

\*\*\*FINAL AGENDA\*\*\*



63rd WIPP QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING  
July 30, 1998

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

9:30 a.m.	Introduction and Opening Remarks	10 min.	C. Wentz, Task Force
9:40 a.m.	U.S. Department of Energy: Status/Activity Report <sup>1</sup>	30 min.	M. McFadden, CAO Acting Manager
10:10 a.m.	N.M. Environment Department: Status/Activity Report <sup>2</sup>	20 min.	S. Zappe, NMED
10:30 a.m.	Environmental Evaluation Group: Status/Activity Report	30 min.	R. Neill, EEG Director
11:00 a.m.	N.M. Attorney General's Office: Status/Activity Report	20 min.	L. Lovejoy, NMAG's Office
11:20 a.m.	N.M. Radioactive Waste Task Force: Status/Activity Report	20 min.	C. Wentz, Task Force
11:40 a.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1:00 p.m.	Mine Stability Evaluation	30 min.	L. Chaturvedi, EEG
1:30 p.m.	Exhaust Shaft Water	30 min.	L. Chaturvedi, EEG
2:00 p.m.	Status of Review/Analysis of March 1998 CAM Test Data	20 min.	CAO
2:20 p.m.	Operational Readiness Review: Observations/Recommendations	40 min.	B. Bartlett, EEG
3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	10 min.	

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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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.	<b>ADJOURN</b>		

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Kent Hunter Proposal to initiate disposal of non-mixed TRU waste.  
- submitted SAP to NMED Monday July 25. Hopes approval within a week or so. Then LAWL will implement SAP, + obtain NMED approval of report (ie, determination of mixed/non mixed issue).

Lindsay raised issue of how SAP impacts WAPP + permitting process. Kent said it is only done to answer question about AK used to identify waste as non-mixed. I said we want to separate WAPP-permitting issues from determination of non-mixed waste.

Lindsay  
NMAG

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

Bob Neill  
EEG

- Questioned why certain topics were removed from agenda.
- ① Mixed/non-mixed TRU (both CAO + NMED 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 w/ NAGS panel this week, but not here. Lindsay said he didn't want his presence at Quarterly to inhibit discussion.

EEG's request for WWS Access still under consideration by DOE.

Discussion of exclusion from (implied or explicit) meetings EEG is interested in.

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Propose DOE look into posting upcoming meetings on web page, calendar, ~~the~~ weekly highlights, etc. OAO also to look into "dis-invitations" by non-managers of EEG.

Chris Wente  
EMNRD

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S  
RADIOACTIVE WASTE TASK FORCE:  
UPDATE ON WIPP ACTIVITIES**

**Presented to**

**63<sup>rd</sup> 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 1999 AND 2000 (JULY 1, 1998-JUNE 30, 2000)
  
- 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**



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# 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**

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*Santa Fe*

## **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 Albuquerque 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**

- 9) Unresolved Safety Questions (USQs) November 1997;  
Ltr. January 26, 1998; Ltr. July 13, 1998**
- 10) Mine Borehole Observation Data, June 3, 1998, Ltr.  
July 8 and 13 1998**
- 11) 1/23/98 EEG request on EDTA use at RFP not answered**
- 12) Computer Code to Analyze Exhaust Shaft  
Psychrometric Data**