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Cooper Nuclear Waste may be Headed to Texas

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) _ Low-level radioactive waste from Nebraska Public Power District's nuclear facility may soon be heading to Texas.

The Columbus Telegram reports that the district's board has approved an agreement to send a portion of the low-level waste from Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownville to a storage facility outside Andrews, Texas.

The deal, which still must be finalized, would include radioactive resins, filters and other equipment. The waste would be sent to the Texas Compact Waste Disposal Facility.

Alan Dostal, corporate nuclear business manager at NPPD, says the district hasn't been able to dispose of certain low-level radioactive waste for years after a failed government effort to create storage facilities.

Currently, NPPD stores low-level waste from Cooper Nuclear Station in on-site pools that also hold used nuclear fuel rods.

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