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## Podcast: Radioactive waste roils state agency

The location of groundwater near a proposed radioactive waste dump in Andrews County set off an internal dispute at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. A team of geologists and engineers wrote a memo last August that said the site is unsuitable and recommended denial of a license to Waste Control Specialists, a company owned by major political contributor Harold Simmons of Dallas.

When WCS President Rodney Baltzer learned of the memo, he immediately sought out meetings with the agency's executive director, Glenn Shankle, who decided in December to begin drafting the license.

**Listen to a podcast** by Janet Elliott, who interviews Baltzer and former TCEQ staffer Glenn Lewis, a writer assigned to the technical review team who resigned after warning the agency that its handling of the issue would invite public ridicule.

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