

**Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force**  
**2025 Fall Meeting**  
**October 29-30, 2025**  
**at the**  
**Portland Regency Hotel**  
**20 Milk Street**  
**Portland, Maine**  
**207-774-4200**

The 2025 Fall meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held on October 29-30, at the Portland Regency Hotel in Portland, Maine. Seven of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Troy Pruztman, who is the alternate for Pennsylvania, a few days before this meeting had to cancel because of a medical emergency. He designated Laurin Fleming of PA as his proxy. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the seven northeast states were:

CT - Michael Firsick – Co-chair  
NJ – Jerry Humphreys – Co-chair, and Veena Gubbi  
PA - Laurin Fleming  
VT - Tony Leshinskie  
NY- Cynthia Costello and Larry King  
ME – Jay Hyland, Faith Staples and Darren Curtis  
MA – David Bryant

This meeting was presided by Task Force co-chairs Jerry Humphreys (PA) and Mike Firsick (CT). The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Jerry Humphreys. Uldis Vanags then welcomed all to the Fall meeting of the Task Force and went over some administrative details for the members. We were pleased to welcome Jordan Buffalo from the Seneca Nation to join our meeting. Anthony Memo of the Seneca Nation informed us earlier that he is retiring and designated Jordan Buffalo to represent the Seneca Nation at our meetings.

Following the updates, the Task Force held its business meeting. The first business matter was to have a vote for the 2-year co-chair position that Mike Firsick has held. Jerry Humphreys presided over this election. Mike Firsick was nominated and seconded and was unanimously elected for another two-year term.

The agenda originally had presentations and updates from DOE-NE and EM, however, because of a Federal Government shutdown staff from these agencies were unable to attend our meeting. Therefore, the agenda for the meeting was shortened from the original. The draft agenda is provided as Attachment 2 and presentations provided were as follows:

**Update on the 3Yankee's** – Kathleen Capstick, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee  
**TEPP** Update – Mark Linsley, CHP, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE

**Cassandra** – Melissa Shahzadah, Project Director, Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project.

**New England Air Museum Radiological Remediation** – Mike Firsick, CT DEP, Bureau of Radiation.

After these presentations, the Task Force received updates from the State Regional Groups, the Senaca Nation, and from TRMTC. Following this, a roundtable was held for member states of the Northeast Task Force.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM on October 30, 2025.

This summary and presentations are posted on the CSG/ERC website at:

<https://csg-erc.org/policies/northeast-high-level-radioactive-waste-transportation/>

# Attachment I

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
- JERRY HUMPHREYS	NJBNE
- Mike Firsich	CT DEEP
- Jay Hyland	ME - RCP
- David Bryant	MA - MEMA
- Veena Gubbi	NJBNE
Melanie Snyder	WIEB
Christopher Wells	SSEB
Melissa Shahjaded	HRMTP
Mack Kusley	TRG contracts
Richard Arnold	TRMTC
- Cynthia Costello	NYS DOH
- Larry King	NYSP
Kathleen Capstick	Maine Yankee
- Lauren Firmzig	PA EMA
- Faith Staples	Maine EMA
- Damon Curtis	Maine EMA
- TOMY LESKINSKIE	VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE DEPT
- Jaden Buffalo	Seneca Nation



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*Attachment 2*

**DRAFT Agenda – Rev 6**  
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**Wednesday – October 29**

- 7:30 am**      **Breakfast Served**
- 9:00 am**      **Task Force Business Meeting – Co-chair’s Jerry Humphreys, NJDEP, and Mike Firsick, CTDEP presiding.**
- Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Introductions
  - Update on Task Force – Uldis Vanags, CSG-East
  - Election of Co-Chair for 2-year term
- 9:30 am**      **Update on the 3Yankee’s – Kathleen Capstick, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee**
- 10:00 am**      **CASSANDRA – Melissa Shahzadeh, Project Director, Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project**
- 10:30 am**      **Break**
- 10:45 am**      **TEPP Update – Mark Linsley, CHP, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE**
- Noon**            **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:30 pm**      **State Regional Group and Tribal updates**  
**CSG-Midwest**  
**TRMTC**  
**SSEB**  
**WIEB**
- 2:00 pm**      **Roundtable Discussion**

CT • DE • MA • MD • ME • NB • NH • NJ • NY • NS • ON • PA • PE • PR • QC • RI • VI • VT

*K. Joseph Sirekarchi, Speaker of the House, Rhode Island, Co-Chair*  
*Valerie J. Lawson, Senate President, Rhode Island, Co-Chair*

*Anthony Tassi, Interim Director*

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- 3:00 pm**      **Break**
- 3:15 pm**      **Roundtable Discussion (continued)**
- 4:30 pm**      **Adjourn**

### **Thursday – October 30**

- 7:30 am**      **Breakfast served.**
- 8:30 am**      **New England Air Museum Radiological Remediation – Mike Firsick, CT  
DEP, Bureau of Radiation**
- 9:30 am**      **Wrap-up**
- 9:45 am**      **Adjourn**