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**Southeast Compact Commission Elects  
New Slate of Officers**

*-- Compact Commission Selects New Chairman for the  
First Time since Its Inception --*

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – At its 72<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting on April 2, the Southeast Compact Commission for Low-level Radioactive Waste Management elected its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer.

The Commission elected James L. Setser as Chairman. Mr. Setser has served as one of two Georgia Commissioners since the creation of the Commission in 1983. He has also served as Vice-Chairman of the Compact Commission since 1992 and as chairman of several Compact Committees.

Mr. Setser has over thirty-eight years of professional experience in managing environmental programs in the federal, state, and private sectors. He currently serves as the Chief of Program Coordination in the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Georgia State Liaison Officer to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Governor's Representative on the US Department of Energy's State and Tribal Governments Working Group, and as a technical resource to the Office of the Governor on nuclear matters.

Mr. Setser replaces Dr. Richard Hodes of Florida who recently passed away. Dr. Hodes served as Chairman from the inception of the Commission in 1983 and was instrumental in developing the federal and state legislation that created the Compact Commission.

“Dr. Hodes provided both leadership and inspiration to members of the Compact.” Mr. Setser stated, “We will follow his example in our efforts to protect the health and safety of the region while providing for the responsible management of the region's low-level radioactive waste.”

The Commission elected Richard G. Hunter as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Hunter has served as one of the two Florida Commissioners since 1990 and has chaired the Commission's Monitoring Committee and Policy and Planning Committee.

Dr. Hunter has been President and CEO of Food Technology Service, Incorporated since September 2001. For the previous twelve years, he was Florida's Deputy State Health Officer where he

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was responsible for the overall direction of a number of state programs, including the Bureau of Radiation Control. Dr. Hunter has served on numerous local, state, and federal government advisory boards relating to public health issues.

The Commission reelected Michael H. Mobley as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Mobley has served as one of the two Tennessee Commissioners since 1984. He has been chairman of several Compact Committees and Secretary/Treasurer since 1999.

Mr. Mobley has over thirty-three years of environmental management experience in the state and private sectors. He served as the Director of the Division of Radiological Health in Tennessee from 1982 until his retirement in 2000. Since then Mr. Mobley has been an active consultant to government entities and private industry on matters of radiation safety. Mr. Mobley has also served on advisory committees to the US Department of Energy and the Food and Drug Administration.

The Southeast Compact for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management is an agreement among seven states -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia -- to provide for the responsible management of the region's low-level radioactive waste. The Compact Commission oversees administration of the Compact.

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