



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FIVE

RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa presently has no law specifically providing for adequate supervision of storage and disposal of nuclear wastes; and

WHEREAS, the need for such authority presently exists and becomes increasingly urgent; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is at present considering legislation which may provide suitable specific controls, but the implementation of new legislation will require a necessary interval of some length before such controls might be effected; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an official state agency to act as the coordinator of efforts between the State and the United States Atomic Energy Commission for better supervision of the storage and disposal of nuclear wastes in the State of Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of Iowa, do order the Commissioner of Public Health to exercise authority under Section 135.11 of the Code of Iowa, 1971, to evaluate all proposals for the storage and disposal of nuclear wastes within the State of Iowa and, in these evaluations, to consider the recommendations of the Iowa Geological Survey with respect to the geological, topographical, and hydrological criteria and of the Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory with respect to recommendations in technical areas in which it may be competent.

I further order the Commissioner of Public Health to enter into discussions and negotiations with the United States Atomic Energy Commission for the purpose of developing a policy whereby the approval of the State of Iowa will be required before a license to dispose of nuclear wastes in the State of Iowa is granted by the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-one.


GOVERNOR

Attest:

SECRETARY OF STATE