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## **Taiwan Waste Plan Submitted, Emergency Response Law Signed**

**Taiwanese utility Taipower has submitted a plan for the proposed disposal of low-level radioactive waste for review by Taiwan's Atomic Energy Council (AEC).**

The plan – which Taipower was required to present under a radwaste management law that came into force last year [see News No. 6, 7th January 2003] – was submitted last month. It provides a general outline of the proposed project, and a timetable for selecting a site for the facility.

Taiwan's government agreed in 2002 that it would help to draw up a timetable for the eventual relocation of a temporary low-level radwaste storage facility currently in operation at Orchid Island [see News No. 178, 21st May 2002].

Separately, Taiwanese president Chen Shui-bian has signed a new nuclear emergency response law.

The legislation, which was drawn up by the AEC and signed by the president on 24th December, defines the duties of those organisations responsible for nuclear response and emergency preparedness and other emergency response measures.

*The text of the law is available in Chinese on the AEC's website ([www.aec.gov.tw](http://www.aec.gov.tw)) and an English translation will also be available soon.*

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