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**2021 Winter Meeting of the
 Federal Facilities Task Force**

Virtual Zoom Meeting
 January 13 - 14, 2021

Agenda

The 2021 Winter Meeting of the Federal Facilities Task Force (FFTF) provides members of the FFTF with an opportunity to meet with the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM) and state peers to discuss key issues relevant to states impacted by the ongoing cleanup of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex.

Members of FFTF will begin day one with states-only discussions focused on state and site-specific issues, topics raised at the fall intergovernmental meeting, and the transition to a new Administration. On the second day, members will be joined by DOE-EM leadership to discuss capacity and shipment schedule of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and key strategies used to improve collaboration between states and DOE-EM to ensure steady progress is made in the ongoing cleanup of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex.

January 13, 2021	
States Only Sessions	
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm EST <i>10:00 – 10:15 am MST</i> <i>9:00 – 9:15 am PST</i>	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Lauf, Program Director, NGA Center for Best Practices • Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, NGA Center for Best Practices
12:15 – 1:00 pm EST <i>10:15 – 11:00 am MST</i> <i>9:15 – 10:00 am PST</i>	Update on Events and Issues Since Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Chinn, Associate, Ross Strategic • Mario Colón, Research Associate, Ross Strategic
1:00 – 2:15 pm EST <i>11:00 am – 12:15 pm MST</i> <i>10:00 am – 11:15 pm PST</i>	Roundtable on State-Specific Issues Members of the FFTF will have an opportunity to briefly share the latest news and updates from their state (up to four minutes per state). Topics for discussion could include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cutting issues that impact all sites • Implication of COVID-19 on cleanup operations • Site budgets • Waste treatment, disposition and milestones • Compliance issues and disputes • State-federal communications and coordination Moderator: Timothy Schoonhoven, Policy Analyst, NGA Center for Best Practices
2:15 – 2:45 PM EST <i>12:15 – 12:45 MST</i> <i>11:15 – 11:45 PST</i>	Break

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2:45 – 3:15 pm EST 12:45 – 1:15 pm MST 11:45 – 12:15 pm PST	Debrief – Reactions from Fall Intergovernmental Meeting This session, a group discussion among the FFTF, is an opportunity to provide feedback on the Fall Intergovernmental Meeting and to discuss key takeaways and potential follow-up items that are important to the FFTF. Moderator: Bevin Buchheister, NGA Center
3:15 – 4:00 pm EST 1:15 – 2:00 pm MST 12:15 – 1:00 pm PST	Connecting with the New Administration In this session, the FFTF will discuss priorities for engagement with the new administration and new EM leadership. Moderator: Dan Lauf, NGA Center
4:00 pm EST 2:00 pm MST 1:00 pm PST	Adjourn

January 14, 2021	
States and Department of Energy	
12:00 – 12:15 pm EST 10:00 – 10:15 am MST 9:00 – 9:15 am PST	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Lauf, Program Director, NGA Center for Best Practices • Beth Lisann, Intergovernmental Program Manager, DOE-EM
12:15 – 1:00 pm EST 10:15 – 11:00 am MST 9:15 – 10:00 am PST	Status Update on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) DOE will update the FFTF on current and planned cleanup activities at WIPP, including infrastructure upgrades, shipping schedules and outlook, waste placement activities and challenges and adjustments to waste disposition operations from COVID-19. The FFTF and DOE will also consider WIPP capacity scenarios related to changes in interpretation of the high level waste definition and proposed pit production as detailed in recent U.S. Government Accountability Office and National Academies of Sciences reports and DOE's report to congress on high level waste. Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinhard Knerr, Manager, Carlsbad Field Office, DOE-EM Moderator: Timothy Schoonhoven, NGA Center

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<p>1:00 – 2:15 pm EST <i>11:00 – 12:15 pm MST</i> <i>10:00 – 11:15 am PST</i></p>	<p>Improving State-DOE EM Collaboration</p> <p>Leaders from DOE-EM will provide a brief update on recent agency activities and give an overview of complex-wide practices and strategies used to engage with states. A group discussion will follow focused on how to continuously improve working relationships between states and DOE through improved, transparent staff communication, open collaboration, and other strategies. The discussion will identify past challenges and successes and focus on opportunities for improving communication and collaboration between states and DOE-EM to enhance cleanup efforts.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Shrader, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOE-EM • Rob Boehlecke, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Nevada Program <p><i>Discussion Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What institutional processes and ad hoc strategies does DOE EM use to engage with states and build good working relationships?</i> • <i>What procedures or processes are in place for states or DOE-EM to resolve disagreements before they escalate into formal disputes?</i> • <i>What were the successful elements of these processes and how can they be replicated at other sites?</i> • <i>How can states work with DOE-EM prior to emergencies to make sure they are kept informed and included in DOE-EM message crafting?</i> <p>Moderator: Bevin Buchheister, NGA Center</p>
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<p align="center">States Only</p>	
<p>2:45 – 3:30 pm EST <i>12:45 – 1:30 pm MST</i> <i>11:45 – 12:30 pm PST</i></p>	<p>FFTF Planning for Next Year</p> <p>The group will discuss options for the Spring Meeting of the FFTF and priorities for the FFTF to work on during 2021. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications case studies white paper • Waste disposition planning • Cleanup prioritization considering the EM Vision and anticipated federal budget <p>Moderators: Dan Lauf and Bevin Buchheister, NGA Center</p>
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