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**...insight from the inside on government and commercial radioactive waste management**

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### — INSIDE HIGHLIGHTS —

**Stakeholders were relieved and energized this week in the wake of the NRC Commissioners' decision to intervene in staff's ongoing Site Specific Assessment Rulemaking, delaying the effort by 18 months and directing staff to gather significant additional public comment on key issues. . . . . 2**

**After two years of meetings and deliberation, the Obama Administration's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future rolled out a final report this week on nuclear waste disposal, leaving the next steps toward resolving the waste problem up to Congress and the Department of Energy. . . . . 5**

**Waste Control Specialists this week set a timeline for early February to resolve many outstanding issues and provide documents that state regulators need before it certifies that the company can begin operations at its Andrews, Texas disposal facility. . . . . 7**

**Though Entergy prevailed last week in its lawsuit against the state of Vermont's efforts to shutter the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, it still must secure a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) from the state before it can be assured that operations will continue after its original license expires in March. . . . . 8**

**Utah's Division of Radiation Control in the next few weeks will open public comment on EnergySolutions' proposal to temporarily provide disposal for disused and abandoned sealed sources. . . . . 9**

**EnergySolutions is laying off approximately 50 employees in its Global Commercial business group. . . . . 10**

**The NRC this week issued its final revised Volume Reduction Policy Statement. . . . . 10**

**Washington state lawmakers are considering a bill that would shift the responsibility for issuing radioactive waste permits from the Washington State Department of Ecology to its Department of Health. . . . . 11**

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