produced in this region.
- ▼ The Board will continue to track the management of LLRW in New Jersey, and will update the New Jersey Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Plan to provide information on current and projected LLRW management needs, disposal alternatives, transportation impacts and economic viability.
- ▼ The Board will seek to promote greater public knowledge of the management of LLRW. Although safe management technologies now exist for handling, storing, and disposing of this waste, the general public has not reached a level of understanding and confidence that this can be accomplished in a manner that protects public health and safety.