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Welcome and Introductions

Kelly Horn (Illinois) welcomed members and thanked them for attending. He explained that, due to travel-related problems, Tiffany Drake (Missouri) and Mike Snee (Ohio) were no longer able to attend the meeting and committee co-chair Laura Dresen (Indiana) would be late. Mr. Horn presided over the meeting in Ms. Dresen's absence. He announced that Jon Schwarz (Nebraska) was appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts and will continue serving as the state's representative on the committee.

Mr. Horn then briefly reviewed the agenda and explained that the Department of Energy (DOE) folks would not be giving formal presentations, but would instead give committee members the opportunity to ask questions. He encouraged people to think of questions ahead of time.

He circulated the attendance list and asked members to make sure their contact information was correct. The committee decided to add cell phone numbers so they can be reached while they're out of the office. Mr. Horn suggested collecting emergency contacts, as well, in case a member has a medical problem during the meeting. Lisa Janairo (CSG Midwest) said she would mention gathering mobile phone numbers during the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) Planning Committee debrief, but also encouraged the committee to note it in their post-meeting evaluation.

Mr. Horn began the introductions, followed by the rest of the members and individuals present at the meeting. Barry Miles of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) told members about an upcoming emergency response exercise using the new M-290 spent fuel shipping container. He said the exercise would be held on September 17 in Hawk Springs, Wyoming and added that anyone who is interested in attending should contact Ms. Janairo, who has his contact information. Mr. Miles said if a state is interested in hosting a similar exercise, to contact him or Mark Salamon (NNPP). The next exercise is tentatively planned for 2017 in upstate New York, but 2019 is fairly open. Mr. Horn suggested the committee discuss hosting a multistate exercise at the Fall Meeting. Mr. Miles said NNPP shipments are national security shipments, therefore the schedules are classified (no advance notification given). He said they use exercises as a way to introduce themselves to state and local emergency responders. Ms. Janairo asked if states are aware of which routes are commonly used for NNPP shipments. Mr. Miles said yes. Ms. Janairo clarified that the reason she was asking is because Ms. Drake had questions about non-NNPP shipments coming from Oak Ridge National Laboratory and was told no information would be shared because they were classified shipments.

Report from the Co-Chairs

Mr. Horn talked about the work the Midwest does on the NTSF wiki site, which all members have the opportunity to join. Ms. Janairo said at next year's NTSF meeting it would be a good idea to have an exhibit dedicated to helping people get on the wiki site. Mr. Horn also mentioned the group's participation on webinars and ad hoc working groups (AHWGs). Major Evans questioned the purpose of the AHWGs if they're only focused on one thing. Ms. Janairo responded that this was done because, in the past, when groups had numerous tasks they were dragged out. She said the new way allows a group to have one to three items to complete and then it can disband. She added that the NTSF Planning Committee is trying to write a management plan to give guidance to the people who run the AHWGs. Major Evans suggested the

AHWGs need to address whatever project is identified and move on. Ms. Janairo said the committee was giving good comments and there would be time to discuss improvements to the AHWG's. She discussed the importance of communication between AHWG co-chairs and group members and suggested the committee discuss ways to make the AHWG's work better for the states. She said she wants to make sure the AHWG's don't require too much time and are a good use of time for committee members, especially since members are donating their time.

Mr. Horn explained that the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) would be doing a lot of work on consent-based siting so as a result the committee will probably create a committee work group to focus on that, and possibly offer a series of webinars on the topic. He said it would be a good idea to have the committee organize a work group to develop ways to get legislative officials engaged in the committee and in NTSF meetings.

Project Update

Ms. Janairo gave highlights from the Project Update, which was given to members in a handout. She said the Transportation Project is still in good shape with funding. She reported last committee meeting that the region would be receiving a \$50,000 cut from DOE-NE so they could begin funding the tribes. This has happened, but it hasn't really had an impact on the committee.

Ms. Janairo introduced the committee members to Katelyn Tye, who joined the CSG Midwest staff in February. She said Ms. Tye is maintaining the NTSF and regional group's wiki sites, writing the monthly Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee newsletters, and took the lead on producing the 2015 edition of the *Planning Guide for Shipments of Radioactive Material through the Midwestern States*. The *Planning Guide* was being distributed at the NTSF meeting as well as through the mail the week of May 11.

Ms. Janairo said several state legislators had been recommended by legislative caucus leaders to serve on the committee. She will be getting official appointments from North Dakota Senator Tim Flakoll, the current chair of CSG's Midwestern Legislative Conference, and hopes to have those in time for the new members to attend the fall committee meeting.

In regards to transportation planning/the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), Ms. Janairo mentioned that at the NTSF Tribal Caucus meeting in January, James Mason of the DOE-Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) approached her and Chris Wells (Southern States Energy Board) about collaborating on a "readiness assessment" for the states that get WIPP funding. She said she told Mr. Mason that sounded like a good idea and the Midwest would like to participate, but she made it clear that the Midwestern states' programs are different due to the limited number of shipments compared to states like Texas. She said the committee could talk to Mr. Mason more about it when he visited the group later in the meeting.

Kevin Leuer (Minnesota) asked to go back to the discussion about engaging legislators and wondered if now was the best time to start because of the high rate of turnover and the lack of shipping activity. Ms. Janairo said that was an excellent point and that was the primary reason there aren't any legislators on the committee now. She thought Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska could be possibilities because of WIPP shipments. She said she hoped the committee could talk later in the meeting about a different approach to engaging Midwest legislators in the committee's activities. She added that she knows the senators from Michigan are interested in the issue of radioactive waste because they have, through the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, requested a letter of opposition to the WIPP-like facility that may be built on the shore of Lake Huron in Canada. Now that the letter is circulating to the rest of the Midwest states (Minnesota has

signed on, Wisconsin is the chair of the caucus), other legislators are starting to pay attention and those states could be good recruiting ground. Ms. Janairo said she'd like to talk about ways to involve legislators that don't take up their time with meetings, but maybe have webinars or a facility tour. Mr. Horn said he thinks there's interest in the Bakken crude oil and that Illinois just had a shipment derail close to the Mississippi River so those legislators have a heightened sense of awareness of the issues surrounding the transport of hazardous materials. Mr. Schwarz said the same situation is happening in Nebraska. Major Evans said he's never been contacted by a legislator regarding WIPP shipments.

Report on DOE-NE Core Group Meeting

Ms. Janairo described the DOE-NE Transportation Core Group, which met in March in Washington, DC. She said representatives from the regional committees, regional staff, and the tribal caucus make up the group. She explained the group is supposed to meet twice a year to go over what's happening, coordinate plans, and give feedback to DOE. She said since Jeff Williams (DOE-NE) retired at the end of December, Melissa Bates (DOE-NE) has taken over as the acting director of the transportation project. Ms. Janairo said Ms. Bates and Erica Bickford (DOE-NE) ran the meeting and opened by saying they wanted to "reset" the cooperative working relationship the states and tribes have with DOE-NE, which was a huge positive. Ms. Janairo added that the group discussed the frustration the regional groups and tribes feel about not being able to get documents from DOE-NE. She said Ms. Bates told the Core Group the requested documents were with General Counsel and she'd asked them to expedite the process of getting them approved for release, however none of the documents had been released since the Core Group meeting. Ms. Janairo also told the committee that, in conjunction with the Core Group meeting, a subgroup worked on a paper to define what consultation and cooperation looks like between states, tribes, and DOE. She said the next Core Group meeting will be August 11-12 in Boston. Mr. Horn said he would do his best to attend.

NTSF-Related Reports

Mr. Horn told the committee that five of the seven active NTSF AHWGs would be meeting later in the afternoon and asked members to please attend if they are the Midwest's designee.

Planning Committee

Teri Engelhart (Wisconsin) said the committee had a conference call every couple weeks and they worked through the process of getting speakers lined up, scheduling the conference, and planning extracurricular activities in the evenings. She said members had the opportunity to give their suggestions and keep updated on the process. She explained that she and Ms. Dresen started representing the Midwest on the Planning Committee in July 2014. Ms. Engelhart relayed some meeting logistics issues the Planning Committee had discussed the day before and announced that next year's meeting would be June 7-9 in Orlando, Florida. She then encouraged committee members to consider serving on next year's Planning Committee. Ms. Janairo explained that membership on the Planning Committee typically rotates around the region and the job entails sitting in on the conference calls and, in addition to planning the meeting, overseeing the AHWGs and webinars.

Management Plan Ad Hoc Working Group

Ms. Janairo said the group has had four conference calls and is writing a handbook for how to be an active participant of the NTSF. She said the handbook will have recommendations for the Planning Committee, the annual meeting host region, and information about the NTSF wiki site and webinars. She added that she anticipates one of the first webinars after the NTSF meeting will include a short preview of the document.

Information and Communications Ad Hoc Working Group

Ms. Tye said the group is developing materials to help the NTSF communicate internally and externally. She said the external communication they're working on now is a new member's page for the wiki site and the internal document is a low-level waste fact sheet.

Section 180c Implementation Ad Hoc Working Group

Ms. Engelhart said the 180c process was painful, but it was well worth it to help the states understand what they need to do. She added that the START program wasn't as helpful as other geographic information systems (GIS) would have been (e.g., the Department of Homeland Security's HSIN Gold system). She said she used her own state's system, but is going to START training in case it was a user issue. Ms. Engelhart then relayed ideas that came up during the workshop. First, she said the group discussed that DOE needs to establish some partnerships with the railroads. Then, she said they also talked about the level to which everyone should be training their first responders. Finally, she discussed next steps, which included providing feedback to states from the merit review panel, possibly having a webinar about START/HSIN Gold capabilities, and making assumption for the training phase of the exercise. She said the second part of the 180c application is due in August.

Mr. Leuer mentioned the Minnesota crude-by-rail study and passed around maps he used for that, which had a half-mile buffer around the route. Mr. Leuer added that there weren't a common set of planning assumptions for the exercise, which was a big lesson learned. He suggested a webinar about shipment concepts, i.e. what does a shipment look like? The committee noted that as something to bring up with the Planning Committee and give to Mr. Wells for the TurningPoint evaluation at the end of the meeting.

TEPP Training Ad Hoc Working Group

Mr. Schwarz said he hopes the group works on enhancing the rail module. Ellen Edge of DOE's Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM) said those issues would be relevant to what the group would be working on in the future. Mr. Schwarz added that he'd like the group to review Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT) to make sure it's up-to-date and helpful for the people who are using it. He said they like the MERRTT course in Nebraska a lot. Ms. Edge agreed that it needs to be constantly reviewed and that the group relies on NTSF for input on that. She encouraged members to let her know if they're aware of any holes in the program.

Transportation Planning Ad Hoc Working Group

Ms. Engelhart said she hadn't heard anything from the group in a while, but they did have a conference call on April 21. She said on the call Mike Reim (DOE-NE) was introduced as the new lead for the AHWG and they went over the timeline and gave the group a "restart." She said they'd be meeting later that afternoon.

Discussion: State and Tribal Transportation Consultation and Cooperation

Ms. Janairo said she pretty much covered all she had to say in her Core Group update.

Discussion: Spent Fuel Rail/Routing Issues

Mr. Horn said it's been a fairly inactive group. Ms. Janairo said, just to be fair, the group has been inactive largely because its formation was slow for reasons like lack of available DOE staff time. Mr. Horn referenced a handout the group had with results from a survey that ranked rail/route topics by priority. There was discussion, initiated by Mr. Horn, about AHWG meetings being specified as "for members and invited guests" on the NTSF agenda.

Meet with Melissa Bates, Acting Director, DOE Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project

Ms. Bates opened by telling committee members that DOE values the relationship they have with the states and that the committee will be a significant resource to DOE when it comes to consent-based siting. She said she is working on getting requested documents approved for release by General Counsel and is slowly making progress. She discussed next steps after Secretary Moniz's March 24 announcement about a separate repository for high-level waste (HLW) and said the state regional groups will all be "a vital contributor to that work." Mr. Horn commented on a session on siting at a Waste Management conference and asked how anyone could volunteer to host a facility without knowing the technical impacts. Ms. Bates responded that DOE was working on a generic design and topical safety analysis report with the hope that these items would help DOE get information to prospective communities. She added that DOE is working on its response to the GAO report that recommended a "coordinated outreach strategy," which will help with consent-based siting, too.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Update

Carlisle Smith (CVSA) said that there haven't been any shipments to WIPP recently, but training still continues and the CVSA cooperative agreement with DOE is healthy. He said they've had four Level VI classes this fiscal year with another coming up in Illinois in June. He told the states if anyone wants to host a class in FY 16 to let him know. He said he recently had to decertify two states in the South who didn't keep up with their training. He mentioned they are working with Canadian Nuclear Labs and Canada's Ministry of Transportation on classes in connection with a planned shipping campaign from Canada's Chalk River Laboratory to DOE's Savannah River Site in South Carolina (these shipments will not affect the Midwest). He said CVSA and DOE will begin working on their next 5-year cooperative agreement this summer.

Report on Waste Management 2015

Mr. Horn had attended the Waste Management Conference in Phoenix. He recommended that other states consider attending in the future. Mr. Horn said there had been a lot of discussion about consent-based siting, and he specifically cited a paper written in 1993 called "Facility Siting Credo" about how to engage stakeholders in siting a facility that is controversial (i.e. landfill, low-level waste repository). He asked Ms. Janairo to send a link to the paper when she transmitted the meeting minutes and other materials to attendees.

State Roundtable (Pt. 1)

Illinois

Mr. Horn said with WIPP being shut down they have no shipments out of Argonne National Laboratory, but they still have quite a few domestic and foreign Highway Route Controlled Quantity (HRCQ) shipments. He said Illinois also has a sprinkling of spent fuel shipments, mainly out of Missouri. He gave an update on Zion Nuclear Power Plant, which is still on schedule for decommissioning. He said the facility is completely defueled, including the Greater-Than-Class-C (GTCC) waste. He said that Illinois is still seeing shipments of low-level waste (LLW) going various places around the United States and added that Illinois tracks every LLW shipment going out of the state. He added they are still seeing shipments out of other plants, but not as much as from Zion. He told the committee about a CVSA Level VI peer review they had – Mr. Smith said that Illinois had done well. Mr. Smith said CVSA is offering peer reviews to states that would like one and told members to contact him if they were interested.

Indiana

Kaci Studer (Indiana) said not a whole lot has changed, as far as shipments go. She asked committee

members if anyone has information on decommissioning to please send it to her and Ms. Dresen. Mr. Horn told her to give him a call.

Iowa

Major Evans said Iowa would be sending one individual to a CVSA Level VI training the following week in Michigan. He said the Iowa DOT is also in the process of expanding their hazardous materials enforcement section. He explained that people hired into those positions will have to go through Level VI training. Major Evans said that while there is a lull in shipments, they are emphasizing training. He said they are getting a lot of media inquiries about hazmat shipments in the state of Iowa so they will also be expanding their educational/public information officer efforts.

Michigan

John Holder (Michigan) said they would be hosting the CVSA Level VI training the following week. He said every shipment of Cobalt-60 entering the state from Canada undergoes a Level VI inspection by Michigan inspectors.

Minnesota

Mr. Leuer discussed the importance of training, education, and outreach, which he was seeing first hand because of the bird flu outbreak in Minnesota. He related that situation to the movement of radioactive waste and said it was important to reach the public before they make an opinion on the severity of the issue. The committee members agreed that was a great point. Mr. Leuer also mentioned that the NRC is, through rulemaking, proposing to adopt a metric system that would change all of the values on their radiation equipment and their training curriculum. Minnesota is trying to influence the rulemaking process and Mr. Leuer was hopeful they can stop it from being adopted. He said on the transportation front they are seeing HRCQ shipments and are deciding whether to continue with their current notification process or expand it. On the topic of rail transportation, he said Minnesota's legislature passed a bill last year that required them to implement a rail shipment preparedness program for Bakken oil shipments. In response, his agency conducted a \$200 million survey of first responders/emergency management throughout Minnesota to identify what type of training they wanted from the state. Mr. Horn asked if those results were published and if he could share them with the group. Mr. Leuer said they have hazmat teams going out to train first responders and that it's been a very positive experience. He said they provided local jurisdictions with a map of the zones they'd be responsible for in the case of a shipping accident. Ms. Janairo asked for a copy of the map to include in the meeting notes. Mr. Leuer said he would provide the information requested.

Meet with Representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Mr. Horn welcomed David Pstrak (Division of Spent Fuel Management, NRC) to the meeting and introduced Tony Hsia (Deputy Director, Division of Spent Fuel Management, NRC), Gerry Jackson (Nuclear Security Incident Response Office, NRC), and Stuart Easson (Tribal Liaison Office, NRC) who stopped by to meet committee members and answer any questions the states might have. Mr. Hsia told committee members his goal was to emphasize the importance of communication between the NRC and the regional groups and tribes. He asked for insight and feedback from the group on how they can achieve the safe storage and transportation of spent nuclear fuel. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Easson also discussed their roles in the NRC. Mr. Easson said no tribes have yet completed the steps needed to receive notification of shipments. Mr. Horn asked what the topics of discussion in the NRC breakout would be. Mr. Pstrak said they would discuss aging management for stored fuel, high burnup fuel, decommissioned reactor sites, and the transition from active storage to transportation. There was a brief discussion about the status of Yucca Mountain and Mr. Hsia said that, unless Congress acts, the only thing left under NRC control was to complete an

environmental impact statement. He emphasized that the decision to open the repository ultimately lies with Congress, which is in charge of funding the project. Mr. Horn thanked Mr. Pstrak for his time.

State Roundtable (Pt. 2)

Nebraska

Mr. Schwarz said Nebraska doesn't have much going on as far as transportation is concerned. He told members they have Level VI training in Nebraska in the middle of June. He also discussed a type of training for nuclear plants to prepare for a beyond-design disaster, like Fukushima, where emergency responders and equipment to keep the plant running would have to come from out-of-state. Mr. Schwarz told committee members about a three-day risk communications workshop that Nebraska is hosting in June featuring Dr. Ron Edmund from Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. He added that the Nebraska legislature has shown a lot of interest in Bakken crude oil shipments, specifically the lack of notice when shipments come through their districts.

Wisconsin

Ms. Engelhart said Wisconsin has had all the same shipments that Mr. Leuer discussed for Minnesota. She said the state patrol and civil support team has gotten good practice with escorting HRCQ shipments. She added the state is also dealing with crude-by-rail shipments. Ms. Engelhart told committee members that Wisconsin would be holding a training exercise on emergency management of radiation accident victims in June.

Discussion (continued): Consultation & Cooperation, Section 180 (c), Rail/Routing Issues

Mel Massaro of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) spoke up about the mention of states not knowing what/when crude oil was coming through their towns. He said the U.S. DOT emergency order requires the carriers (trains) to provide routing information to the state's emergency management agency, but that it's considered proprietary information that can't be publicly released. There was discussion among committee members about an overlap in different emergency orders that had different requirements. Ms. Janairo suggested that reporting requirements might be a good topic for a webinar.

Meet with Representatives of the DOE-EM Office of Packaging and Transportation and DOE Carlsbad Field Office (DOE-CBFO)

Mr. Horn welcomed Mike Wangler (DOE-EM), Mr. Mason, and Andy Walker (DOE-CBFO) to the meeting. Mr. Mason gave a brief update on recovery efforts at the WIPP site. He said the schedule is still holding tight, but they are trying to define it a little better. He said there will be no scheduled shipments through 2015, but DOE is hopeful they'll start placing waste again in 2016. If they do, it will be limited to housekeeping like the waste that was sitting on the surface when the incident occurred and wasn't able to be placed in the mine. Also in the latter part of 2016, they will be looking at what to do with waste taken to Waste Control Specialists (WCS). Mr. Mason added that in 2017, he hopes they will begin doing about five shipments a week. He said that would last around four to five months before they need to shut down the waste hoist for testing (this could take up to eight months). He said in 2018, they could see around ten trips a week and 15+ trips a week by 2019, but they might not ever be able to ship at the rate they used to (35 shipments/week). He anticipates a renewed emphasis on training in the months leading up to the resumption of shipments.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Mason and Mr. Walker if it would be possible to get a WIPP truck demonstration at the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee's November meeting in Iowa. Mr. Walker said that would work and they're looking for opportunities like that for the drivers to get the trucks out and practice their skills. Mr. Mason added that there hasn't been much public exposure to the trucks and it

would also be good for inspectors to demonstrate their proficiencies. He said he wants to make sure that the public is ready when shipments start rolling again.

Mr. Horn said the group had been hearing conflicting reports about legislative tours of the WIPP site and asked what the status was. Mr. Mason said they originally did not think they would be able to have tours, but now it's been determined that a good chunk of the mine is uncontaminated. He told Mr. Horn to get him the information about any requests for CBFO support for the committee meeting or other activities (e.g., tours).

Ms. Janairo asked if there would still be efforts to assess the states' readiness in regards to resumption of shipments. Mr. Mason answered that they would not be assessing because they didn't have a standard/matrix to assess against and that he had planned to discuss that with the state regional group coordinators (Ms. Janairo, Mr. Wells, Chris Scolari, and Uldis Vanags). He said CBFO would still be going out to the states to create a blueprint of the methodologies used in the states and regions and then have the regional group coordinators identify best practices. He added that, through this process, they may be able to generate documents about the general needs of states (i.e. funding, programming). Ms. Janairo said she hopes the blueprinting would present the opportunity to produce some kind of guidance for the states, so they know what they can do with funding and what would be eligible expenses. She mentioned that this was a recommendation from one of the first NTSF ad hoc working groups regarding financial guidance. Mr. Mason said it would nice to have something like the 180c program.

Kristen Ellis (DOE-EM) introduced herself to the committee members. Ms. Ellis said that she thinks the overlap between what her office does and what the NTSF does could use additional discussion. She said the intergovernmental office and management give a yearly overview of their budget and activities and offered to include the MRMTC members in that briefing. She said she thought it would be helpful to look at how both groups (DOE and NTSF) are sharing information. She then introduced Elizabeth Schmitt, who also works in the Intergovernmental and Community Activities office within DOE-EM.

Ms. Janairo asked Ms. Ellis how someone could get added to the distribution list for things like the yearly call with management. Ms. Ellis said she would get Ms. Janairo's contact information for that. She added that the office is set up with cooperative agreements with organizations like the National Governors' Association, Association of Attorneys General, and the National Conference of State Legislatures and aren't yet sharing their information beyond those groups, but would be happy to start with the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee. Ms. Ellis said their next Intergovernmental annual meeting hasn't been scheduled yet, but is usually in October or November.

There was discussion about a shipping campaign from Oak Ridge National Laboratory to the Nevada National Security Site. DOE had mentioned the campaign to the states in the past, but the shipments did not appear in DOE-EM's latest Prospective Shipment Report (PSR). Ms. Janairo said Ms. Drake from Missouri had asked her for information on the shipments after reading about them online in a blog related to Oak Ridge National Laboratory. When Ms. Janairo had inquired about the shipments, she learned that they were classified, which explained why they were not posted on the PSR. What wasn't clear was why DOE could not let the states know whether they would be on the route for any of the shipments, all of which would take place by truck. She noted that both the NNPP and the Office of Secure Transportation (OST) share basic information about their classified shipments, including the states that are affected by the routes. Mr. Wangler told Ms. Janairo that if a state wants information about that campaign they should direct their questions to someone at OST.

Committee Business Session Resumes

Fall 2015 Meeting Survey Results/Ideas

Ms. Tye announced the most popular survey choices for date and location of the 2015 Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee meeting were November 4-5 or November 17-18 in the Davenport/Quad Cities area. The committee discussed which dates were preferred and decided on November 17-18. There was then discussion about whether the Quad Cities area was ideal. Ms. Janairo said the idea behind the Quad Cities was to have the meeting along the Illinois/Indiana border and invite elected officials from both states to a tour or WIPP road show. She added, however, that this wasn't necessary and a separate Illinois road show could be arranged. She said the committee should choose based on what they'd like to get out of the meeting. Major Evans suggested the committee hold its meeting in Des Moines and said Indiana DOT's new state-of-the-art transportation center will be open, which the committee could tour and use to hold the road show/Level VI inspection indoors. Mr. Horn said he was okay having a spin-off Illinois road show. The committee decided Des Moines was the best meeting location and Mr. Horn suggested a follow-up conference call with Ms. Dresen, Major Evans, Ms. Janairo, Ms. Tye, and himself to further discuss meeting logistics.

Discussion: Ideas for NTSF Webinars, Working Groups, and 2016 Annual Meeting

Ms. Janairo asked Ms. Dresen if she was still interested in participating in the Planning Committee and she said yes. Ms. Engelhart said she would like to pass her position on to someone else and Sgt. Holder volunteered.

Ms. Janairo asked the committee for suggestions for webinars. She said they had already discussed ones on reporting requirements for shipments, DOE Intergovernmental Activities, and DOE's PSR. Ms. Janairo added that she'd like to suggest the NTSF create an ad hoc working group to review PSRs for three to four months and one to address the best practices Mr. Mason mentioned. Ms. Engelhart said she thought that would be an interesting, useful exercise. Mr. Schwarz suggested a webinar going over the 180c grant process once it's finalized. The committee members thought a more in-depth series on transportation and shipment planning would be good. Ms. Edge said if DOE-NE can get some of their reports approved for release by General Counsel there could be good information for webinars in there. Ms. Janairo asked if anyone was interested in barge shipments. Ms. Edge said barge or modal choices would be a good discussion.

Ms. Janairo gave an overview of the rest of the day's AHWG meetings and the NTSF Newcomers Orientation. She also thanked committee members for providing the information for the 2015 *Planning Guide* update.

Mr. Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.