WHAT WILL AN 8 STATE DUMP MEAN FOR THE ECONOMY OF N.C.?

Economies of scale ordinarily mean that a larger factory will produce goods cheaper than a smaller one. How would this apply to a radioactive waste dump? A Southeast Compact dump would mean cheaper disposal costs for the generators of waste. But...

>> Economies of scale will not have a significant impact on your power bill. Dr. Mark Stegeman of UNC-Chapel Hill has determined that the annual cost to each resident of North Carolina would be only 98 cents if we withdraw from the Compact.

>> Economies of scale do not apply to clean-up costs. But in a 1986 report to the NC General Assembly, Ebasco Inc. said that a larger waste facility would mean greater likelihood of soil, air, and water contamination.

>> If the dump is such an economic asset, why did six other Compact states avoid taking it? The seventh (SC) is closing its dump and also chooses to export its waste to NC. Industry attracted by such a waste dump would be nuclear and dirty.

>> If NC stays in the Compact, it won’t have complete control of fees necessary for safe disposal. Duke and CP&L have attacked proposed safety features as unnecessarily expensive.

>> Through 1989, a year of budget cuts, NC will have appropriated over $10 million for a regional waste program with no mechanism for payback.