

Automatic Return Policy, Funding and Eligibility



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Policy on Compliance with Radioactive Waste Acceptance Requirements

- Initiated in response to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Cease Order
- Memorandum from Assistant Secretary Rispoli dated September 12, 2007
- Responds to “Recent radioactive waste compliance issues...” which “...potentially jeopardized future availability of DOE’s disposal facilities...”
- States non-compliant shipments will not be accepted at DOE treatment, storage, or disposal facilities
- Requires generators to take responsibility for the “timely return transport” of non-compliant shipments



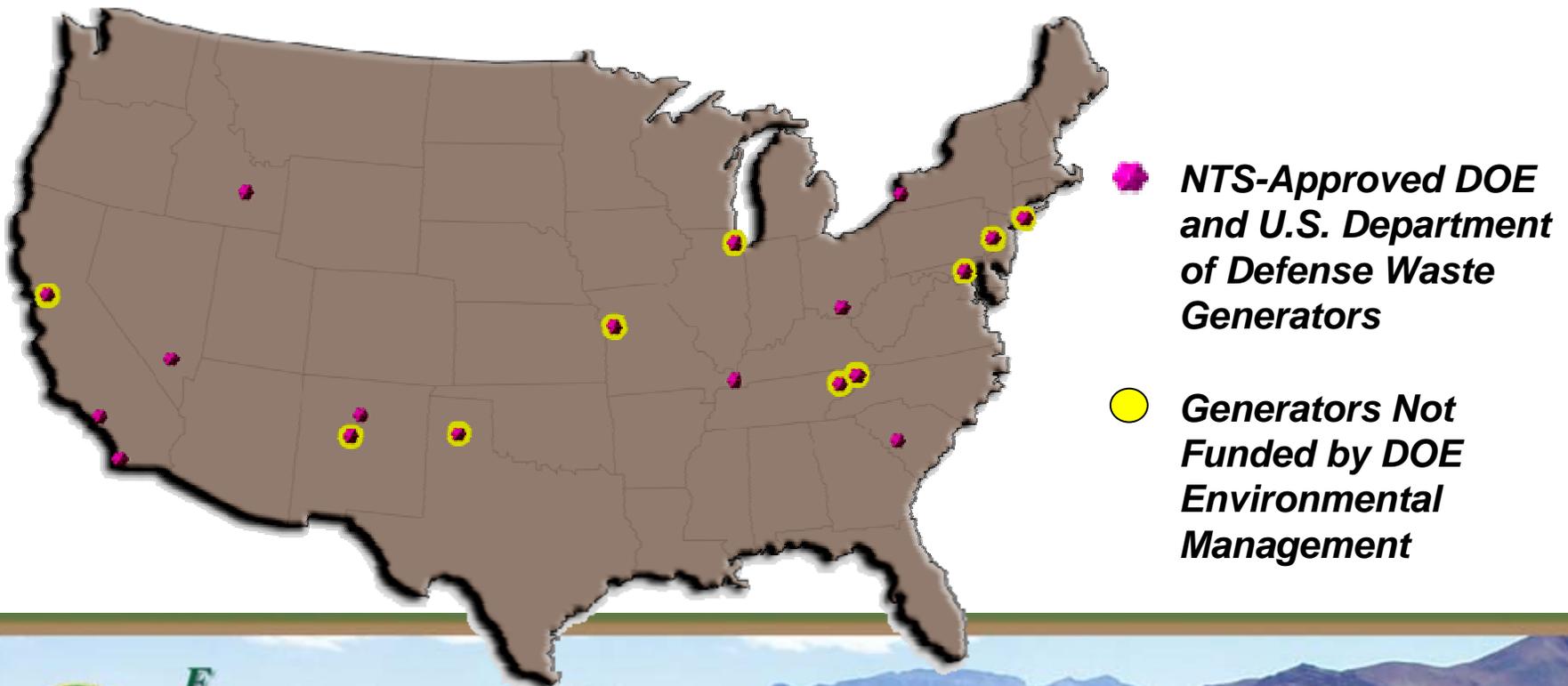
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Disposal Funding

- DOE HQ currently providing direct funding of disposal operations
- Funding to dispose waste generated by non-DOE Environmental Management sites in FY 2009 still under discussion at DOE HQ



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Disposal Fee Structure

- Disposal capability is 125,000 cubic feet per month (1.5 million cubic feet for the fiscal year) using one crew
 - Disposal in excess of 125,000 cubic feet per month may involve cost-recovery directly from the generators
- *Work for Others* generator sites (i.e., U.S. Department of Defense sites) are charged the base rate of \$14.51 per cubic foot (LLW or mixed LLW) plus a 7.5 percent administrative surcharge
- Additional fees may be assessed if special equipment or additional crews are required



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Eligibility Determination

- Mission is very clear – ONLY DOE LLW and mixed LLW or U.S. Department of Defense classified are accepted for disposal
- Addresses waste generated at facilities that are not owned and/or operated by DOE
- Waste streams must have a “clear and unambiguous connection” to a DOE*-funded project, DOE-performed operation, DOE-owned material/waste, or project whose waste disposition is directed by Statute
- Positive determination by the Nevada Site Office (including legal review) requires the concurrence of NNSA and EM Headquarters (NA-56 and EM-12)

*DOE or predecessor agency (i.e., Atomic Energy Commission and Energy Research and Development Administration)

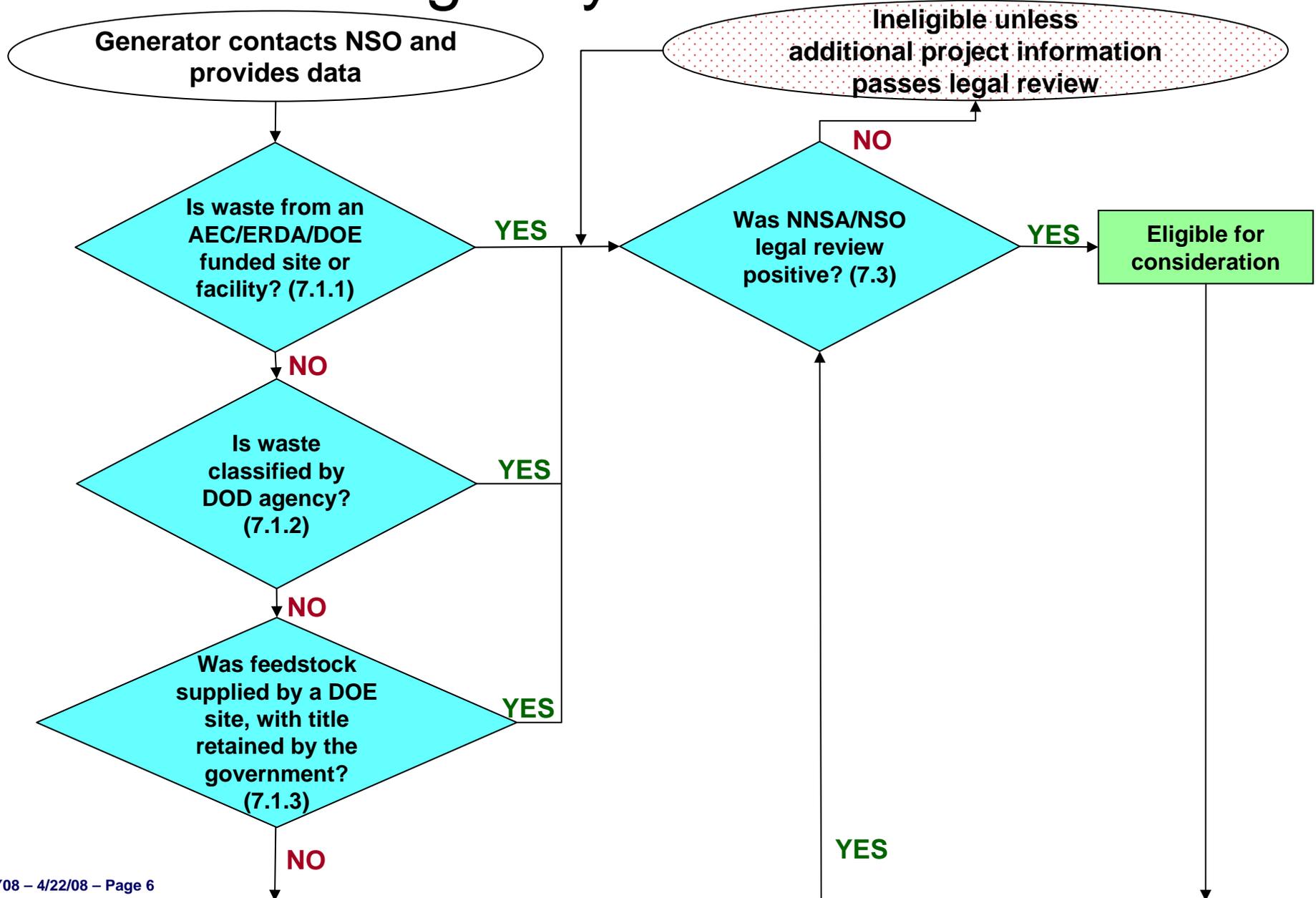


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Eligibility Flowchart



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