

WIEB HLRW Committee

Fall Meeting: November, 3-4, 2015, in Spokane, WA

Preliminary Draft Agenda, for Review

Monday, November 2:

5:30-7:30 PM: Informal group dinner, all invited.....restaurant to be identified.

Tuesday, November 3:

8:00-8:30 AM: Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview.....Ken Niles

8:30-9:30 AM: The U.S. Nuclear Waste Program in Reformulation....

Mike McBride, VanNess Feldman

Mike is former external council to the Blue Ribbon Commission, and a current advisor to the Bipartisan Policy Center. As in several recent meetings, he will provide his perspective on the U.S. nuclear waste program in reformulation, considering the legislature (House & Senate), the Federal District Court, the Administration (changes at DOE-NE), and key external forces. There will be time for questions and discussion.

9:30-10:30 AM: The U.S. Program in the West

As usual, prospective SNF transport targets the arid West. What's the status and perspective in selected western states?

- The NRC is preparing for YMP licensing, without DOE as an active proponent;
- Energy Solutions has worked through the Utah legislature in efforts to revive the PFS project (which retains its NRC license) on the Goshute Reservation.
- The state of New Mexico has supported the prospective license application for storage of 70,000+ MT SNF on lands owned by Lea & Eddy counties in SE NM.
- The state of Texas has supported the prospective license application for storage of 40,000 MT at WCS, on the Texas-New Mexico border.

As background for subsequent discussion, we will receive short reports on the status of these storage-disposal prospects.

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-11:45: Key Technical Issues in SNF Transport

Dan Ogg, NWTRB. Drawing on the presentations at the June 24 NWTRB meeting, Dan will discuss key technical issues, focusing on their implications for SNF transport &/or storage. The issues may include:

- Standardized (Transport, Aging, Disposal) Canister Design;
- Large Dual-Purpose Canisters: transport, storage & disposal.
- Dry Storage canister degradation: implications for storage & transport.
- Others TBD.

11:45: Lunch

12:45-1:45 Removal (of SNF and other D&D) from San Onofre

Steve Maheras, PNNL (invited). Steve organized the June 2-4 site visit to San Onofre. He is invited to provide a full summary of his findings.

1:45-2:30 The DOE Interim Storage RFI/NOI

A DOE presenter is invited. By November, DOE will have issued a “request for information” (plus offers of grants) for interim storage facilities. WIEB has requested a DOE representative to discuss the key elements of the RFI, the underlying rationale and approach, and (preliminarily) the implications for transportation.:

2:30-2:45: Break**2:45-3:45: The Transportation Component of an Integrated Program.**

Jim Williams, WIEB staff. As a basis for Committee comments and discussion, Jim will review the set of concepts developed for his June 24 NWTRB presentation.

3:45-4:45: Transportation Impacts of Interim Storage Under Alternative Scenarios.

Fred Dilger will present results from a current assessment, initiated in preparation for the June 24 NWTRB meeting. The scenarios are selected from a June 2012 ORNL analysis on “spatial data modeling systems, geographic information systems, and transportation route optimization methods.”

4:45-5:00: Review and “tee-up” for the Wednesday Discussion.....Ken Niles**5:00: Adjourn****5:30-7:30 Group Dinner: all invited.restaurant to be identified.****Wednesday, November 4:****8:00-8:15 AM: Introduction to the Discussion.....Ken Niles**

The morning will focus on an updated “WIEB Transportation Primer”.....a statement of positions and perspectives of western states regarding SNF/HLW transport. In early November, this primer will be in preliminary draft. The purpose on Wednesday will be to assemble Committee input, suggestions and comment.

8:15-8:30 AM: Introduction to the Draft: Sources and Format

Jim Williams will review the sources:

- WIEB Rail Primer;
- WGA resolutions;
- WIEB comments on the draft NTP;
- CSG/MW institutional issues;
- Etc.

He will then discuss the format: Will it be useful and adaptable over time?

8:30- 10:00 AM: Introduction to the Draft: Content

Rick Moore will review the current content of the draft. How well does it reflect past &/or current concerns and positions? How should the content be revised or developed?

10:00-10:15 AM: Break

10:15-11:15 AM WIEB Committee Review

Selected committee members will be asked to make their specific comments and suggestions. The committee as a whole will consider, discuss, recommend.

11:15-12:00 AM: Next Steps and Wrap-Up.....Ken Niles

Directions to staff regarding the Primer.

Committee engagement in DOE-NFST initiatives.

Cooperative Agreement Renewal: early 2016.