

Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force
2021 Fall Meeting
October 27-28, 2021
at the
Sofitel Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The fall meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held October 27-28 at the Sofitel Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square in Pennsylvania. Co-chair Jerry Humphreys was not present at the meeting so the meeting was chaired by Co-chair Wade DeHaas of Pennsylvania. Seven of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware, New Hampshire, and Maine. In addition, Tribal representation in the Northeast was represented by Tony Memmo of the Seneca Nation of Indians. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the eight northeast states were:

CT - Michael Firsick
MA - John Viverios
NJ - Veena Gubbi
PA - Rich Janati, Wade DeHaas, Laurin Fleming, Stephen Acker
RI - Brian Greenwood
VT - Tony Leshinskie
NY- Cynthia Costello and Paul Bembia

Also at this meeting were representatives from the DOE, other SRGs, and members of the TRMTC, and presenters to the Task Force.

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Wade Dehaas. Staff noted to the Task Force that some members could not be present in person at this meeting so a conference call phone was set-up for the entirety of the meeting. Staff noted to the Task Force that Wade Dehaas' term as a co-chair is up for election at this meeting and since a quorum was present a vote can be held. Wade Dehaas was the only candidate nominated for consideration, and a vote was held where his election was unanimous. Wade Dehaas will serve as a co-chair for the next two years (fall 2021 to fall 2023).

Following the updates, the Task Force held its business meeting. The draft agenda is provided as Attachment 2 and presentations provided were as follows:

Update on the 3Yankee's -Eric Howes, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee

Background and Overview of DOE's Draft Rail Car Safety Inspection Protocol – Steve Maheras, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

DOE- NE Program Update and Interim Storage Activities – Erica Bickford, PhD DOE Office of Nuclear Energy

Update from DOE Environmental Management – Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE

Completion of DOE Single Car Testing for the 12-Axle Atlas Railcar and Next Steps – Matt Feldman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

FRA Response to RAM Fire in Chicago-2021 – Jeffery Moore, Federal Railroad Administration

JIT Seattle Cesium Event Lessons Learned – Michael Firsick, CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection.

After these presentations on day one of the meeting, staff discussed the 2022 NTSF Annual Meeting that will be hosted by the Task Force and DOE on June 6-10 at the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown. Staff showed the Draft Agenda for the meeting and asked for suggestions for topics for the breakout sessions as well as for the plenary session. Staff requested that members send in their suggestions to him.

On day two of the meeting, a roundtable was held for members states as well as for Tribes and SRG's that were present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM on October 28, 2021.

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

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

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

Wednesday, Oct 27th – Sofitel Hotel – Montpelier Room

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast Served**
- 8:15 am** **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
- 8:30 am** **Election of Co-Chair**
- 9:00 am** **Update on the 3 Yankee’s** – Eric Howes, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee
- 9:30 am** **Background and Overview of DOE’s Draft Railcar Safety Inspection Protocol** – Steve Maheras, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- 10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:30am** **DOE-NE Program Update and Interim Storage Activities**
Erica Bickford, PhD DOE Office of Nuclear Energy
- 11:15 am** **Update from DOE Environmental Management** –
- Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE
- Noon** **Lunch – on your own**

- 1:30 pm** **Completion of DOE Single Car Testing for the 12 -axle Atlas Railcar and Next Steps** – Matt Feldman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- 1:45 pm** **Jeffery Moore - FRA**
- 2:30 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **JIT Seattle Cesium Event Lessons Learned** – Mike Firsick, Supervising Radiation Control Physicist, State of Connecticut
- 4:00 pm** **Discussion on topics for the 2022 NTSF Annual Meeting.**
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn for day**

Thursday, Oct 28th – Sofitel Hotel – Montpelier Room

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast Served**
- 8:15 am** **Roundtable**
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:15 am** **Roundtable continued**
- 11:25 am** **Wrap up and review of any action items**
- 11:30 am** **Adjourn**

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Attachment 2

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	6 states Represented at Meeting. on Wednesday		
	7 states (+MA) on Thursday		