

**Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force**  
**2024 Fall Meeting**  
**October 23-24, 2024**  
**at the**  
**Hotel Providence**  
**139 Mathewson Street**  
**Providence, RI 02903**

The 2024 Fall meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held on October 23-24, 2024, at the Hotel Providence in Rhode Island. Co-chairs Jerry Humphreys of New Jersey and Michael Firsick of Connecticut conducted the meeting. Seven of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Bryan Greenwood of Rhode Island cancelled his attendance due to taking a new position with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the seven northeast states that participated were:

CT - Michael Firsick  
NJ – Jerry Hunphreys and Veena Gubbi  
PA - Laurin Fleming, Rich Janati, and Sandra Silva  
VT - Tony Leshinskie  
NY- Cynthia Costello, Paul Bembia, Alyse Peterson and Larry King  
ME – Jay Hyland, Darren Curtis, and Faith Staples  
MA – David Bryant and Kim Castle

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Jerry Humphreys. Uldis Vanags then gave a brief update on the Task Force activities and the planning for the 2025 NTSF Annual Meeting that will be held in Las Vegas. He also noted that during this meeting he will be seeking thoughts and comments from the Task Force on DOE's Request For Information on the Package Performance Demonstration (PPD). Comments from the Task Force on the PPD will be prepared and submitted to the DOE.

Following the updates, a vote was taken for a Task Force co-chair presently served by Jerry Humphreys. Jerry Humphreys was nominated, and unanimously elected to serve the next two years.

Following the election the Task Force began its business meeting. 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

**Update from U.S. DOE Environmental Management** – Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE.

**TEPP Update** – Mark Linsley, CHP, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE

**Haddam Neck Cask Aging Management Inspection** – Mike Firsick, CTDEP

**Package Performance Demonstration Update** – Mariam Junkett, Pacific Northwest Nuclear Laboratory

**Update on U.S. DOE Nuclear Energy Interim Storage Siting Consensus Process** – Jay Thomas, DOE NE-82 Office of Storage & Transportation

A presentation by Steve Maheras of Pacific Northwest Laboratory on microreactors and small modular reactors was cancelled, and in place the time was used to have a discussion with Task Force members on preparing comments to DOE on the PPD RFI.

On Thursday, a roundtable was held for member states of the Northeast Task Force and updates from CSG-Midwest, TRMTC, SSEB, and WEIB.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM on October 26, 2024.

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

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

Attachment 1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
JERRY HUMPHREYS	NJ BNE	jerry.humphreys@dep.nj.gov
Uldis Vanags	CSG-East	UVanags@csq.org
Kathleen Capstick	Moone Yankee	Kcapstick@3yankees.com
Darren Curtis	MEMA	Darren.J.Curtis@Maine.gov
Faith Staples	MEMA	faith.e.staples@maine.gov
Jay Hyland	Maine RCP	Jay.hyland@maine.gov
Jay Thomas	DOE-NE	jay.thomas@nuclear.energy.gov
TONY LESHINKO	VT-PUBLIC SERVICE	ANTHONY.LESHINKO@VECMONT.GOV
Ellen Edge	DOE-EM	ellen.edge@em.doe.gov
Miriam Juckett	PNNL	miriam.juckett@pnnl.gov
GERARD JACKSON	DOE-NE	GERARD.JACKSON@DOE.GOV
LARRY KING	NYSR	Larry.King@Troopers.NY.GOV
Christopher Wells	SSEB	wells@sseb.org
LANDRY AUSTIN	WIEB	landry.austin@deg.idaho.gov
MELISSA SHAHBADEH	CSG MIDWEST	<del>MSHAHBADEH</del> @CSG.ORG
Jeffrey Moore	USOOT/FRA	jeffrey.moore@dot.gov
Richard Arndt	TRATC	Rwandt@hofmail.com
Kim Castle	MEMA (MASS.)	kimberly.castle@mass.gov
David Bryant	MEMA	david.bryant@mass.gov
PAUL BEMBIA	NYSERDA	PAUL.BEMBIA@NYSERDA.NY.GOV
LAUREN FLEMING	PA EMA	laurifleming@pa.gov
Rich Janati	PA DEP	rjanati@pa.gov
Mike Firsick	CT DEEP	michael.firsick@ct.gov
ALYSE PETERSON	NYSERDA	ALYSE.PETERSON@NY
Veena Gubbi	NJ BNE	veena.gubbi@dep.nj.gov
Mark Linsley	TRG/TEPP	mark@trgroupinc.com

**DRAFT Agenda – Rev 3**  
**Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**October 23-24, 2024**  
**at the**  
**Hotel Providence**  
**139 Mathewson Street**  
**Providence, RI 02903**  
**401-861-8000**

**Wednesday – October 23**

- 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/ERC
  - 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**      **Update from U.S. DOE Environmental Management** – Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE
- 10:30 am**      **Break**
- 10:50 am**      **TEPP Update** – Mark Linsley, CHP, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE
- 11:30 am**      **Haddam Neck Cask Aging Management Inspection** – Mike Firsick, CTDEP
- Noon**              **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:30 pm**      **Package Performance Demonstration Update** – Gerard Jackson, DOE NE-82 Office of Storage & Transportation and Miriam Juckett, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- 2:15 pm**      **Update on U.S. DOE Nuclear Energy Interim Storage Siting Consensus Process** – Jay Thomas, DOE NE-82 Office of Storage & Transportation and **Update on NTSF Ad Hoc Working Groups** – Gerry Jackson, NE-82 Office of Storage & Transportation
- 3:15 pm**      **Break**

**3:30 pm Overview of Microreactors and Small Modular Reactors – Steve Maheras, Pacific Northwest Laboratory (CANCELLED)**

**3:30 pm TBD (Discussion with Task Force to prepare comments for the DOE PPD RFI)**

**5:00 pm Adjourn**

**Thursday – October 26**

**7:30 am Breakfast served.**

**8:30 am State Regional Group and Tribal updates  
CSG-Midwest  
TRMTC  
SSEB  
WEIB**

**9:00 am Roundtable Discussion**

**10:00 am Break**

**10:15 am Continue Roundtable**

**10:55 am Wrap-up**

**11:00 am Adjourn**