

Carolina enacted a tax for disposition of waste at Barnwell which suddenly doubled the net cost for acceptance to about \$300 per cubic foot (\$10,770 per cubic meter). The Governor of South Carolina also announced that wastes from North Carolina would not be accepted.

During 12 years, most of the other states or groups of states have made little or no progress in establishing waste sites. As a result, the politicians in South Carolina are in the driver's seat. They could find it feasible and politically necessary to greatly increase their revenues from wastes. They might also suddenly make other arbitrary decisions.

Bruce Alberts, president of the NAS, has stated, "Three members of the Ward Valley Committee—including its chairman—were first recommended to serve on the committee by some of the same environmental organizations that now claim lack of input. None of the committee members that we selected were recommended by advocates of the Ward Valley site." About three-fourths of the committee members are on the faculty of universities. Should their participation have been banned because of a university connection?

More than 130 organizations are on record in support of licensing the Ward

Valley facility. Included are leading California universities, the American Medical Association, the League of Women Voters, and about 60 biotechnology companies, among them, Amgen, Genentech, and Syntex.—**Philip H. Abelson**

Corrections and Clarifications

In the letter "Delaney reform" by Samuel M. Cohen *et al.* (30 June, p. 1830), the name of co-author Elizabeth Weisburger was misspelled.

In the article "Indiana: Wrong answers—but no right ones" by Gary Taubes (Special News Report: Conduct in Science, 23 June, p. 1707), the name of Alvin Telser was misspelled.


In the second molecular scheme in the letter "Prebiotic 5-substituted uracils and a primitive genetic code" by S. Black (30 June, p. 1832), the word "Serine" was misspelled.

In the report "Reversal of Raf-1 activation by purified and membrane-associated protein phosphatases" by P. Dent, T. Jelinek, D. K. Morrison, M. J. Weber, and T. W. Sturgill, (30 June, p. 1902), reference 25 on page 1906 should have included, after the first sentence, "Buffers (4) and buffer E contained 0.2% (v/v) 2-mercaptoethanol."

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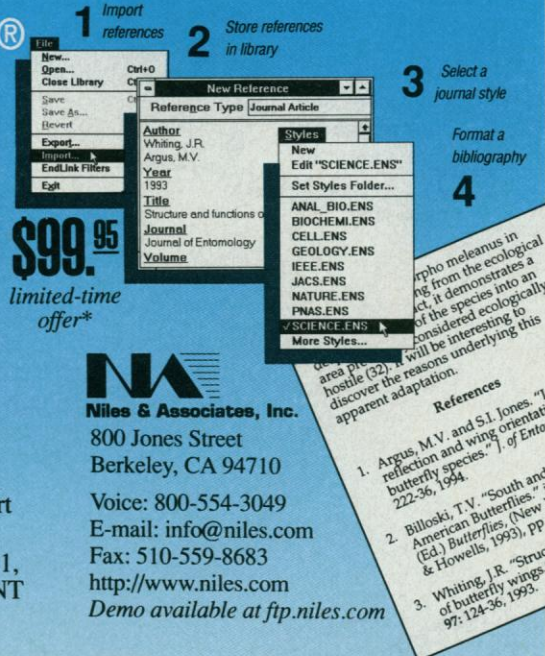
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