The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee

Des Moines Marriott Downtown
Des Moines, Iowa

November 17-18, 2015

Final Agenda

November 17: Committee Business and General Sessions
Cedar Rapids/Council Bluffs/Davenport Room

8 – 8:45 am  Orientation Breakfast for Newcomers
Intended for members who are new to the committee, this session will help participants understand the purpose of the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, the Department of Energy programs with which the committee works, and the shipping campaigns that affect the Midwestern states.

Note: For those not attending the Orientation Breakfast, the Cedar Rapids/Council Bluffs/Davenport Room will open at 8:45 am.

9 – 10:15 am  Committee Business Session
Committee members will share information on their states’ recent activities related to radioactive waste transportation. Members and staff will also report on their activities as representatives of the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, including meetings attended and working group activities. The committee’s business sessions are open to all attendees.

Welcome and Introductions (10)  
Laura Dresen (Indiana)

Report from the Co-Chairs (5) 
Laura Dresen and Kelly Horn (Illinois)

Project Update (5)  
Lisa Janairo (CSG Midwest)

Report on the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy Transportation Core Group meeting (10)  
Laura Dresen and Kelly Horn

Report on the Environment and the Economy  
Kelly Horn

Congressional Subcommittee Hearing (10)

National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) reports

– Planning for 2016 Annual Meeting (5)  
Laura Dresen

– Information and Communications Ad Hoc Working Group (5)  
Katelyn Tye (CSG Midwest)

– Rail/Routing Ad Hoc Working Group (5)  
Kelly Horn
Section 180(c) Ad Hoc Working Group (10) Teri Engelhart (Wisconsin)
TEPP Training Ad Hoc Working Group (5) Jon Schwarz (Nebraska)
Transportation Planning Ad Hoc Working Group (5) Teri Engelhart

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – 12 pm Committee Business Session continues
Regional Roundtable (45) All committee members and other guests
Election of Co-Chair for 2016-2017 (5) Kelly Horn
Committee Discussion
Prioritization of Spent Fuel Transportation Issues (15) Laura Dresen
Planning for FY16 and Beyond: Results of the Committee Member Survey (15) Lisa Janairo, Katelyn Tye
Committee Publications (5) Katelyn Tye
Committee Work Group Assignments (5) Lisa Janairo

12 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 3 pm U.S. Department of Energy Program Updates
Attendees will hear about the latest developments within the Department of Energy's programs that are responsible for transporting radioactive materials, including spent nuclear fuel. Speakers will also address upcoming activities that will affect the Midwestern states.

DOE Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM)
Office of Packaging and Transportation (30) Ellen Edge, DOE-EM
– Background
– Status of DOE Site Cleanup
– Update on Shipments that Affect the Midwestern States
– National Transportation Stakeholders Forum Activities
– Midwestern Cooperative Agreement

DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project (35) Erica Bickford, DOE-NE
– Background
– Activities Related to Consent-Based Site Selection
– Transportation Activities
– Midwestern Cooperative Agreement
DOE Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) (25)  
James Mason, DOE-CBFO

− Background
− Status of WIPP Recovery Operations
− Transportation Program
− Midwestern Cooperative Agreement and State Agreements

3 – 3:15 pm  
Break

3:15 – 3:45 pm  
Nuclear Energy in the Midwest and Issues Related to Interim Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel
This session will examine the role that nuclear power plays in the Midwest, explain current practices for temporarily storing the spent nuclear fuel generated by nuclear power plants, and highlight the reasons for moving toward a long-term solution to the problem of nuclear waste.

Speaker: Brian Rude, Vice President, External and Member Relations at Dairyland Power Cooperative

3:45 – 4:25 pm  
Information on Other Federal Programs
Representatives of other federal programs will provide an overview of their role in radioactive waste transportation and will highlight opportunities for state participation in current or upcoming initiatives.

Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP):
Overview of Shipments and Exercises (30)  
Barry Miles, NNPP

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Update (10)  
Mel Massaro, FRA

4:25 – 5 pm  
Committee Business Session continues
Committee Discussion
− Spring Meeting (10)  
  Laura Dresen
− Other Committee Events (10)  
  Kelly Horn
Travel Reimbursement Review (5)  
Lisa Janairo
Action Items Review (5)  
Katelyn Tye
Announcements (5)  
Lisa Janairo

5 pm  
Meeting Adjourned

5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Group Dinner (optional)

Meeting attendees will gather in the lobby for the trip to The Stuffed Olive at 208 3rd Street in Des Moines. A shuttle will be available for those who do not wish to walk.
Important Note: Members of the Rail/Routing Ad Hoc Working Group will be meeting at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown from 6–8:30 pm in Salon E. Dinner will be served. Anyone who is a member of the ad hoc working group should attend that session instead of the Midwestern committee’s group dinner at The Stuffed Olive.

Wednesday, November 18: Transportation Mode Demonstrations

9 am Depart Hotel for Demonstrations
The demonstrations and associated briefings will be held at the Iowa Department of Transportation facility at 2300 SE 17th Street in Grimes.

9:30 – 11:30 am Rail Briefing
National and Regional Rail Industry Overview Ben Jones and Kelli O’Brien, Union Pacific (UP)
Radioactive Shipments – Incident Prevention and Response Ben Salo, UP
Q&A/Discussion
Demonstrations:
   1) Fire Truck Ben Salo
   2) Positive Train Control (PTC) William Boyd, UP

11:30 – 11:45 am Break

11:45 am – 12:45 pm Working Lunch: Briefing on Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Inspection Program
Boxed lunches will be provided.

12:45 – 1:45 pm WIPP RH-72 B “Road Show” and CVSA Mock Inspection

1:45 pm Leave DOT Facility for Hotel

2:15 pm Arrive at Hotel

Note: Members of the Rail/Routing Ad Hoc Working Group will resume their meeting at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown from 2:30–5:30 pm in the Cedar Rapids/Council Bluffs/Davenport Room.