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**INTRODUCTION**

United Resource Recovery, Inc. is a Houston based corporation formed in 1982 to develop the technology of salt cavern repositories for hazardous waste disposal. Applications for waste disposal permits were filed in 1983 to dispose of liquid and solid waste streams. These applications were amended in 1984 to reflect new changes in federal (and state) regulations requiring that only wastes with "no free liquids" be disposed in land disposal units which included cavern facilities. Permits were issued for the facility in 1987 and again in 1988 after an appeal was taken to the district court by project opponents. Appeals were again taken 1988 and a remand granted. After further hearings on limited issues in the spring of 1989, the Water Commission denied the applications of the first set of caverns (URR I) including the surface facilities. Applications for the second set of caverns (URR II) are pending at the Commission for final hearings.

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