

## **Domenici offers temporary nuclear waste storage proposal**

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A proposal by Senator Pete Domenici would give the Department of Energy the authority to build temporary nuclear waste storage facilities on federal land. The civilian waste could be stored at federal sites for up to 25 years.

The proposal passed Domenici's Senate Appropriations subcommittee Tuesday. It's meant to deal with growing volumes of used reactor fuel at power plants.

The New Mexico Republican says the waste sites could be built to accommodate plants in a region or individual state. Industry officials have said the failure to address the waste problem will inhibit investment in new nuclear reactors.

Domenici's proposal would give the Energy Department authority to build a waste facility within a state even if a state or local authorities objected.