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## State Disposal Site For N-Waste Urged

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ALBANY — State Energy Commissioner William Cotter says New York should start looking for sites to build its own permanent facility for disposal of low-level radioactive wastes.

His conclusion was included with recommendations in the state Energy Office's "Draft Report on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management," which was issued Monday.

A 1980 federal law mandates that all states have until Jan. 1, 1986, to find ways safely to get rid of their radioactive wastes themselves or band together with nearby states to form regional disposal facilities.

If negotiations with the Coalition of Northeastern Governors fail to produce a favorable compact for New York by June 30, Mr. Cotter said state leaders should try to negotiate a smaller compact with another state.

Since New York State generates about a third of the Northeast's total low-level radioactive waste, Mr. Cotter said the state should be prepared to develop a permanent disposal facility for use by itself or in a compact.

Chairman Dale Volker, R-Dewey, of the Senate Energy Committee, has said he favors reopening part of the abandoned West Valley nuclear fuel reprocessing facility but only to handle waste generated in New York.

"Only Nevada, South Carolina and Washington have operating low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities today," Mr. Cotter said, "and all three have passed and submitted regional compacts to Congress that would prohibit the use of their facilities by other states after Jan. 1, 1986."

"While they are legally within their rights to do so," Mr. Cotter said of the other states, "this means that disposal capacity could be denied to New York's medical, research and industrial facilities which use radioactive materials."

### Rebels Kill Informants

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan killed 20 people suspected of being secret police informants and abducted 18 Soviet soldiers in recent days, a Western diplomat said today.

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