

MIDWESTERN RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

COMMITTEE RULES

RULE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee.

RULE II — PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the committee shall be to work cooperatively with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to contribute to the safe, uneventful shipment of radioactive waste and material through the region.

The objectives of the committee shall be to

- develop and/or maintain a general knowledge of radioactive materials transportation issues, initiatives, and activities;
- identify, evaluate, and prioritize all regional public policy issues regarding those radioactive materials transportation activities managed by DOE;
- foster a dialogue with DOE to coordinate on addressing state concerns regarding policy and transportation-related issues, including route identification; transportation plans; coordinated safety and radiological inspections of shipments; and safeguards and security for shipments;
- develop, evaluate, and present regional perspectives and alternatives regarding the resolution of such issues;
- review and comment on DOE policies and documents;
- review and comment on policies, documents, and proposed rules of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation as they may apply to shipments of radioactive waste and material conducted by DOE and other shippers; and
- provide comment and direction to committee staff as requested in connection with all activities of the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project.

RULE III — MEMBERSHIP

Committee membership shall consist of up to 24 representatives from the Midwestern states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin). Committee members shall be appointed as provided herein.

Gubernatorial appointees: Each of the 12 states shall be represented on the committee by a state executive agency official to be appointed by the governor. Each gubernatorial appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the governor or until a new governor takes office. In such an event, committee staff shall seek an appointment from the new governor.

In the event that a gubernatorial appointee is unable to attend a particular committee meeting, the appointee may designate an alternate to attend in his or her place. A gubernatorial appointee may also designate an official alternate to fulfill his or her duties as a committee member.

Legislative appointees: The remaining members of the committee will be state legislators from the Midwestern states appointed by the chairperson of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) of The Council of State Governments. Committee staff shall seek recommendations for legislative appointments

from the legislative leaders in the 12 Midwestern states and from the gubernatorial appointees on the committee. Any legislator recommended by a gubernatorial appointee must receive the endorsement of the appropriate legislative appointing authority of that state prior to being considered for appointment to the committee. The MLC chairperson shall choose the legislative appointees from among these recommendations. To the extent practicable, the MLC chairperson shall strive to maintain a balance of party affiliation and to rotate appointments among the Midwestern states.

In the event that a legislative appointee is unable to attend a particular committee meeting, the committee member may designate an alternate to attend the meeting in his or her place. Notwithstanding this authority, a legislative appointee may not designate an official alternate to fulfill his or her duties as a committee member.

Except as provided herein, legislative appointments shall remain in effect for a period of two years, with the possibility of reappointment pending approval of the legislative leaders from the states in question and the MLC chairperson. Legislative appointments remain valid only if the appointee continues to serve as a member of the legislature. If a legislative committee member fails to attend two meetings in succession and fails to designate an alternate to attend in his or her place, the committee co-chairs shall have the authority to direct committee staff to seek a replacement for the member. The staff shall follow the process described herein to seek a replacement appointment.

Committee liaisons: The committee co-chairs will appoint one gubernatorial appointee and one legislative appointee to serve as liaisons between the committee and the MLC. The liaisons shall have the responsibility of reporting to the MLC on the committee's activities, progress in resolving issues related to DOE's shipments of radioactive waste and material, and the need for legislative action of any kind.

RULE IV — OFFICERS

The officers of the committee shall consist of two co-chairs and an immediate past chair.

Co-chairs: The co-chairs will serve two-year terms, which will be staggered to foster continuity of leadership. Terms begin on January 1 following a co-chair's election and end on December 31 two years after the election.

At the last meeting of the senior co-chair's term, the committee will elect one new co-chair who will become the junior co-chair on January 1 following the meeting. The current junior co-chair will succeed to the position of senior co-chair on January 1.

In the event that the office of co-chair is vacated for any reason, the committee will elect a new co-chair at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting. If the position of senior co-chair is vacated, the junior co-chair will move up to the position of senior co-chair.

The senior co-chair shall preside at all meetings of the committee and shall perform such other duties as may be required by these rules. The junior co-chair shall serve as presiding officer in the absence of the senior co-chair and shall perform such other duties as may be required by these rules. Both co-chairs shall be responsible for signing official committee correspondence and for directing the activities of the committee.

In the event that a state's designated alternate is elected co-chair, that state's gubernatorial appointee shall retain their role as the state's main representative in committee matters, including voting.

Immediate past chair: A senior co-chair who completes his or her two-year term shall succeed to the position of immediate past chair on January 1 following the end of the term. The immediate past chair shall serve for one year or until a new immediate past chair is in place. If the position of immediate past chair is vacated for any reason, the preceding immediate past chair shall return to the position until such time as the current senior co-chair completes his or her term. The immediate past chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of the senior and junior co-chairs, represent the committee at meetings of other groups, and perform such other duties as may be required by these rules or requested by the co-chairs.

RULE V — VOTING

Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all actions on motions, resolutions, or other business of the committee shall be by voice vote of the committee members present or by ballot. In the event that the committee must consider resolutions or other business during the interim between meetings, all actions on such business shall be by ballot, with committee staff responsible for distributing the ballots and tallying the results. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, a simple majority of the votes cast shall determine the matter under consideration. In the event of a vote by ballot during the interim between meetings, the matter under consideration shall be decided when committee staff has received concurring votes from a simple majority of committee members. Voting by ballot may be done on paper or via electronic means as determined by committee staff.

So as to not give any states more voting power than others, only the gubernatorial and legislative appointees shall cast a vote. Designated alternates may only vote if their state's gubernatorial or legislative appointees are not in attendance.

RULE VI — COMMITTEE STAFF

The Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments shall serve as the committee staff. It shall assist the officers of the committee in carrying out the purposes of the committee.

RULE VII — RULES: ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, REPEAL, AND SUSPENSION

The rules of the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any committee meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting. These rules shall not be suspended at any time, except by unanimous consent of the committee.

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