

Meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force
2026 Spring Meeting
June 24, 2026
at the
Hotel Van Zandt
Austin, Texas

The 2026 Spring meeting of the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force was held on June 24 at the Hotel Van Zandt in Austin, Texas. Seven of the ten northeast states were represented with the exceptions of Delaware, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Co-Chair Mike Firsick of Connecticut was unable to attend the NTSF Annual Meeting due to responsibilities for the State of Connecticut. An attendance list is provided as Attachment 1.

Members present from the seven northeast states were:

RI – Catherine Perham
NJ – Jerry Humphreys – Co-chair, and Veena Gubbi
PA - Laurin Fleming, Troy Prutzman, and Sandra Silva
VT - Tony Leshinskie
NY- Cynthia Costello and Larry King
ME – Bradley Kelso
MA – David Bryant

This meeting was presided by Task Force co-chair Jerry Humphreys (PA). The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Co-chair Jerry Humphreys. Uldis Vanags then welcomed all to the Spring meeting of the Task Force and went over some administrative details for the members. We were pleased to welcome new members to our committee from Maine and Rhode Island. The representative for Maine, Jay Hyland, has retired from state service, and Kimberly Buffum has taken the position of Radiation Control Program Director, and she is now the primary appointment for Maine. The alternate for Maine is Bradley Kelso who holds the position of State Nuclear Safety Inspector. Catherine Perham was appointed as the alternate for Rhode Island. She holds the position of Supervising Radiological Health Specialist for the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE

Micro-Reactor Risk Informed Transportation Package Methodology – Steven Maheras, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

After these presentations, Erica Bickford with DOE-NE was available to answer any questions from Task Force members. Following this, a roundtable was held for member states of the Northeast Task Force.

No votes took place at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM on June 24, 2026.

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

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Attachment 2

DRAFT Agenda – Rev 2 – June 15, 2026

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Wednesday – June 24

- 1:00 pm 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
- 1:15 pm Micro-Reactor Risk Informed Transportation Package Methodology** – Steven Mahcras, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- 2:00 pm Update on the 3Yankee’s** – Kathleen Capstick, Director of Public & Government Affairs
- 2:30 pm TEPP Update** – Mark Linsley, TRG, Contractor to U.S. DOE
- 3:00 pm Break**
- 3:15 pm Task Force Round Table**
- 3:30 pm DOE Drop-in for Introductions and Questions**
- 4:00 pm Task Force Round Table (continued)**
- 5:15 pm Wrap-up**
- 5:30 pm Adjourn**

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