

2020 Spring Meeting of the Federal Facilities Task Force

Virtual Meeting | May 5 – 6, 2020

The National Governors Association hosted the Federal Facilities Task Force (FFTF) Spring Meeting from May 5-6, 2020 via remote Zoom meeting. The meeting featured expert speakers from the Department of Energy (DOE) and internal states-only discussions. Sixteen FFTF members from twelve different states attended. In consultation with DOE and members of the FFTF, NGA developed and shared an agenda and other meeting materials, extended invitations to speakers and FFTF members, and coordinated logistics.

Topics discussed with DOE included: complex-wide waste disposition pathways planning, including budget, capacity and transportation issues related to key waste streams like High Level Waste and Transuranic Waste; how the states and DOE EM can effectively collaborate to achieve cleanup milestones; and DOE and state collaboration on risk communication. The FFTF also attended a DOE-hosted webinar briefing on the [DOE EM Vision 2020-2030: A Time of Transition and Transformation](#). In states-only sessions the FFTF provided updates from each cleanup site; discussed the DOE EM webinar briefing and areas for continued coordination with DOE related to the ten-year vision; waste stream volumes, issues and disposition pathways at each of the sites and how activities at one site might impact milestones at others. NGA Center also developed an in-depth presentation for the FFTF on the latest events, issues, personnel changes, and budgetary changes from across the complex. Following the meeting, NGA Center provided a summary of key points and other highlights, hyperlinks to meeting presentations, and next steps.

NGA leads the Federal Facilities Task Force, a group of governor’s appointees from a dozen states tasked with collaborating, regulating, and working with DOE to ensure that DOE is accounting for state perspectives in its defense nuclear waste cleanup activities.

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 5

States Only Sessions

Welcome and Introductions

Updates on Events and Issues Since Last Meeting

- Speakers:
 - Andy Chinn, Associate, Ross Strategic
 - Mario Colon, Research Associate, Ross Strategic

Roundtable on State-Specific Issues

- Moderator:
 - Timothy Schoonhoven, Policy Analyst, National Governors Association

DOE Webinar with the Combined Intergovernmental Working Group: EM Vision 2020-2030: A Time of Transition and Transformation

- Speaker:
 - William “Ike” White, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management (EM) to the Under Secretary for Science

Wednesday, May 6

States Only Sessions

FFTF Discussion on the Office of Environmental Management 2020-2030 Strategic Vision

- Moderator:
 - Timothy Schoonhoven, Policy Analyst, National Governors Association

Complex-Wide Disposition and Site-Specific Challenges

- Moderator:
 - Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association

Joint Sessions with the U.S. Department of Energy

DOE Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Speaker:
 - Elizabeth Lisann, Intergovernmental Program Manager, Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE EM)

Complex Wide Disposition: FFTF Discussion with Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management

- Speakers:
 - Theresa J. Kliczewski, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Waste & Materials Management
 - John Mocknick, Senior Liaison Specialist, Office of Field Operations
- Moderator:
 - Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association

Risk Communications: Improving Collaboration Between the States and the Department of Energy

- Speaker:
 - Mike Nartker, Acting Director of Communications, DOE-EM
- Moderator:

- Dan Lauf, Interim Director, Energy, Infrastructure and Environment, NGA Center for Best Practices

States-Only Wrap Up and Next Steps