

Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force
2023 Fall Meeting
October 25-26, 2023
at the
Portland Regency Hotel
20 Milk Street
Portland, Maine 04101

The 2023 Fall meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held October 25-26, 2023, at the Portland Regency Hotel. Co-chairs Jerry Humphreys of New Jersey and Wade DeHaas of Pennsylvania conducted the meeting. Eight of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware and New Hampshire. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the six northeast states were:

CT - Michael Firsick
NJ – Jerry Hunphreys and Veena Gubbi
PA - Wade DeHaas, Laurin Fleming, Kerby Young
RI - Brian Greenwood and James Ball
VT - Tony Leshinskie
NY- Cynthia Costello and Alyse Petterson
ME – Faith Staples and Darren Curtis
MA – David Bryant

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Jerry Humphreys. New members to the Task Force from MA, NH, and ME were introduced. An election for the co-chair seat of Wade DeHaas was held. Michael Firsick was nominated, and the vote was unanimous for his appointment to a two-year term as a new co-chair.

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
Three Mile Island SNF Transportation Issues – David Allard, Retired PA DEP Director of the Bureau of Radiation Protection, MS, CHP, FHPS

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

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

Preliminary Results of Three Mile Island SNF Removal Assessment – Mariam Junkett, Pacific Northwest Nuclear Laboratory

Update on DOE Nuclear Energy Interim Storage Siting Consensus Process – Sara Hogan, PhD, DOE Nuclear Energy

Update on Transport Security Unified Stakeholders Group (TSUSG) – Mark Yeager, Government and NGO Liaison, Contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Practical Application of the RASCAL Dose Assessment Code – Mike Firsick, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Management, Division of Radiation. Provided a computer program presentation.

Update on NTSF Ad Hoc Working Groups – Sara Hogan, PhD, DOE Nuclear Energy
Massachusetts Update on Pilgrim – David Bryant, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

Presentations were followed by updates from the State Regional Groups (CSG-Midwest, SSEB, and WEIB), and by the Tribal Radioactive Materials Technical Committee (TRMTC). After these updates, a roundtable was held for member states of the Northeast Task Force.

Prior to meeting adjournment, Eric Howe, representing the 3Yankee's, was recognized for his for his long-term involvement with the Northeast Task Force where he presented at all the meetings information on the status of national and regional efforts to resolve the spent nuclear fuel issue, and also made experts from the 3Yankee's available on specific technical issues affecting the decommissioned Yankee nuclear power sites.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM on October 26, 2023.

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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Wednesday – October 25

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast Served**
- 9:00 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
 - Election of Co-Chair for 2-year term
- 9:30 am** **Update on the 3 Yankee’s** – Eric Howes, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee
- 10:00 am** **Three Mile Island SNF Transportation Issues** – David Allard, MS, CHP, FHPS
- 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:45 am** **Update from DOE Environmental Management** – Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE
- 11:05 am** **TEPP Update** – Mark Linsley, CHP, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE
- Noon** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:00 pm** **Preliminary Results of Three Mile Island SNF Removal Assessment** – Mariam Juckett, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- 1:45 pm** **Update on Transport Security Unified Stakeholders Group (TSUSG)** – Mark Yeager, Government and NGO Liaison, Contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- 2:20 pm** **Short Break**

- 2:30 pm** **Update on DOE Nuclear Energy Interim Storage Siting Consensus Process – Sara Hogan, PhD, DOE Nuclear Energy**
- 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:30 pm** **Practical Application of the RASCAL Dose Assessment Code – Mike Firsick, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Management, Division of Radiation**
- 4:30 pm** **Update on NTSF Ad Hoc Working Groups - Sara Hogan, PhD, DOE Nuclear Energy**
- 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**