TNRCC Jurisdiction

Air, Water, and Waste
Jurisdiction over Radioactive Waste Disposal

- Licensing agency for LLRW disposal
- Licensee for LLRW disposal
Legislative Issues for 2001

- Assured Isolation or Near Surface Disposal
- State or Private Licensee
- Where should siting agency be housed
Assured Isolation or Disposal?

Legislature Mandated Study of Options

- Waste characterization
- What is assured isolation?
- Does it meet the requirements of the Compact?
- Technical requirements
- Costs
Major Findings

<5% of waste would decay within 300 yrs
<Cost of Assured Isolation = Cost of Disposal
<Assured Isolation meets current obligations of compact
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Legislative Issues, continued

State or Private Licensee?
Where should siting agency be housed?
Next steps

- Sunset recommendations
- House and Senate Committee interim charges
- 2001 Legislature