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**Southeast Compact Commission Announces the First Richard S. Hodes, M.D.  
Honor Lecture Award to be Presented to W. H. “Bud” Arrowsmith**

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

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – The Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management today (October 1) announced that the first Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award will be presented to W.H. “Bud” Arrowsmith. 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. Arrowsmith for the role he has played in solving low-level radioactive waste management problems in the United States by providing critical new technology, facilities, and resources for the nuclear industry over several decades,” said James Setser, Chairman of the Commission. “The Commission commends Mr. Arrowsmith. 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. Arrowsmith in March 2004 during the Waste Management Symposium in Tucson, Arizona. Following the award, Mr. Arrowsmith will deliver a distinguished lecture in which he will explain how his innovations were developed and he will share his thoughts about the need for future innovations.

Mr. Arrowsmith is currently Vice President of Marketing and Sales for RWE NUKEM Corporation. He was the founder and served as the President and CEO of the Scientific Ecology Group. He and SEG developed and implemented numerous technical innovations in the field of radioactive waste management, including compaction, incineration, recycling, decontamination and vitrification.

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The Commission also announced that it has selected the Texas A&M University Student Chapter of Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT) for special recognition as an Honorable Mention in the 2003 Hodes Award program for its innovation in educational activities related to low-level radioactive waste management.

"The Commission's selection committee was very impressed with the efforts of the student chapter to reach beyond their technical specialty of nuclear engineering to apply their knowledge in the policy arena," said Mr. Setser. "I applaud their participation in the legislative process and encourage them to continue this practice throughout their careers in the nuclear energy industry."

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 seven states -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, 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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