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**Committee Business Session**

Welcome and Introductions

Senior Co-Chair Kelly Horn (Illinois) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. He acknowledged Minnesota Rep. Pat Garofalo, who was attending his first meeting since being appointed as a legislative member to the committee. Lisa Janairo (CSG Midwest) asked members to check their information on the sign-in sheet for accuracy and make any changes necessary.

Report from the Co-Chairs

Mr. Horn previewed some of the topics that would be discussed during the meeting, including events that occurred since the committee last met in Iowa, a status update on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) recovery, and activities being undertaken by the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) ad hoc working groups (AHWG).

Project Updates

Ms. Janairo gave highlights from the Project Update, which was given to members in a handout. She said the project is in good shape financially and is in the process of finalizing WIPP money for the states of Illinois and Iowa. She said there were some changes in the paperwork requirements this year, but she expected the region to get full funding in FY17, which is the final year of the current five-year agreement with the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

She added that the DOE-Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) is in process of negotiating new cooperative agreements with the state regional groups and NTSF Tribal Caucus, and would be entering a no-cost extension until the money is spent. In the fall, the region will start a new five-year agreement with DOE-NE that will be concurrent with the federal fiscal year. The regions are currently negotiating with DOE-NE what will be in the scope of work and budget for those agreements.

Ms. Janairo mentioned DOE-NE had requested some changes in the new agreement, including asking regions to obtain pre-approval of all regional presentations that are delivered using travel funding from the agreement, and pre-approval for all travel. She said they are in the process of negotiating those two points, which she feels are unnecessarily burdensome. For example, travel is already itemized in the agreement scope of work, so the regions are asking that only travel beyond that be subject to pre-approval. She said she wanted to mention this to committee members because it may affect future travel plans for members, particularly training-related travel.

Ms. Janairo said the committee is still waiting for official appointments to replace Lance Evans (Iowa) and Joe Nadenicek (South Dakota) and she will be following up with the governor's offices in those two states to try and secure appointments before the next committee meeting. In addition, some of the committee's legislative members are term limited and will not be returning, so she will try for new legislative recommendations after the election cycle.

Finally, Ms. Janairo called attention to the online version of the committee's *Planning Guide for Shipments of Radioactive Material through Midwestern States*, which was previewed during the Des Moines meeting. It went live in March and is in a user-friendly FlippingBook format. She said the committee would still do new print editions every other year, but would be heading toward the online version, which is easier to keep up-to-date.

#### Report on DOE-NE Core Group Meeting

Mr. Horn shifted the discussion to the Transportation Core Group meeting hosted by DOE-NE in March in Washington, DC, which he, Teri Engelhart (Wisconsin), and Ms. Janairo attended on behalf of the Midwest. He said there was a lot of discussion about the department's consent-based siting (CBS) initiative and how it will affect transportation of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste (HLRW). He said DOE's Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy John Kotek stopped by the meeting and the group was able to have a productive conversation with him about the CBS plans. He said he felt it was during this meeting that DOE solidified they would hold the first event in Chicago in late March.

Mr. Horn said that the state and tribal representatives were also given the opportunity to suggest what DOE may want to talk to the general public about. For example, they made a point that any talk about siting a storage facility will ultimately raise questions about getting the waste there.

Ms. Janairo added that Heather Westra (Prairie Island Indian Community) suggested the CBS public meetings be held in the evenings so people are able to attend without having taken time off work. She mentioned the positive development that DOE had responded to this suggestion and started scheduling the meetings at night. She said they were also responding to a request from states and Tribes for DOE to develop public informational materials, especially around transportation. Ms. Westra said during the NTSF breakout session on "Tools for Informing States, Tribes, and the Public about Consent-Based Siting," Matt Feldman (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) discussed a database that would eventually have information on every fuel assembly that will be transported. She thought it would help reassure the public that all of the attributes of the fuel are known, but that the information is currently very technical and would need to be put into laymen's terms.

Ms. Janairo also reported that the new paper on Cooperation and Consultation in Transportation Planning had been signed-off on by DOE's General Counsel, but more work needed to be done on the tribal appendix. She said the purpose of the paper is to define what consultation and cooperation between DOE, states, and tribes looks like, and will lay the foundation for how everything else transportation-related will get done (i.e., looking at routes, inspection procedures, the Section 180(c) Program). She said she hopes the paper will be completed soon and on the agenda at the next Core Group meeting.

Another highlight of the meeting, said Mr. Horn, was a unanimous decision to put the NTSF Transportation Planning AHWG on hold until it was needed in the future. He added that a summary of the meeting is available on the NTSF wiki site and said the Midwest would be hosting the next Transportation Core Group meeting in Chicago on August 17-18. Mr. Horn, Ms. Engelhart, Ms. Janairo, and Katelyn Tye (CSG Midwest) will attend the meeting.

Mr. Horn mentioned to committee members that Waste Control Specialists (WCS) submitted their application for a consolidated interim storage facility in West Texas to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the end of April. He said he was disappointed there were no sessions about the two pending license applications (WCS and Holtec/Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance) during the NTSF meeting this week. He briefly recapped the licensing efforts of both WCS and Holtec/ELEA.

Ms. Janairo explained that the second in a two-part webinar series on nuclear waste policy co-hosted by CSG Midwest was planned for July 26 and encouraged committee members to watch. The webinar will feature John Kotek, Betsy Madru (WCS), and John Heaton (ELEA).

Finally, Mr. Horn mentioned that on May 15 the NRC released its final supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) on Yucca Mountain, which found that any impacts to groundwater would be minimal. He hoped that between the final EIS and the two licensing applications, progress was being made toward finding a storage solution for the nation's nuclear waste.

#### NTSF Reports

Mr. Horn said the Midwest is well-represented on all seven NTSF AHWGs and thanked members for their work and dedication to those groups. He then turned the floor over to committee members for updates on AHWG activities.

#### *Planning Committee*

Ms. Engelhart said the NTSF Planning Committee had regularly met via conference call and webinar, starting five or six months ago, to go over the annual meeting planning timeline and agenda. As a Planning Committee member, she was able to recommend speakers and review the meeting agenda. She said the committee was looking for a volunteer to represent the Midwest on the Planning Committee in FY 17.

Mr. Horn told committee members that this is a great opportunity to influence future NTSF meeting agendas. He said it was approximately a 6-month commitment that didn't require a lot of work until closer to meeting. Ms. Janairo agreed that it's a great opportunity to shape the meeting, but added that the committee really oversees *all* NTSF activities, like choosing AHWG topics and overseeing NTSF webinars. She said another great way to shape the meeting is to respond to the post-meeting electronic evaluation and encouraged members to do so. The Midwest will host the NTSF Annual Meeting in 2018.

Ms. Janairo said she confirmed with Laura Dresen (Indiana) that she would like to continue on the Planning Committee, but since Ms. Engelhart is tasked with many other NTSF activities, the committee

needs a second volunteer. No one volunteered immediately. Ms. Janairo emphasized that a new volunteer had to be chosen by the end of the meeting so he or she can participate on the Planning Committee debriefing call in July.

*Information and Communications Ad Hoc Working Group*

Ms. Tye recapped the activities undertaken by the Information and Communications AHWG, including sending out the inaugural edition of the NTSF Newsletter. The AHWG is also working on a low-level waste fact sheet that will be distributed to local first responders and emergency management officials, and a subgroup was developed to review key messages and fact sheets released by DOE-NE.

*Management Plan Ad Hoc Working Group*

Ms. Janairo described the NTSF Management Plan, which has taken a surprisingly long time to write. She said the group had a draft nearly nailed down and then there was new discussion about some of the Tribal sections. She hoped the Tribal Caucus was able to discuss the Management Plan at their meeting earlier that week, so the AHWG could finalize it for the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference to use while planning next year's NTSF meeting.

*Section 180(c) Implementation Ad Hoc Working Group*

Ms. Studer said the Section 180(c) Exercise participants met on March 3 and 4 in D.C. to present their mock 180(c) applications to DOE-NE and discuss lessons learned from the exercise. She said each participant also had quick meetings with the exercise's Mock Merit Review Panel, but the time wasn't sufficient so they set up longer meetings to take place at the NTSF meeting that week. She added that the Section 180(c) AHWG also determined six work priorities, which included developing a fact sheet for state and tribal government management, designing a grant template, revisiting the funding formula, and providing input in the development of training modules.

Kevin Leuer (Minnesota), who was on Mock Merit Review Panel, complimented the states that participated in the exercise because it required a lot of work. He felt that the grant process and level of detail required was administratively burdensome on states, especially given the grants were non-competitive. He said something that made the exercise especially difficult was that DOE did not provide a concept of shipment operations (i.e., what security/escorts/emergency response would be provided by DOE versus what would the state need to provide). Overall, though, Mr. Leuer said he thought the exercise was extremely beneficial and felt DOE would use the input received. There was additional discussion about the need for a single grant, a grant template, and for more guidance on what are considered allowable costs under the grant. Ms. Janairo brought up the grant versus cooperative agreement discussion that had been reinitiated by DOE-NE staff even though the states had decided they preferred a grant format. She wondered whether a 180(c) cooperative agreement would have the same requirements as the region's new cooperative agreement with DOE-NE, in which the department wanted to include approval of travel and papers.

*Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan (TEPP) Training Ad Hoc Working Group*

Jon Schwarz (Nebraska) said the TEPP Training AHWG got to see one of the revised MERRT videos that morning. He said DOE hoped to have the final comments on the training videos, modules, PDF and

PowerPoints by July, and have an updated MERRTT course out by September. They were also looking at creating new packaging and exercise questions, and are thinking in the future about providing additional resources (i.e., list of supplies needed in hot zones, how to take smears, package accountability).

Tiffany Drake (Missouri) added that they want to add a module about how to suit up, which they hadn't actually been doing during training. Ellen Edge (DOE-Office of Environmental Management) added that they will also be asking for input, through Mr. Schwarz and Ms. Drake, on a new 180(c) module that will allow first responders be considered by states as "180(c)-trained." Kevin Blackwell (Federal Railroad Administration) asked if they would be updating the rail module to include the modern technology available, like mobile phone apps. Ms. Edge said they would be getting input on the model from industry experts.

#### *Transportation Practices Ad Hoc Working Group*

Ms. Janairo said the Transportation Practices AHWG has finished its task of providing input on the transformation of the old DOE Radioactive Materials Transportation Practices Manual into an attachment to the DOE order on transportation. DOE is reviewing and incorporating the group's input and the AHWG is now waiting for the final product to be made available.

#### *Spent Nuclear Fuel Rail/Routing Ad Hoc Working Group*

Mike Stead (Illinois) said the SNF Rail/Routing AHWG is taking the lead on developing reciprocal rail inspections and are seeing if the NRC's inspection team can help by doing inspections when packages leave the facilities. He added that they will be following up with the FRA on how to develop inspections for shipments en route, but they may want to wait until after a new FRA administrator is appointed or current administrator Sarah Feinberg is reappointed. He said during the AHWG's meeting that morning, Ms. Janairo suggested, and the group agreed to, moving forward with route selection because of the interest expressed during the recent consent-based siting meetings. Ms. Janairo would lead that effort. Mr. Stead also had an action item to take the FRA derailment data and put it into white paper format.

#### U.S. Department of Energy Program Updates

##### *Carlsbad Field Office (DOE-CBFO)*

Mr. Horn introduced DOE-CBFO Director of Business Operations Bill Mackie, who said he was there to answer any questions the committee had about Carlsbad. Mr. Leuer asked when WIPP shipments would begin again. Mr. Mackie described the process WIPP is currently going through to become recertified to accept waste, and said DOE-CBFO Manager Todd Schrader will need to sign-off before shipments could resume. He added that it looks like that could happen in mid-December, but he can't be sure.

Mr. Horn asked how WIPP will determine who they collect waste from first. Mr. Mackie answered that they will start with the waste that's on-site in the waste handling building, then the National Transuranic Waste Program Corporate Board will decide what generator site to ship waste from first. He added that he doesn't think the Midwest will be impacted by shipments right away, because Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Idaho National Laboratory, and the Savannah River Site have the highest priorities. Mr. Mackie said the

CBFO could hold WIPP Road Shows along the Midwestern route, at the states' request, before shipments resume.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Mackie to explain what a shielded container is. Mr. Mackie said it is remote-handled (RH) waste inside a shielded container that's placed inside a half-pack, similar to the way contact-handled (CH) waste is shipped. He said Argonne National Laboratory has expressed interest in procuring these containers for their low-level and mixed-level waste. He said added that RH waste in a shielded container could then be placed on the floor at WIPP rather than in the horizontal boreholes currently used for RH waste disposal.

Mr. Leuer asked why respirators and personal protective equipment was going to be necessary for mine workers. Mr. Mackie said that after the February 14 radiation release, WIPP became a contaminated mine and will be considered a contaminated mine from now on.

Mr. Horn asked if they could speak more about what preparations would occur on along WIPP transportation corridors once they're accepting waste. Andy Walker (DOE-CBFO) said they'd like to make one public awareness stop in each state, with a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Level VI and federal inspector.

Mr. Horn asked DOE-CBFO Institutional Affairs Manager James Mason to introduce himself. Mr. Mason said they are working on cooperative agreements and because of changes to financial oversight they would be asking more questions of grant recipients. He said he wanted to get together with the state regional group coordinators to find a template that is acceptable for all.

Mr. Horn asked if there would be guidance provided on the budget justification document that was sent out to states that receive WIPP money. Mr. Mason said he wanted to work on one. Mr. Horn asked if they could schedule a call to go over the budget justification and Mr. Mason said yes, if it included the state regional group coordinators. Mr. Mackie added that his contracting officers had said that the states' statement of works and the money they're putting into it don't always match, which raises questions. He said they are working on a standardized format.

Mr. Mason introduced two members of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Secure Transportation, John Bobst and Dean Schrader, who were looking to enhance their outreach to the state regional groups. Mr. Horn asked if they'd be interested in coming to committee's fall meeting and they indicated they would be.

*Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (DOE-TEPP)*

Mr. Horn introduced Mark Linsley (DOE-TEPP) who said there has been very little TEPP training in Midwestern states. He said DOE offers free radiological response training along shipment routes (WIPP, National Nuclear Security Site, etc.) and described the training.

Mr. Horn asked if a state is going to use specifically WIPP funding to pay for training, who they should contact. Mr. Linsley said WIPP states should plan training through WIPP and those with other DOE routes should go through the DOE Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM). He offered to come out to states individually to discuss the training options and there was discussion among committee members about training. Mr. Linsley said classes could accommodate between 15 and 50 people (30 or more would require a third trainer to be sent).

*DOE-Office of Environmental Management*

Mike Wangler (DOE-EM) introduced a new colleague, Demitrous Blount (DOE-EM). Mr. Wangler said Mr. Blount would be getting more involved in the NTSF and would eventually become the face of the organization.

*DOE-Office of Nuclear Energy*

Mr. Horn introduced Andy Griffith (DOE-NE) who was attending his first NTSF annual meeting. He said the goal of the consent-based siting initiative and integrated waste management system is to make progress toward solving the nation's nuclear waste problem. He thanked the committee members for their help in the effort.

Mr. Horn asked for recaps of the consent-based siting meetings, including what the Department had been hearing, what common themes were arising, and what an end product might look like. Mr. Griffith said they had been clearly hearing a lot of distrust of the federal government in general and DOE in particular. He added they realize this task belongs in a separate entity from DOE, but getting Congress to act on that isn't something that will happen in the near term so DOE has to take action. He said they're also hearing both anti-nuclear and pro-nuclear sentiments, and the Department's response is that no matter how you feel about nuclear energy, there is an existing waste problem that needs to be solved. He added that there is a lot of speculation about how Yucca Mountain fits into an integrated waste management system, but only time will tell. Finally, he said transportation is a common concern, but waste shipments are interstate commerce and would not be subject to consent. However, they have to acknowledge people's fears and concerns even though he feels most of the transportation concerns they'd been hearing didn't have a technical basis.

Melissa Bates (DOE-NE) said she values the committee members' participation in the consent-based siting initiative and hoped the states could help in alleviating the general public's fears and concerns about transportation, in particular. She said they'd also been hearing a lot about environmental justice and the integrity of shipping canisters. Mr. Griffith added this sentiment was coming mostly from anti-nuclear folks, and a representative of San Onofre Safety had been an especially vocal critic. He said while her arguments about canister designs had been well-articulated, he doesn't think her concerns have a technically-sound basis. He said there seems to be confusion over what is DOE's role in transportation of nuclear waste versus NRC versus the Environmental Protection Agency and other regulatory agencies.

Ms. Bates said they'd also been hearing a desire for regulatory oversight rules for states, and Mr. Griffith said they're being asked to not forget about host communities that are currently storing waste. Ms. Bates

mentioned the upcoming Minneapolis consent-based siting meeting, and said they're hoping to increase awareness and attendance. She offered to provide materials for committee members to distribute.

Mr. Horn asked what the next steps in the initiative would be. Mr. Griffith said the plan is to issue a draft report of the public comments to make sure they heard people correctly and outline the next steps they believe should be taken in the consent-based siting process. He said they hope to finalize the report by December. They'd also like to be able to announce funding opportunities for potential host communities. Mr. Griffith emphasized that this will not follow a typical project management schedule and will require a lot of patience because of the social and political sensitivities.

Ms. Bates mentioned that they're trying to put together a transportation-focused consent-based siting webinar and Ms. Bickford said they'll likely be tapping state and Tribal participants as speakers. Ms. Bates said the webinar will also attempt to address the misinformation that's been heard at the consent-based siting meetings.

### Information on Other Programs

#### *Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)*

Mr. Horn introduced Carlisle Smith (CVSA) who gave a brief rundown of past and upcoming CVSA activities and added they are hoping to publish a data report on 2013-2014 inspections soon. Mr. Smith said they are also going to participate in road shows when WIPP reopens.

Ms. Janairo asked if the data report and peer review would be a good opportunity for a CVSA presentation. Mr. Smith said he thought both will be done by next year and Ms. Janairo said it could make for a good NTSF webinar between now and April.

### **Committee Business Session continues**

#### Other Meetings Attended

Ms. Tye, who attended the Southern States Energy Board's December meeting in New Orleans, said she met the new DOE-EM Office of Packaging and Transportation Director Joanne Lorence and thought it might be a good idea to invite her to the committee's fall meeting.

Ms. Janairo, who went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for the Northeast Task Force meeting, said a notable event was hearing from Betsy Madru (Waste Control Specialists) about the WCS proposal, and Jack Edlow (Edlow International) about transportation safety.

Ms. Janairo also attended the Tribal Caucus meeting in Palm Springs and said it might be interesting for a committee member or two to attend a future meeting of the group, with first priority going to Ms. Engelhart as co-chair (the Tribal Caucus meets in January). She added that it was well-attended, but thought they were still struggling to identify Midwestern tribes other than the Prairie Island Indian Community and Oneida Nation.

Mr. Horn said the Waste Management Conference, which he attended in March, was very heavy on consent-based siting.

#### State Roundtable

Mr. Horn asked that committee members give updates on their states, focusing on consent-based siting, low-level waste transportation, and legislation.

#### *Minnesota*

Mr. Leuer said they are seeing a spike in Nordion highway route controlled quantity shipments coming through the state, despite Wisconsin having fees and escort requirements. He said they are still determining the need for escorts. He added that they're doing a lot of Bakken oil train shipments, which will probably serve as a model for radiological shipments, and so far outreach has been well-received by local first responders, citizen groups, and elected officials in the communities. He said the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Office of Rail Safety has been reinvigorated, which will help their infrastructure as they look at future planning for radiological shipments.

Rep. Garofalo added that, nationwide, there has been pressure for nuclear power plants to decommission early, and that conversation has also started in Minnesota. He clarified that he wasn't implying that anything was closing anytime soon.

#### *North Dakota*

Dale Patrick (North Dakota) said all was quiet and had nothing to report.

#### *Michigan*

Ken Yale (Michigan) said he had nothing to report. Kevin Hogan (Michigan) introduced himself and said he had replaced John Holder with the Michigan State Police, who had been promoted. Mr. Yale mentioned they had received a survey with "politically-charged" questions from the Bipartisan Policy Center, which had recently established a Nuclear Waste Council. Ms. Janairo asked if he could send her a copy.

#### *Illinois*

Mr. Stead had no rail-related issues to report.

#### *Kansas*

David Whitfill (Kansas) said things have been quiet besides a handful of Nordion shipments. The focus is making sure locals are aware of available training for Bakken oil shipments.

#### *Iowa*

Ron Yarkosky (Iowa) said a replacement for Iowa's former gubernatorial-appointee Lance Evans had not yet been made.

### *Missouri*

Ms. Drake said they are doing a MERRT Train-the-Trainer on July 13 and 14, and other states are welcome to come. She said she would forward information about the training to Ms. Janairo. She added that a new Governor will take office in January and was not sure what would happen to her appointment. She also mentioned the state has a few sites going through remediation and are shipping via truck and rail.

### *Indiana*

Ms. Studer said Indiana is seeing increased interest in the Level VI inspection program and is currently up to five inspectors. She added the major goal, now that the 180c Exercise is done, is to revamp the state's plan and draft a revision.

### *Nebraska*

Mr. Schwarz said there had been no radiological shipments, but they are planning for Bakken crude oil shipments. He introduced Tonya Ngotel, Nebraska's emergency response coordinator. Mr. Schwarz added that in seven days the Fort Calhoun board would be taking a vote whether or not to continue to operate. If the board votes to close the plant, there will be approximately two years of decommissioning.

### *Ohio*

Ron Swegheimer (Ohio) said he had nothing to report. Rochelle Batdorf (Ohio) added that they're scheduling a rad specialist and MERRTT courses for next year. Ms. Janairo asked if Ms. Batdorf would send her details about the rad specialist course once it's scheduled.

### *Wisconsin*

Ms. Engelhart said Wisconsin passed a new law that lifted the de facto moratorium on new nuclear plants in the state, and they also enacted an \$1,800 permit fee that requires an escort for any HRCQ shipment. There has been one shipment since the permit went into effect. She also mentioned that Wisconsin is entering into the preventative radiological and nuclear detection program with the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and she can see it tying into the radiological transportation program in the future. Finally, she added that the shutdown Kewaunee Power Station has been moving SNF out of the spent fuel pool into dry cask storage and should have it done by fall.

### *Illinois*

Mr. Horn said Illinois had an odd HRCQ shipment of Cobalt-60 from the Clinton Nuclear Generating Station to California. He added the Zion Nuclear Plant decommissioning continues, and anything shipping to WCS by rail now is Class A. He mentioned that the Government Accountability Office seems very interested in Category 1 and Category 2 material, as defined in NRC's 10 CFR Part 37, and determining if security is tight enough in transit. He said he was asked if all shipments of Category 1 material needed a Level VI inspection, and he told them it was an unfunded mandate on the states.

Regarding legislation, he said a clean energy bill is still sitting in the Illinois House and Senate committees, and Exelon is attached to the bill because it feels it needs further subsidies. He added that Exelon has started the process of shutting down two of its Illinois plants—Clinton and Quad Cities.

### Consent-Based Siting Meetings and Comments

Mr. Horn asked the committee members if they would like to submit a comment on DOE's *Federal Register* Notice on the consent-based siting effort. Mr. Leuer said he was not sure if the committee was positioned to make recommendations on consent-based siting and was concerned about straying from the committee's purpose. Ms. Janairo said she agreed and that, if committee wants to submit comment, it would be best to focus on transportation. She added that the committee could restate the expectations the states have, and Ms. Drake agreed that it could be an opportunity to stress that states want to have a voice in how waste is moved.

Mr. Horn asked if it would be useful to have him, Ms. Janairo, and Ms. Engelhart put together remarks related to transportation and run it past the committee for review. The committee members were supportive of that idea.

### Committee Work Group Assignments

Mr. Horn said he asked Ms. Batdorf if she would be able to take Ms. Engelhart's place on the NTSF Planning Committee. Ms. Batdorf agreed to talk to her management about that and Mr. Schwarz agreed to be back-up, if she cannot get approval.

Ms. Janairo described the Regional Outreach work group and said the committee needs three volunteers to share ideas on how to reach out to state officials. Part of this could include planning a WIPP tour when it's available. She also described the *Planning Guide* Review work group's task and said she would be looking for volunteers later in 2016.

### Fall 2016 Meeting

Ms. Tye announced the preferred location and dates for committee's fall meeting were St. Louis from November 30 to December 1. There were no objections to either. Ms. Drake mentioned the potential for a site visit to see remediation efforts involving large trucks and trains if members are interested. She added that she will try to find a hotel downtown with food within walking distance.

Ms. Janairo mentioned that the Rail/Routing AHWG is interested in piggy-backing their meeting onto the Midwest's again, and the groups could try to visit a St. Louis railyard. The committee members that serve on the AHWG indicated they were supportive of a piggy-backed meeting.

Ms. Janairo reminded members that the fall meeting will include the election for a new committee co-chair.

### Training and Exercises

Mr. Horn said the WIPPTREX that was being planned with Major Evans is on hold. In addition to Major Evan's departure, Illinois' WIPP appropriations were cut by the state, so they can't afford to have the exercise anyway.

#### Ideas for NTSF Webinars, Meetings, Working Groups

Ms. Janairo identified the following webinar ideas: 1) What Does a Shipment Look Like, 2) What Does DOE Response to Accident Look Like, 3) Greater-Than-Class-C EIS, and 4) CVSA data reports.

Regarding ideas for future meetings, Ms. Janairo said Canada's Nuclear Waste Management Organization seemed interested in the NTSF and suggested maybe they could speak next year.

Regarding ideas for working groups, Ms. Janairo referenced the earlier discussion with Mr. Mason about regional groups providing input on guidance for WIPP and said that would technically be a working group.

#### Action Items and Announcements

Ms. Tye reviewed action items and Ms. Janairo made brief announcements regarding plans for the remainder of the NTSF meeting.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Horn thanked members for attending and adjourned the meeting.