Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force
2021 Spring (Part 1) Virtual Meeting
April 27, 2021, 1:00PM to 2:30pm EST
Via Zoom

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Spring meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force (Task Force) was held virtually via Zoom on April 27, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. The meeting was co-chaired by Jerry Humphreys of New Jersey and Wade DeHaas of Pennsylvania. Eight of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware and New Hampshire. In addition, Tribal representation in the Northeast was represented by Tony Memmo of the Seneca Nation of Indians and Nelson Andrews of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Members present from the eight northeast states were:

CT - Michael Firsick and Jeff Semancik
ME - Jay Hyland
MA - Dawn Brantley and John Viverios
NJ - Jerry Humphreys and Veena Gubbi
PA - Rich Janati, Wade DeHaas, David Allard, and Laurin Fleming
RI - Brian Greenwood
VT - Tony Leshinskie
NY - Paul Bembia and Bridget Frymire

Due to the meeting being to anyone who wanted to attend, representatives from the DOE, other SRGs, and TRMTC, as well as others, were also present. A total of thirty-six individuals attended the meeting.

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by the co-chairs. Staff then informed the Task Force members on newly appointed members to the Task Force. Cynthia Costello of New York was elevated from alternate to primary representative for New York. Paul Bembia, Program Director for the West Valley Site Management Program was designated as the alternate member for New York State. Announcements were made that the Fall meeting of the Task Force is still scheduled to take place at the Sofitel Hotel at Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia on October 27-28, 2021, and the 2022 NTSF Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 5-10, 2022 at the Philadelphia Marriot Downtown Hotel. Mitch Arvidson, Program Manager for the Midwestern State Regional Group, informed the Task Force about an upcoming workshop, presently scheduled to occur in July, on International Spent Fuel Shipment Experience. This will be a virtual workshop and when scheduling is finalized, an invitation will be sent.

Following the updates, the Task Force held its business meeting. Dr. Erica Bickford, Transportation Program Manager, US DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, provided an update on DOE-NE activities, and Ellen Edge of the DOE Office of Transportation and Packaging, Environmental Management, provided an update of her office’s activities. Following the DOE updates, members of the Task Force and Tribal representatives provided brief updates on events and activities in their respective States/Tribes.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM on April 27, 2021. No voting took place at this meeting.

The Draft Agenda for this meeting is provided as Attachment 1.

This summary has been posted on the CSG/ERC website at: https://csg-erc.org/policies/northeast-high-level-radioactive-waste-transportation/

Attachment 1

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Tuesday, April 27

1:00 PM Task Force Business Meeting – Co-chair’s Jerry Humphreys, NJDEP, and Wade DeHaas, PADEP presiding
  ▪ Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Introductions
  ▪ Update on Task Force – Uldis Vanags, CSG/ERC

1:15 PM Update on DOE-NE, Dr. Erica Bickford, Transportation Program Manager, US Department of Energy – Office of Nuclear Energy

1:35 PM Update on DOE Environmental Management activities – Ellen Edge, Office of Transportation and Packaging, DOE-EM

1:50 PM State Roundtable Discussion

2:28 PM Wrap-up and review any action items

2:30 PM Adjourn

CSG East is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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