The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Radioactive Materials
Transportation Project

Orientation for Newcomers

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CSG

- 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
- Offices nationwide
  - National office in Lexington, Kentucky
  - Washington, D.C., office
  - Four regional offices: New York, Atlanta, Sacramento, Lombard (Illinois)
Midwestern

- CSG’s Midwestern Office (CSG Midwest)
- 12 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
- Midwestern Legislative Conference
- Great Lakes Legislative Caucus
- Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
Regional Cooperative Agreement Groups

Quantities
- SNF
- HLW
- TRU
- LLW

Qualities
- SNF
- HLW
- TRU
- LLW

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

People involved

Radiation

Highway Route Controlled Quantity (HRCQ)
Transportation

- 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)

Initiated in 1989
Funded by U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- Office of Environmental Management (EM)
- Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO)
- Office of Nuclear Energy (NE)

Three components
- Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee
- Shipment planning
- Information and communication
Office of Environmental Management (EM)

- Mission: complete the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy brought about from five decades of nuclear weapons development and government-sponsored nuclear energy research
- Shipments: yes
- Topics: low-level waste shipments, National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF)
DOE Offices

- **Carlsbad Field Office** (CBFO)
  - Mission: provide safe, compliant, and efficient characterization, transportation, and disposal of defense-related transuranic (TRU) waste
  - Shipments: yes
  - Topics: transuranic waste, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), state agreements

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DOE Offices

- **Office of Nuclear Energy** (NE)
  - Mission: Plan for and implement the transportation and interim storage aspects of the Administration’s “Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste and develop a foundation for a new nuclear waste management organization.”
  - Shipments: no
  - Topics: Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation (NFST) Planning Project, financial assistance (180c), routing, transportation plan, consent-based siting
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)
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. Since its inception in 1988, the project has helped state governments in the Midwest learn about and provide input to the DOE’s plans for shipping radioactive materials through the region. The cooperative agreement has also enabled states on the shipping routes to receive financial assistance from the DOE in order to prepare for shipments. For more information, contact CSG Midwest.

MRMTP

MRMTP Public Information and Resources

www.csgmidwest.org/ MRMTP/ default.aspx
Project

- Federal partners
  - 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)
- Tribal partners
  - Oneida Nation (Wisconsin)
  - Prairie Island Indian Community (Minnesota)
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