



Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project

The Council of State Governments (CSG)
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee (MRMTC)
07 October 2025 | Detroit Metro Airport Marriott
Detroit, Michigan
Limited Agenda Due to Government Shutdown

Tuesday, 07 October

- 0730 – 0830** **Networking Breakfast**
buffet breakfast provided by CSG Midwest
- 0830 – 0840** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 0840 – 1000** **Round Table Discussion: Radioactive Shipments into MI**
- Perspectives on Shipments From:**
- 0840 – 0900** **Michigan House Representative (*in absentia*)**
*Speaker: Mark Paulson & Ryan Seabaugh, co-chairs
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation
Committee*
- 0900 – 0930** **Michigan Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE)**
*Speaker: Jay Paquette, Supervisor, Radioactive
Materials Unit
Michigan Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment*
- 1000 – 1045** **Legislative Perspectives on Nuclear Waste Storage in the Great Lakes Basin**
*Speaker: Jessica Lienhardt, Director
Great Lakes Legislative Conference*
- 1045 – 1100** **Break**
- 1100 – 1130** **Community Analysis and Readiness Aide (CASSANDRA) Updates**
Speaker: Melissa Shahzadeh
- 1130 – 1200** **Midwestern Route Engagement Work Group Discussion**
Speaker: Melissa Shahzadeh
- 1200 – 1300** **Lunch**
*buffet lunch provided by CSG Midwest
working lunch for members of the MREWG*
- 1300 – 1400** **Regional Roundtable**
All committee members, State & Tribal guests
- 1400 - 1420** **Cooperative Agreement Group Reports**
- Tribal Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee (5 min) *Richard Arnold*



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- Southern States Energy Board (5 min) *Chris Wells*
- Western Interstate Energy Board (5 min) *Landry Austin*
- Council of State Governments – East (5 min) *Uldis Vanags*

1420 – 1430 Break

1430 – 1530 Committee Business Session

- Chair’s Report & Project Update (5 min) *Mark Paulson*
- Planning Guide Work Group (15 min) *Melissa Shahzadeh*
- Election of Co-Chair (15 min) *Melissa Shahzadeh*
- Committee Work Group Assignments & Plans (10 min) *Melissa Shahzadeh*
- MRMTC Spring 2026 & Fall 2026 Meeting (10 min) *Melissa Shahzadeh*
- Member Survey (5 min) *Melissa Shahzadeh*

1530 – 1545 Break

1615 - 1630 Conclusion
 Review Action Items
 Closing Remarks

1630 Adjourn for the Day



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October 2025

Melissa Shahzadeh, Project Manager (PM)

Items of Note (Spring 2025 Annual Meeting to Present):

- The MRMTC held its Spring 2025 meeting in Las Vegas, NV in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF). At that meeting, the Regional Tribal Engagement working group was suspended pending more robust collaboration with and engagement from Tribal members who can suggest the direction for a new iteration of the work group.
- CSG Midwest's Community AnalySiS AND Readiness Aide (CASSANDRA) was to be deployed within the state of Illinois in September and October 2025. At the time of this report, PM has conducted one workshop in Joliet, Illinois. PM continues to navigate bureaucracy associated with scheduling workshops in North Chicago, East St. Louis, and Clinton. A final offer to conduct a workshop in North Chicago was sent on 24 September. No response was received. No further offers will be extended.
- The MRMTP launched a new Midwestern Route Engagement Work Group (MREWG) intended to engage with Kansas & Missouri state officials to identify how the committee can support local needs in advance of the 2027 transport of the High Burnup Research Cask (HBURC). Kansas and Missouri are specifically targeted as the focus of the group as 1) the cask is certain to pass through those states, and 2) they are the only Midwestern states through which the cask will travel AND in which the PM will NOT have conducted a CASSANDRA workshop in advance of the shipment. This work group was staffed on 01 September by Melissa Shahzadeh (CSG Midwest), Cheryl Head (Illinois), Greg Gothard (Michigan), and Representative Mark Schreiber (Kansas).
- PM worked with Governor Walz (MN)'s office to identify a new gubernatorial appointee from the state of Minnesota to the MRMTC after the previous appointee left the service of the state. The formal appointment of Robert Hines and his alternate, Patrick McLaughlin, was received from the Governor in July.
- PM met with representatives from Oakridge National Laboratory and Transportation Security Unified Stakeholders Group (TSUSG) on 12 August. Bob Petosky and Adam Wood are new to their work with TSUSG and are in process of identifying areas of mutual interest in which collaboration is both justified and mutually beneficial. The PM is optimistic that such a collaboration will be fruitful for both the MRMTC and TSUSG.
- The PM has begun to generate an excerpted, condensed rendition of the 2002 U.S. Department of Energy's "Final Environmental Impact Statement For a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada." The purpose is to retain the structure and language of the original but in an abbreviated form to achieve greater accessibility for a wider audience. Whilst minor edits are made in the interest of clarity, these renditions should be considered an abridged reproduction of the original and can be used as a textual supplement to the DOE's "[Reader's Guide and Summary](#)." This abridged EIS is being produced in instalments. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Volume 1 are live on the MRMTP resource webpage.

**The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee**

Committee Member Roles in FY2026

<p>Committee Officers and Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preside at all meetings of the committee and perform such other duties as may be required • Sign official committee correspondence • Direct the activities of the committee • Represent the committee at meetings of other groups • Participate in one conference call annually to assess the committee’s work and identify needed changes to approach, funding sources, scope, etc. 	<p>Chairs: Mark Paulson, Wisconsin Ryan Seabaugh, Missouri Immediate Past Chair: Tad Rumas, Ohio</p>
<p>National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planning Committee:</u> Develop annual meeting agenda and oversee meeting planning; oversee the working groups; develop plans for webinars; prioritize issues for new working groups • <u>Ad hoc working groups:</u> Focus on specific issues and associated tasks; contribute ideas to agendas for the NTSF annual meeting and periodic webinars • Participate in conference calls, webinars, and possible meetings; review/write documents 	<p>Planning Committee: Mark Paulson, Wisconsin Ryan Seabaugh, Missouri Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest Section 180(c) Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG): Greg Gothard, Michigan Swapan Saha, Kansas Ryan Seabaugh, Missouri Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Rail Route/Transportation AHWG: Edward Engle, Iowa Brian Vereruyse, Illinois Tad Rumas, Ohio Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) AHWG: Greg Gothard, Michigan Tad Rumas, Ohio SNF Management – Communications and Outreach AHWG: Swapan Saha, Kansas Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest High Burn Up Research Cask (HBURC): Rodney Pitchford, Illinois Tad Rumas, Ohio Courtney Eckstein, Indiana Fernando Flores Carlos, Indiana Cheryl Head, Illinois Swapan Saha, Kansas</p>
<p>Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) Transportation Core Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the committee at one or two meetings per year to learn about recent developments related to the Integrated Waste Management System • Participate in conference calls; review/comment on documents 	<p>Mark Paulson, Wisconsin Ryan Seabaugh, Missouri Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest</p>



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<p>Midwestern Route Engagement Work Group (MREWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This group will engage Kansas & Missouri state officials to identify how the committee can support local needs in advance of the 2027 transport of the High Burnup Research Cask (HBURC). 	<p>Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest Cheryl Head, Illinois Greg Gothard, Michigan Mark Schreiber, Kansas</p>
<p>Planning Guide Work Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This group is convened every other year to review and edit as necessary the MRMTC's Planning Guide for Shipments of Radioactive Materials in the Midwest. 	<p>Melissa Shahzadeh, CSG Midwest David Stradinger, North Dakota</p>

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Committee Leadership: The committee elected its first chair in 1992. In 1994, the committee began electing vice chairs to succeed the chair, with each position having a two-year term. In 2008, the committee changed its leadership structure to have senior and junior co-chairs that serve two-year staggered terms.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Senior co-chair*</u>	<u>Junior co-chair*</u>
2025	Mark Paulson (Wisconsin)	Ryan Seabaugh (Missouri)
2024	Tad Rumas (Ohio)	Mark Paulson (Wisconsin)
2023	Rodney Pitchford (Illinois)	Tad Rumas (Ohio)
2022	Michael Snee (Ohio)	Rodney Pitchford (Illinois)
2021	Tiffany Drake (Missouri)	Michael Snee (Ohio)
2020	Kaci Studer (Indiana)	Tiffany Drake (Missouri)
2019	Greg Gothard (Michigan)	Kaci Studer (Indiana)
2018	Kevin Leuer (Minnesota)	Greg Gothard (Michigan)
2017	Teri Engelhart (Wisconsin)	Kevin Leuer (Minnesota)
2016	Kelly Horn (Illinois)	Teri Engelhart (Wisconsin)
2015	Laura Dresen (Indiana)	Kelly Horn (Illinois)
2014	Jane Beetem (Missouri)	Laura Dresen (Indiana)
2013	Lance Evans (Iowa)	Jane Beetem (Missouri)
2012	Tim Runyon (Illinois)	Lance Evans (Iowa)
2011	Paul Schmidt (Wisconsin)	Tim Runyon (Illinois)
2010	Melanie Rasmusson (Iowa)	Paul Schmidt (Wisconsin)
2009	Kevin Leuer (Minnesota)	Melanie Rasmusson (Iowa)
2008	Jane Beetem (Missouri)	Kevin Leuer (Minnesota)
2007	Robert Owen (Ohio)	Jane Beetem (Missouri)
2006	Robert Owen (Ohio)	Frank Moussa (Kansas)
2005	Thor Strong (Michigan)	Robert Owen (Ohio)
2004	Thor Strong (Michigan)	Robert Owen (Ohio)
2003	Tim Runyon (Illinois)	Thor Strong (Michigan)
2002	Tim Runyon (Illinois)	Thor Strong (Michigan)
2001	Frank Moussa (Kansas)	Tim Runyon (Illinois)
2000	Frank Moussa (Kansas)	Tim Runyon (Illinois)
1999	Don Flater (Iowa)	Frank Moussa (Kansas)
1998	Don Flater (Iowa)	Frank Moussa (Kansas)
1997	David Crose (Indiana)	Don Flater (Iowa)
1996	David Crose (Indiana)	Don Flater (Iowa)
1995	Harold Borchert (Nebraska)	David Crose (Indiana)
1994	Harold Borchert (Nebraska)	David Crose (Indiana)
1993	Harold Borchert (Nebraska)	NA
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Meeting Rotation: The committee holds annual meetings throughout the region. The current plan is for DOE to hold an annual meeting of the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) each spring, with the location rotating among the four regions.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Midwestern location</u>	<u>Other location</u>
2013: Spring		Buffalo, NY (NTSF)
2013: Fall	Kansas City, KS	
2014: Spring	Bloomington, MN (NTSF)	
2014: Fall	Traverse City, MI	
2015: Spring		Albuquerque, NM (NTSF)
2015: Fall	Des Moines, IA	
2016: Spring		Orlando, FL (NTSF)
2016: Fall	St. Louis, MO	
2017: Spring		Pittsburgh, PA (NTSF)
2017: Fall	Cincinnati, OH	
2018: Spring	Omaha, NE (NTSF)	
2018: Fall	Madison, WI	
2019: Spring		Arlington, VA (NTSF)
2019: Fall	Indianapolis, IN	
2020: Spring		Virtual (NTSF)
2020: Fall	Virtual	
2021: Spring		Virtual (NTSF)
2021: Fall	Chicago, IL	
2022: Spring		Philadelphia, PA (NTSF)
2022: Fall	Rapid City, SD	
2023: Spring	St. Louis, MO (NTSF)	
2023: Fall		Carlsbad, NM
2024: Spring		Denver, CO (NTSF)
2024: Fall	Bismarck, ND	
2025: Spring		Las Vegas, NV (NTSF)
2025: Fall	Detroit, MI	