

**Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force
Fall Meeting
October 26-27, 2022
at the
Hyatt Regency New Brunswick
200 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

The Fall meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held October 26-27, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The meeting was presided by Co-chairs Jerry Humphreys (NJ) and Wade DeHaas (PA). Only 6 of the 10 states in the northeast state regional group were represented. States that did not attend were for reasons ranging from scheduling and a medical issue. Tribal representation in the Northeast was also not present due to a scheduling conflict. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the six northeast states were:

NJ – Jerry Humphreys, Veena Gubbi
PA - Rich Janati, Wade DeHaas, Laurin Fleming,
MA – John Viveiros
VT - Tony Leshinskie
NY- Cynthia Costello and Alyse Peterson
CT – Michael Firsick

Also at this meeting were representatives from the U.S. DOE, U.S. DOT/FRA, Southwest Research Institute, Maine Yankee, SRGs and TRMTC.

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Jerry Humphreys. At this meeting an election to fill the two year term of Co-chair Jerry Humphreys seat was to be held, however Task Forces rules require 7 of the 10 states to be present to hold a vote. Therefore it was agreed that co-chair nominations will be held via a virtual meeting by the end of the year and an anonymous vote will be held via Survey Monkey.

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
A Community Preparedness and Planning Pilot Framework Tool for Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation – Miriam R. Juckett, Senior Program Manager, Southwest Research Institute.

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

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

Loading of Indian Point LLRW onto Rail in Newtown, Connecticut – Michael Firsick, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Management, Bureau of Air Management, Division of Radiation

PA Radiation Monitoring Tech Guide Document – David Allard, Retired PA DEP Bureau of Radiation

Preliminary Results of Indian Point SNF Removal Assessment – Erica Bickford, PhD, DOE Office of Nuclear Energy

After these presentations, the Task Force held a round table session to discuss activities in each of their states. Also, representatives from SRGs and TRMTC also provided updates to the Task Force. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held in conjunction with the NTSF Annual Meeting on May 22-25, 2023 at St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am on October 27, 2022.

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

North East Task Force Fall meeting 2022

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Wednesday, Oct 26th – Hyatt Hotel – Salon AB

- 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
 - Discussion on election of Co-Chair for next two-year term
- 8:30 am** **Update on the 3 Yankee’s** – Eric Howes, Director Public & Government Affairs, Maine Yankee
- 9:15 am** **A Community Preparedness and Planning Pilot Framework Tool for Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation** – Miriam R. Juckett, Senior Program Manager, Southwest Research Institute
- 10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** **Update from DOE Environmental Management** – Ellen Edge, Office of Packaging and Transportation, DOE
- 11:15 am** **DOE-NE Program Update and Interim Storage Activities**
Erica Bickford, PhD DOE Office of Nuclear Energy
- Noon** **Lunch – on your own**
- 1:30 pm** **Loading of Indian Point LLRW onto rail in Newtown, Conn** – Michael Firsick, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Management Bureau of Air Management, Division of Radiation
- 2:15 pm** **PA Radiation Monitoring Tech Guide Document** – David Allard, Retired PA DEP Bureau of Radiation Protection

- 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:30 pm** **Preliminary Results of Indian Point SNF Removal Assessment** – Erica Bickford, PhD DOE Office of Nuclear Energy
- 4:15 pm** **State Regional Group and Tribal updates**
CSG-Midwest
TRMTC
SSEB
WEIB
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn for day**

Thursday, Oct 27th – Hyatt Hotel – Salon AB

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast Served**
- 8:30 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**