# **FINAL AGENDA**

**63rd WIPP QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING**  
July 30, 1998

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department  
2040 S. Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, NM  
827-5950

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<td>Introduction and Opening Remarks</td>
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<td>C. Wentz, Task Force</td>
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<td>9:40 a.m.</td>
<td>U.S. Department of Energy: Status/Activity Report¹</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>M. McFadden, CAO Acting Manager</td>
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<td>10:10 a.m.</td>
<td>N.M. Environment Department: Status/Activity Report²</td>
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<td>S. Zappe, NMED</td>
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<td>Environmental Evaluation Group: Status/Activity Report</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>N.M. Attorney General’s Office: Status/Activity Report</td>
<td>20 min.</td>
<td>L. Lovejoy, NMAG’s Office</td>
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<td>11:20 a.m.</td>
<td>N.M. Radioactive Waste Task Force: Status/Activity Report</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Mine Stability Evaluation</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>L. Chaturvedi, EEG</td>
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<td>Exhaust Shaft Water</td>
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<td>L. Chaturvedi, EEG</td>
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<td>Status of Review/Analysis of March 1998 CAM Test Data</td>
<td>20 min.</td>
<td>CAO</td>
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<td>2:20 p.m.</td>
<td>Operational Readiness Review: Observations/Recommendations</td>
<td>40 min.</td>
<td>B. Bartlett, EEG</td>
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<td>3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>BREAK</td>
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¹ To include status of EPA certification of Rocky Flats and INEEL; and available information on current shipment schedule/number of shipments.

² To include overview/status of RCRA Part B permitting process.

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**Note:**

- **CAM Test Data** refers to the Comprehensive Assessment & Management Test Data, which are crucial for evaluating the safety and performance of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).
- **Status/Activity Reports** are detailed updates on the progress and activities related to various departments and task forces, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- The **LUNCH** segment provides a break for participants, allowing them to rest and refuel.
- The **BREAK** at 3:00 p.m. is a scheduled pause in the meeting to adjust for potential delays or to conclude discussions.

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3:10 p.m.  Transportation Privatization  20 min.  CAO
3:30 p.m.  Status of Safeguard Threshold Limits (5% vs 10%) for Rocky Flats Plutonium Residues  20 min.  CAO
3:50 p.m.  Enhancement of WIPP Quarterly Review Meetings  30 min.  All
4:20 p.m.  "Action Item" Commitments/Closeout  10 min.  C. Wentz
4:30 p.m.  ADJOURN
Proposal to initiate disposal of non-mixed TRU waste.
- submitted SAP to WIPP Monday July 25. A&W will implement SAP, submit WIPP approval of report (i.e., determination of mixed/non-mixed issue).
Lindsay raised issue of how SAP impacts WIPP permitting process. Kent said it is only done to answer question about A&W used to identify waste as non-mixed.
I said we need to separate WIPP-Permitting issues from determination of non-mixed waste.

Judge Runn mandated open schedule until WIPP makes determination on SAP report. DOE submit info to Judge within 5 days. AC wants to extend 30 day review period. Then hearing, DOE will wait 11 days after hearing, during which time Judge will render a decision.

Questioned why certain topics were removed from agenda.
1. Mixed/non-mixed TRU (both A&W & WIPP request to drop)
2. Defense/non-defense (CAO request to drop)
3. PA - CAO request

DOE said major reason for not discussing was for legal reasons. Bob said inconsistent to discuss WIPP panel this week, but not this week. Lindsay said he didn't want his presence at quarterly to inhibit discussion.
EEG's request for access access still under consideration by DOE.
Discussion of exclusion from (implied or explicit) meetings EEG is interested in.
Please do look into posting upcoming meetings on the webpage, calendar, weekly highlights, etc. CCO also to look into "dis-invitations" by non-managers of CEE.

Chris Went
EMNRD
STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S RADIOACTIVE WASTE TASK FORCE:

UPDATE ON WIPP ACTIVITIES

Presented to

63rd WIPP QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

between

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
&
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Santa Fe, NM
July 30, 1998

By

CHRIS J. WENTZ
COORDINATOR
N.M. RADIOACTIVE WASTE TASK FORCE
TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING

- CONTINUED MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE’S WIPP WORKING GROUP (April 2, May 5, June 3, July 7); TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS REMAINS THE KEY FOCUS

- CONTINUED TO UPDATE ON A WEEKLY BASIS THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO’S WIPP TRANSPORT SAFETY PROGRAM WEB SITE (www.emnrd.state.nm.us/wipp)

- PROVIDED THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS (PIOs) OF VARIOUS NEW MEXICO STATE AGENCIES, COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, INDIANS PUEBLOS, AND MUNICIPALITIES TRAINING IN RISK COMMUNICATIONS (April 27-28)

- PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING OF THE WESTERN GOVERNORS’ ASSOCIATION (WGA) TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON WIPP TRANSPORTATION IN CHANDLER, AZ (May 20-22)

- CONTINUED TO ENHANCE COORDINATION/COMMUNICATION WITH INDIAN TRIBES AND PUEBLOS ON WIPP PREPAREDNESS
  - MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUEBLO OF NAMBE TO REVIEW THE N.M. WIPP TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM AND OFFER ASSISTANCE (May 27)
TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING
(continued)

• DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO DOE-CAO EXTENSIVE COMMENTS ON ITS DRAFT WIPP TRANSPORTATION PLAN

• REPRESENTED GOVERNOR JOHNSON AT THE DOE/LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR WASTE ISSUES IN SAN DIEGO, CA (June 21-23)

• REQUESTED ACCESS TO THE DOE WIPP WASTE INFORMATION SYSTEM (WWIS); SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND TRAINING SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED TO EMNRD AND NMED (June 30)

• PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING OF DOE'S TRANSPORTATION EXTERNAL COORDINATION WORKING GROUP IN MILWAUKEE, WI (July 13-15)

• PARTICIPATED IN THE “NEW MEXICO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE,” PRESENTING THE NEW MEXICO WIPP TRANSPORT SAFETY PROGRAM DISPLAY AND RELATED INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS (July 15-18)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO’S
WIPP TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM

• REVIEWED AND UPDATED NEW MEXICO-SPECIFIC
  INFORMATION IN THE WGA/DOE WIPP TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
  PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

• NEW MEXICO WIPP EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

  -- ALL LEVELS OF TRAINING ARE CONTINUING

    ➢ INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF EXERCISE PROGRAM
    ➢ SITES: TRAINING ACADEMIES & COMMUNITY-BASED

  -- 1998 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING AT REAC/TS
    FACILITY IN OAK RIDGE (June & August)

  -- NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL COURSE, ENTITLED “EMS
    OPERATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS,” PRESENTED
    IN SEVERAL COMMUNITIES AND ELSEWHERE IN 1998

• WIPP EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISES

  -- CITY/COUNTY OF SANTA FE WIPP EXERCISE HELD MARCH
    14, 1998 (near junction of N.M. 599 and Airport Rd.)

    ➢ TABLE-TOP DRILL (January 16)
    ➢ FUNCTIONAL DRILL (February 19)

  -- ARTESIA/CARLSBAD WIPP EXERCISE: NOVEMBER 1998
STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S
WIPP TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM
(continued)

• REVIEWED AND UPDATED NEW MEXICO-SPECIFIC
INFORMATION IN THE WGA/DOE WIPP TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

• PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS OF THE JOINT INTERIM
RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE OF
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE (June 24-Santa Fe; July 15-Los Alamos)

• EXECUTED A NEW AMENDMENT TO THE DOE/NEW MEXICO WIPP
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

-- PROVIDES FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY

• CONDUCTED TWO "PERFORMANCE DRY RUNS" TO TEST AND
EVALUATE THE REGIONAL/STATE WIPP TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

-- MAY 11-13: SIMULATED SHIPMENT FROM INEEL AND
ROCKY FLATS

-- JUNE 16-18: SIMULATED SHIPMENT FROM LOS ALAMOS
WIPP TRANSPORTATION READINESS ISSUES

• PERFORMANCE DRY RUNS: PROBLEM AREAS

-- DOE GENERATOR/STORAGE SITES NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL SAFETY PROGRAM PROCEDURES

➢ UPDATED, FINAL PROCEDURES IN WGA/DOE WIPP TRANSPORT SAFETY PROGRAM GUIDE NOT AVAILABLE DURING DRY RUN; ISSUE NOW RESOLVED

➢ UPDATED, FINAL DOE WIPP TRANSPORTATION PLAN NOT COMPLETED BY DRY RUN; ISSUE RESOLVED

➢ DOE-CAO MEETING WITH SITE PERSONNEL TO REVIEW ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

-- PERSISTENT TRANSCOM PROBLEMS

➢ LOGGING INTO SYSTEM

➢ ADVANCE SHIPMENT SCHEDULE INCOMPLETE AND POSTED LATE

➢ NO ICON DISPLAYED FOR SHIPMENT

ISSUE BEING ADDRESSED BY DOE-AL AND DOE-CAO; TESTING TO CONTINUE

-- PRESS RELEASE COORDINATION NEEDED IMPROVEMENT; ISSUE BEING ADDRESSED

SUCCESSFUL REAL-TIME TESTING OF ALL REGIONAL/STATE WIPP TRANSPORT SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS IS IMPERATIVE PRIOR TO ACTUAL SHIPMENT
LXIII QUARTERLY MEETING

U.S. Department of Energy
N.M. Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.
N.M. Environmental Evaluation Group
N.M. Environment Department
N.M. Attorney General

Robert H. Neill

July 30, 1998
Carlsbad
Santa Fe

Providing an independent technical analysis of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), a federal transuranic nuclear waste repository.
Major EEG Concerns

1) Radiation Monitor Test Report Data, April 15, 1998 (No response) July 9, 1998 (Second request, no response)

2) Access to Pre audit material prior to Audits June 16, 1998, request refused (July 9, 1998)

3) WWIS Access, Verbal request rejected, Ltr. July 9, 1998

4) WIPP Site Well Plugging and Sealing Meeting scheduled for 8/4/98

5) EEG was not invited to Meeting of TRU Waste Characterization Task Force. Next meeting in Albuq. August 11, 1998 (NAS Staff Attended)

6) EEG was not invited to Integrated Safety Management System Verification Team Meeting July 21-23. (DNFSB attended)

7) EEG was not invited to Gas Generation During Transportation Meeting of 7/29-30/98 in Albuquerque

8) EEG has been denied access to Unusual Occurrence Reports (UORS) in ORPS


11) 1/23/98 EEG request on EDTA use at RFP not answered

12) Computer Code to Analyze Exhaust Shaft Psychrometric Data