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**Southeast Compact Commission Announces the 2005 Richard S. Hodes, M.D.  
Honor Lecture Award to be Presented to William P. Dornsife**

*-- Award Recognizes Significant Contributions to Radioactive Waste Management --*

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – The Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management has announced that the 2005 Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award will be presented to William P. Dornsife. The award is presented to an individual, organization or company that contributed in a significant way to improving the technology, policy or practices of low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) management in the United States.

“The Commission is pleased to recognize Mr. Dornsife for the role he has played in solving low-level radioactive waste management problems in the United States through the development of innovative regulatory and technical concepts and his leadership in radiation safety and education,” said Richard Hunter, Chairman of the Commission. “The Commission commends Mr. Dornsife. His excellent work in the field of low-level radioactive waste management is worthy of recognition.”

The Hodes Honor Lecture Award will be formally presented to Mr. Dornsife in March 2005 during the Waste Management Symposium in Tucson, Arizona. Following the award, Mr. Dornsife will deliver a distinguished lecture in which he will describe his contributions and explain their significance to LLRW management in the United States.

Mr. Dornsife is currently Vice President for Nuclear Affairs and Corporate Radiation Safety Officer of Waste Control Specialists, LLC. He served as the Director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiation Protection and has been an instructor at Penn State University’s Nuclear Science and Technology course for Chemistry and Physics educators. Mr. Dornsife has been an active participant in the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors where he authored many technical documents and served as a member and Chairperson of the organization’s committee on LLRW Management.

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The Commission established the Hodes Honor Lecture Award in 2003 to honor the memory of its late chairman, Dr. Richard S. Hodes, himself an innovator and a strong proponent for innovation in the field of low-level radioactive waste management. Dr. Hodes served as the chair of the Southeast Compact Commission from its inception in 1983 until his death in 2002. Throughout his career, Dr. Hodes developed and supported innovation in medicine, law, public policy, and technology.

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

LLRW is commonly found in industrial and research by-products that have been exposed to radioactivity. Sources include such items as discarded containers, tools, and uniforms used in the operation of nuclear power plants, the medical industry, hospitals, and universities. All LLRW can be safely and responsibly managed and disposed.

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