



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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GARY E. JOHNSON
Governor
Betty Rivera
Cabinet Secretary

April 12, 2002



MEMORANDUM

To: Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force
Betty Rivera, EMNRD Secretary & Task Force Chair
Pete K. Rahn, SHTD Secretary
J. Alex Valdez, DOH Secretary
Peter Maggiore, NMED Secretary
Thomas L. English, DPS Secretary
George Chavez, State Fire Marshal
Senator Richard C. Martinez, Advisory Member and
Chair, Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee
Representative John A. Heaton, Advisory Member and
Vice Chair, Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee

From: Anne deLain W. Clark, Task Force Coordinator

Re: **NOTICE OF SCHEDULING A FORMAL MEETING OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE
CONSULTATION TASK FORCE**

Purpose: To Discuss Status of WIPP Accepting RH Waste, Transport of Transuranic Waste by
Rail, and DOE's Request to Modify Port-of-Entry Inspection Protocol

Secretary Rivera has called a formal meeting of the Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force. The meeting is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 in Room 317 of the State Capitol. It will convene from 1:00 PM and adjourn no later than 4:30 PM.

There will be briefings and discussions on: (a) the Department of Energy's request to change the Port-of-Entry inspection protocol for WIPP shipments; (b) the status of WIPP accepting RH waste; and (c) the movement of transuranic waste to WIPP by rail. Copies of the February 8, 2002 letter from DOE and the proposed agenda are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 476-3224. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in making this meeting a success.

cc: David McCumber, Governor's Chief of Staff

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**RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION TASK FORCE
(GOVERNOR'S WIPP TASK FORCE)**

May 21, 2002

**State Capitol Building
Room 317**

AGENDA

- 1:00 PM** **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**
- Betty Rivera, Task Force Chair and Secretary of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
- 1:10 PM** **WELCOMING REMARKS**
- Senator Richard C. Martinez, Advisory Member and Chair of the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee
 - Representative John A. Heaton, Advisory Member and Vice Chair of the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee
- 1:20 PM** **WIPP UPDATE:**
- STATUS OF WIPP ACCEPTING RH WASTE
 - TRANSPORT OF TRANSURANIC WASTE BY RAIL
 - REQUEST TO MODIFY PORT-OF-ENTRY INSPECTION PROTOCOL
 - Dr. Inés Triay, Manager, Department of Energy – Carlsbad Field Office
- 2:00 PM** **CURRENT PORT-OF-ENTRY INSPECTION PROTOCOL**
- Thomas L. English, Secretary, Department of Public Safety
- 2:30 PM** **BRIEFINGS ON: PORT-OF-ENTRY INSPECTION PROTOCOL, RAIL TRANSPORT OF TRANSURANIC WASTE, AND WIPP ACCEPTING RH WASTE**
- Ron Ross, Program Manager, Western Governor's Association
 - Matthew Silva, Director, Environmental Evaluation Group
- 3:15 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM** **PUBLIC COMMENT (Sign up before meeting begins.)**
- 4:00 PM** **OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN TASK FORCE MEMBERS**
- 4:30 PM** **ADJOURN**