

**The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee**

Action Items from the Fall 2013 Committee Meeting
December 5-6, 2013; Kansas City, Kansas

States:

- **By December 16**, send Lisa suggestions for the “Allowable Activities” part of the Section 180c issues summary.
- **By December 31**, send Lisa updates on the state sections of the regional *Planning Guide*.
- Mark calendars for the committee’s next meeting and the 2014 Annual Meeting of the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF), which will take place in Minnesota on **May 13-15, 2014**.
- Identify legislators who might be good candidates to serve on the committee in 2014. Send suggestions to Lisa Janairo **by January 15**.
- Let Lisa know about interest in hosting training or any needs for travel reimbursement in connection with training or other meetings of interest. (CSG Midwest has funding and can help.)
- Greg Gothard: research options for MERRTT training near Petoskey, Michigan, in 2014.
- Jane Beetem:
 - With Jennifer and Paul: Serve on the committee’s *Planning Guide* work group to develop revisions to the recommended practices (starting spring 2014).
 - Coordinate with Lance and follow up on MERRTT training.
 - With Laura and Lance: Participate in conference call with the committee’s Strategic Planning work group to brainstorm about ways to resolve the issue of DNE-NE’s lack of engagement with the regions.
- Jennifer Clark: With Jane and Paul: Serve on the committee’s *Planning Guide* work group to develop revisions to the recommended practices (starting spring 2014).
- Kelly Horn:
 - Consider representing the Midwest at the INMM Spent Fuel Management Seminar on January 13-15.
 - Send Lisa information on Zion decommissioning waste streams.
- Lance Evans:
 - Send Lisa information on a good point of contact for the DOT HM-ACCESS program.
 - Give the regional update on May 13 during NTSF meeting.
 - Coordinate with Jane and follow up on MERRTT training.
 - With Jane and Laura: Participate in conference call with the committee’s Strategic Planning work group to brainstorm about ways to resolve the issue of DNE-NE’s lack of engagement with the regions.

- Laura Dresen:
 - Serve as committee co-chair in 2014-2015.
 - Send Lisa contact information for the NRC speaker on using social media (done).
 - Send Lisa the NNPP exercise after-action plan.
 - Speak about Indiana's experience with the 2013 NNPP exercise during a breakout session at the NTSF meeting.
 - Let Lisa know about space availability for the Indiana Radiation Specialist training.
 - With Jane and Lance: Participate in conference call with the committee's Strategic Planning work group to brainstorm about ways to resolve the issue of DNE-NE's lack of engagement with the regions.
- Paul Schmidt: With Jane and Jennifer: Serve on the committee's *Planning Guide* work group to develop revisions to the recommended practices (starting spring 2014).

Speakers and others:

- David Pstrak: Send Lisa a link to Alison MacFarlane's interview in which she talked about the need for geologic disposal.
- Ellen Edge: E-mail Lisa responses to questions posed during her presentation (done - [attached](#)).
- Tony Dimond: Send Lisa contact information for Operations Lifesaver.

Staff:

- Prepare and distribute action items and summary (done)
- Look into incorporating tribal points of contact, holidays, and key dates into the regional *Planning Guide*.
- Schedule conference call for Strategic Planning work group.
- Schedule conference call for *Planning Guide* work group.
- Ask Ella McNeil to expedite plans for a conference call of DOE, regional, and tribal principals and staff to discuss ways to improve engagement and interactions.
- Follow up with Tony Dimond about options for an Operation Lifesaver event for the committee.
- Update Section 180(c) issue summary and share with the committee and the 180c Interregional Team (done).
- Coordinate with Richard Arnold and Brook Oleen to identify tribal points of contact.
- Post update to the online *Planning Guide* (mid-January).
- Seek new legislative appointments in 2014, requesting help from Senator Emler as needed.
- Send Mike Brown contact information for Tom Clawson.
- Send Tony Dimond a copy of the attendance list from the WIPP Tour.
- Confirm with Josh Downing plans for an ad hoc working group meeting in Minnesota.

- Consider having CSG Midwest print the FEMA Q&A booklet (if there is interest within the states).
- Add a field to the NTSF registration form for people to specify whether they are interested in the baseball game.
- Consider possible information product for train and truck crews (per Tony's suggestion)

Answers to questions posed to Ellen Edge, DOE-EM Office of Packaging and Transportation

- 1) Jim Williams – WIEB – Is there an opportunity for public input and review on the GTCC EIS?

DOE is currently resolving comments that were submitted during the period the draft GTCC EIS was available for review. It seems unlikely that it will be put back out for public comments.

- 2) Jim Williams – WIEB – Do we know how many Canadian shipments there will be?

We will have fewer than 50 shipments over a 12-month period.

- 3) Jane Beetem – MO – What sort of stakeholder outreach do you intend to do for the Canadian shipments?

We have been doing extensive outreach with the Northeast and Southern regions (through Cort Richardson and Chris Wells) and the Tribes, as the shipments will be moving through those areas. The Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) has also been doing additional training on emergency response in those areas, especially among the Tribes.

- 4) Tom Breckenridge – OH – What types of materials are on the West Valley Melter and Canadian shipments?

The West Valley Melter is low level waste (LLW), to be grouted and shipped as a DOT compliant IP-2. The Canadian shipments are highly enriched uranium (HEU) in liquid form.

- 5) Greg Gothard – What are the proposed routes for the Canadian shipments?

There are two proposed routes. The route that is preferable to the United States goes through Buffalo, NY, but would go through some Tribal lands in Canada and through some heavily populated areas in Canada. The Canadians prefer a route that is further to the east. That route goes through a number of Native American lands on the U.S. side and moves through more heavily populated American regions. Both are NRC approved routes. NRC also needs to finish their packaging certification process for the NAC LWT casks used to ship the drums of HEU.