The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Radioactive Materials
Transportation Project

Newcomer’s Orientation

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The Council of State Governments = CSG

CSG Midwestern Radioactive Materials
Transportation Project
Region-based forum serving all three branches of government
Fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy
Offers regional, national, and international opportunities to network, collaborate, and create problem-solving partnerships
CSG

- Founded in 1933 by Henry Toll
- Many affiliated groups, including
  - National Emergency Management Association
  - National Association of Attorneys General
  - National Lieutenant Governors Association
- Offices nationwide
  - National office in Lexington, Kentucky
  - Washington, D.C., office
  - Four regional offices: New York, Atlanta, Sacramento, Lombard (Illinois)
Midwestern

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- Midwestern Governors Association
- Midwestern Legislative Conference
Radioactive Materials

- **SNF HLW** (Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste)
- **TRU** (Transuranic Waste)
- **LLW** (Low-Level Radioactive Waste)

Quantities
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- LLW
- TRU
- HLW
- SNF

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Highway Route Controlled Quantity (HRCQ)

Requirements
- US Department of Transportation (DOT)
- US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- US Department of Energy (DOE) Orders
- Congress
- State laws, rules, regulations

Radiation

People involved
Moving from one site to another.
States and local governments have the primary responsibility for protecting the health and safety of the public.

Activities include
- Establishing policy
- Developing transportation plans
- Emergency planning and preparedness
- Inspecting
- Escorting
- Monitoring
- Public outreach (media)
Project

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Regional Cooperative Agreement Groups

- Western Governors' Association
- Western Interstate Energy Board
- The Council of State Governments
  - Midwestern Office
- Southern States Energy Board
- The Council of State Governments
  - Eastern Regional Conference
Project

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- Funded by U.S. Department of Energy
  - Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO)
  - Office of Environmental Management (EM)
  - Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM)
- Three components
  - Information and communication
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project

The Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project is a joint project between CSG Midwest and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Since its inception in 1989, the transportation project has assisted the Midwestern state governments in learning about and providing input into the department's plans for shipping radioactive materials through the region. The cooperative agreement has also enabled the states on the shipping routes to receive financial assistance from DOE to prepare for shipments.

This Web site compiles information pertaining to radioactive waste transportation as it affects the Midwestern states.

Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee

The committee is the principal activity of the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project. The committee brings the Midwestern states together to work with each other, DOE and the states in the other regions to plan and prepare for shipments of radioactive waste and materials.

Shipment Planning

With shipments taking place as part of DOE's environmental cleanup and closure of former defense sites, the Midwestern states have been on the routes for several shipping campaigns in the past decade. Follow this link to learn more about the shipments that have passed through the region, and the influence the Midwestern states have had in setting the policies and protocols for making these shipments.

Public Information

A key component of the transportation project is informing Midwestern state officials and the general public about the transport of radioactive waste, and keeping them apprised of new developments. Toward this end, CSG Midwest has published products specifically on the topic. In addition, our monthly newsletter SlateLine Midwest regularly features articles related to the transportation project and the committee's activities. Access these and other materials through the link.
Welcome to CSG’s Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee Newsletter. In each edition, we strive to bring to our readers’ attention the latest happenings in the world of radioactive waste transportation, including committee activities, developments related to the U.S. Department of Energy’s radioactive waste shipments, or news of the nuclear renaissance. Anyone with ideas for future articles or with questions about the newsletter should contact Lise Janaire at 920.450.5910 or ljanaire@csg.org.

Milwaukee’s Best in December
On December 7-8, CSG’s Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee will spend two cold but happy days in Milwaukee as the committee takes its semi-annual meeting to the Brew City for the very first time. The committee last visited Wisconsin 10 years ago when the group held its October 2000 meeting in Madison, the state’s capital city. The Hilton Milwaukee City Center is the location of the meeting this fall.

At the recommendation of some of the members, the meeting will kick off on Tuesday, December 7th, with a “Newcomer’s Orientation” intended to provide background information for the benefit of newer members and other people attending their first meeting. Despite the name, even seasoned committee members can benefit from the session. When committee staffer Lisa Janaire gave a similar presentation at the committee’s November 2007 meeting in Columbus, long-time (now retired) member Thor Strong quipped, “That presentation just summed up in five minutes what it took me 10 years to figure out.”

The meeting will continue with a business session, followed by updates from the committee’s DOE program partners and other federal personnel. The agenda for December 7th will conclude with a group discussion of state fee programs, with participants representing states, shippers, and federal...
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  ◦ Shipment planning
  ◦ Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee
Committee

- First meeting in 1990
- 12 members appointed by Midwestern governors
- Up to 12 members appointed by chair of Midwestern Legislative Conference
- Meets twice each year
- Tasks assigned to committee work groups
- Led by two co-chairs (senior, junior)
Project

- Federal partners
  - U.S. Department of Energy
  - U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  - U.S. Department of Transportation
    - Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
    - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
    - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM or RW)
- 20–year relationship
- Yucca Mountain R.I.P.
- Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future
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