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AGENDA

Mid-Year Conference
October 1-4, 1997
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Thursday 10/2/97
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1:25 meet at
Green Steel
office
2:50
Actual Delegation

Wednesday, October 1

- 8:15 a.m. Registration - Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. ECA Board Meeting
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Exhibit Hall Open
- 1:15 - 3:30 p.m. ECA Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Pecos River Boat Tours
- 6:30 p.m. Barbeque Dinner
Entertainment: Country Western Music

WIPP Tours
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Carlsbad Caverns National Park
Tours available throughout the day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 2

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration - Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Address
 - **Introductions/Welcome**
Mayor Gary Perkowski - Carlsbad, New Mexico
Mayor Richard Church, Jr. - Miamisburg, Ohio - President, ECA
 - **Keynote Address**
Avin Alm, DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
- 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Break
Exhibit Hall Open



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**10:00 -
10:45 a.m.**

**Supporting Sustainable Economic Growth in
Southeastern New Mexico**

Moderator: Mayor Gary Perkowski - Carlsbad, New Mexico

Speaker: George Diats, Carlsbad Area Office Manager

**10:45 -
11:45 a.m.**

Update Activities from the Sites

Moderator: Seth Kirshenberg, Executive Director, ECA

Speakers: Robert McDaniel, City Manager, Oak Ridge, TN

Joe King, City Manager, Richland, WA

Mary Harlow, City of Westminster Rocky Flats Coordinator, Westminster, CO

Each ECA conference, several communities provide updates on issues impacting their communities that may also impact several other ECA communities. The speakers will focus on economic diversification, building consensus among several local governments surrounding a site and environmental issues.

**11:45 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.**

Economic Development: DOE Forging New Roads

Moderator: Denise Smith, Council Chair, Los Alamos, NM

*Speaker: Robert DeGrasse Director, U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Worker and Community Transition*

DOE's Office of Worker and Community Transition is working to assist communities surrounding DOE facilities adjust to the changing missions of DOE. Robert DeGrasse will discuss the role of his office and how he plans to work with local governments over the coming year.

**12:30 -
1:45 p.m.**

Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Representative Michael Crapo - Idaho

**2:00 -
3:00 p.m.**

Local Government and DOE Contractors: Time to Work Together

Moderator: Mayor Walter Brown - Oak Ridge, TN

*Speakers: John N. Lindsay, Vice President
Business Development and Community Outreach
Westinghouse Savannah River Company*

*Rich Humphrey, Manager, Construction and Projects Administration
West Valley Nuclear Services Company*

*Daniel B. Carlson, Director, Office of Economic Transition
Fluor Daniel Hanford Company*

*Joe Epstein, General Manager
Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division*

With the changes in facility contracts and the predominance of one contractor within a community for several years, local governments have dealt with varying degrees of contractor/local government partnerships. Some partnerships have been strong, while others need improvement. This session will focus on the unique relationships between DOE contractors and local governments with contractors who work with local governments and who want to improve the existing relationships.

**3:00 -
3:15 p.m.**

**Break
Exhibit hall open**

**3:15 -
4:30 p.m.**

Roundtable Discussion: Property Disposition

Moderator: Samantha Dixon, Councilwoman, Westminster, CO

Speakers: Steve Schlesswohl, DOE Rocky Flats Realty Officer

*Tom Lukow, DOE Rocky Flats Acting Division Director
Asset Managements Division*

*DeAnne Butterfield, Executive Director
Rocky Flats Local Impact Initiative*

As DOE begins to transition some properties to local communities, property transfer mechanisms and processes will evolve. Two property specialists from DOE will discuss the available property transfer mechanisms and negotiation process for local communities to obtain property through a deed or lease. Further, infrastructure issues will also be addressed.

4:30 p.m.

Sessions end. Exhibit Hall Open.

6:00 p.m.

Pecos River Boat Tours

6:30 p.m.

**Dinner Fiesta
Entertainment: Apolo Folkloric Dance Group**

Friday, October 3

**7:30 -
8:00 a.m.**

Continental Breakfast

**8:00 -
8:45 a.m.**

Top Ten Ways to Gain DOE's Attention: Action and Accountability

Moderator: Seth Kirshenber, Executive Director, ECA

*Speaker: Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, President
Governmental Dynamics, Inc.
(former Executive Director of ECA)*

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner will share his experience and insight into working with DOE to ensure that they listen and act upon the concerns and needs of local communities.

**8:45 -
9:30 a.m.**

Keynote Address - Legislation 97

Moderator: Mayor Gary Perkowski, Carlsbad, New Mexico

Speaker: Congressman Joe Skeen

Congressman Skeen will provide ECA members with insight into Congress and the issues impacting DOE communities.

**9:45 -
10:00 a.m. ****

**Break
Exhibit Hall Open**

**10:00 -
11:00 a.m.**

**Base Closure and Lessons Learned:
Learning from Other Local Communities**

*Moderator: James Connell, Project Manager
ICMA Economic Development Department, and
Federal Facility Projects*

*Speakers: Walter Graham, City Manager, Vallejo, California (Retired), Marc
Island Naval Shipyard*

*Mark Rooney, City Manager, Highwood Park, IL -
Fort Sheridan*

Seth Kirshenber, Executive Director, ECA

The goal of the session is to exchange information on economic transition, environmental cleanup and facility reuse with communities impacted by DOE facility-closure. The session is an extension of the ECA/ICMA peer exchange program funded by DOE whose objective is to promote the interaction and sharing of ideas and information between local governments impacted by DOE and DOD downsizing.

**11:00 -
12:00 p.m.**

Transportation Issues: Impacts on Local Communities

Moderator: Judith Holm, DOE - Albuquerque, NM

*Speakers: Secretary Pete Rahn, New Mexico State Highway Transportation
Department*

Pam Brown, City of Richland, Washington

Transportation issues impact local governments around the country. Issues of inter-site and intra-site transfers are areas where local communities would like to play an active role in the decision making. The WIPP site along with other facilities around the country are attempting to ensure all information about the health risks are disseminated while attempting to dispel misinformation about the shipments. The session's speakers will address the various transportation issues.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own).

WIPP Tour Participants:

Box lunches will be provided by Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division.

Tour will depart from the Pecos River Village at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4

Golf -- Tee times and complimentary golf carts available.

Lake Carlsbad Municipal Golf Course

Interested? See Mayor Gary Perkowski, Marilyn Compton or Jill Higgins

** James Woolford, Director of EPA's Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office, could not participate in the conference because EPA's budget for the year is not passed by Congress.