

The Council of State Governments (CSG)
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee (MRMTC)
21 May 2025 1300 - 1730
Las Vegas, NV

1300 – 1315 **Welcome and Introductions**
Ryan Seabaugh

Nineteen individuals present. See posted roster.

1315 - 1335 **Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) Updates**
Daniel Ogg

See posted slide deck

1340 – 1355 **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Program Reports**
Office of Nuclear Energy, *Sara Hogan*

- Including Section 180 (c), Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Rail/Routing, and SNF Communications and Outreach AHWG updates

1355 – 1410 **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Program Reports**
Office of Environmental Management, *Ellen Edge*

- Including Planning Committee AHWG update

There is no discussion of reducing funding or cutting funding for the stakeholders. TEPP training needs approximately 6-months lead time to accommodate the difficulties for local peoples' schedules.

1410 – 1435 **Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) Update**
Mark Linsley

Dealing with radiation is easy. Dealing with contamination is difficult – it can take days or decades.

See posted slide deck.

1435 – 1450 **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Program Reports**
Carlsbad Field Office, *James Mason*

The administration, as far as James can tell, seems supportive of the country's nuclear future. WIPP trainings are available for Midwestern WIPP states. States need provide local people who know how to swing a meter, fire, emergency managers, etc. States get the people into the chairs. WIPP provides the rest.

1450 – 1500 **Break**

1500 - 1525 **Package Performance Project**
Miriam Juckett

See posted slide deck

1525 - 1550 **High Burnup Research Cask Shipment Updates**



Kevin Connolly

See posted slide deck

1550 - 1650

Project Status & the Year Ahead

- Community Analysis AND Readiness Aide (CASSANDRA) Plans
- Regional Tribal Engagement
- Planning Guide 2025
- Communication Strategies
- Fall Meeting 2025
- *Quod Libet*

Melissa Shahzadeh

Efforts are underway to galvanize increased engagement from current MRMTC to support DOE goals. Correspondence is forthcoming in which members will be asked to volunteer for new work groups and position created in furtherance of that goal.

Regional Tribal Engagement work group has been indefinitely suspended pending collaboration with TRMTC on the identification of specific goals.

2025 Fall Meeting will be held in Detroit, Michigan and the agenda will include the Wayne Disposal Inc. situation.

1650 - 1725

Regional Roundtable

All State and Tribal Participants

Kansas: No shipments HRCQ. Half exercise on 03 June. Small scale shipments of isotopes happen once in a while but not with frequency.

Illinois: 1 non-HRCQ, 10 HRCQ, 1 SNF, 0 WIPP, 3 Million curies moved. No violations. 107 LLRW shipments. Hired 3 new staff members. Attended training courses in Albuquerque, NM. No site changes or updates.

Wisconsin: No DOE shipments. 2 level IV inspectors new Two Rivers. No shipments in near future. Recent training was held near Two Rivers.

Ohio: Just completed evaluated exercise for Davis Besse. Two exercises in 2026. Two HRCQ shipments. More than 50 shipments of LSA and SCO shipments across rail from Yankee Vermont. A few violations. A MERRTT course in August 2024, and another one will be hosted. TEPP training in August 2025.

Little Traverse Bay Band: Nothing moving through the territory right now. The NRC annual inspection happened last October 2024, no violations. Holtec took over from Entergy and the change is positive. Traven is now part of the TRANSCOM system. The Tribe would like to see the SNF moved from the shores of Lake Michigan, and the Tribe wants to own the land as it has been historically significant.

Pokagon Band: two power plants, cook and palisades, within the Tribal trust properties. Mission 2030 at the power plant includes placing two SMRs on site.

Nebraska: Hired another person, which makes 3 total, but then the new hire quit. Didn't have significant success conducting MERRTT training due to no interest. When someone is hired in, they will be trained but that hiring is pending. Level VI inspectors are passionate about training for their positions and are engaged.



Michigan: Palisades restart is the biggest story. Greg will be demonstrating every off site response capacity in the next two months. Participated in a 1-week exercise for training. Wayne Disposal situation is having widespread effects throughout the state.

North Dakota: 4 HRCQ and 4 Non-HRCQ and few upcoming. Information is provided to the highway control, and they decide what inspection is required. A few LLRW mostly from the universities and industry waste. NDHRWAC continues to hold biannual meetings surrounding high level radioactive waste. Future nuclear energy is being explored. The state is watching Wyoming. Legislative session just concluded and advanced nuclear energy research is being funded including SMRS. Routine daily TENORM shipments through the state, most going out. Tracked in quarterly reporting requirements.

Iowa: 08 May category 1 from university of Iowa down to Iowa/Missouri border. No incident; however there were two violations – placards and electronic logging device. Held 2 back-to-back full MERRT trainings in December. About 50 people trained. A meeting early next month with DOE office of radiological security; they will provide additional anti-rads and training trailer. Will also provide scenario based training. Conversations are being had for bringing additional training in the state, and coordinate a transportation exercise.

Missouri: This quarter 109 LLRW and 4 HRCQ. About Average.

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Conclusion

Review Action Items

Closing Remarks

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Adjourn



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