

Nineteenth Annual Intergovernmental Meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy on Nuclear Weapons Waste Cleanup

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2020

The annual *Intergovernmental Meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy on Nuclear Waste Cleanup* provides a forum for state, local, tribal, and federal officials to discuss priorities and strategies for managing and storing defense nuclear waste and for remediation of production sites. The six intergovernmental groups partnering in the ongoing cleanup of defense related nuclear waste convene this meeting with the Department of Energy (DOE)'s Department of Environmental Management. Meeting attendees will hear from expert speakers and DOE officials in presentations and discussions on COVID-19 impacts to waste cleanup, waste management across the DOE complex, improving risk communications, how cleanup plans can change, and workforce and economic development. Participants will also have the opportunity to dialogue with one another in site-specific breakout sessions.

COMBINED INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP

ENERGY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ECA)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES (ECOS)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL (NAAG)

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES NUCLEAR LEGISLATIVE WORKING
GROUP (NCSL NLWG)**

NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION FEDERAL FACILITIES TASK FORCE (NGA FFTF)

STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP (STGWG)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DOE-EM)

All registered participants will receive a link from NGA Events to access the live sessions through the meeting Attendee Hub. When you log into the Attendee Hub using your name and the email associated with your meeting registration you can access all the sessions, shared resources, information on speakers and breakouts, and other content available for the meeting. Please contact [Leah LaGreca](#) if you have any questions or technical or login problems.

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17th

(All times in Eastern Standard Time)

PLENARY SESSIONS: INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS AND DOE OFFICIALS	
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>A representative for the intergovernmental groups and U.S. Department of Energy will welcome participants to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan Lauf, Energy Program Director, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center)• Mark Gilbertson, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Regulatory and Policy Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM)
12:00 - 12:25 PM	<p>DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Under Secretary for Science Paul Dabbar will provide opening remarks, including a broader overview of Office of Science activities including DOE-EM, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Legacy Management (DOE-LM) and long-term stewardship activities.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Dabbar, Under Secretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy <p><i>Moderator: Mark Gilbertson, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Regulatory and Policy Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM)</i></p>

<p>12:30 - 1:45 PM</p>	<p>SHARING COVID-19 EXPERIENCES, ONGOING IMPACTS AND MOVING FORWARD</p> <p>Speakers will reflect on the past, present and future impacts of COVID-19 on work across the DOE complex. Topics to be addressed include adjustments to cleanup implementation, changes to how work gets done, and lessons learned with regards to communication. Speakers will also discuss how they were able to make progress during this time, share challenges and successes, and consider how work will be impacted going forward.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Shrader, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOE-EM • Russell McCallister, Director, Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project, DOE-EM • Brian Vance, Manager, DOE Office of River Protection and Richland Operations Office • Jim Kenney, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department • Mark Watson, City Manager, Oak Ridge, Tennessee • Clarice Madalena, Natural Resources Program Manager, Pueblo of Jemez <p><i>Moderator: Carolyn Hanson, Deputy Director, Environmental Council of the States</i></p>
<p>1:45 - 2:15 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:15 - 2:40 PM</p>	<p>WASTE MANAGEMENT ACROSS THE DOE COMPLEX</p> <p>DOE-EM leadership will provide an overview of waste management including history and waste definition, oversight, generator responsibilities and receiving site responsibilities. DOE-EM will also provide an update on the high-level radioactive waste interpretation and status of transuranic waste disposal at DOE-EM's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) to date.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Senderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste and Materials Management, DOE-EM <p><i>Moderator: Greg Lovato, Administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection</i></p>

<p>2:45 – 3:45 PM</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE RISK COMMUNICATIONS DOE-EM, State, Tribal and local governments can have different perceptions of successful cleanup based on risk, priorities, reuse and other factors. This panel will consider how multiple, and sometimes differing, viewpoints have been successfully addressed in the past through clear communication of risks. Throughout the discussion panelists will address what has worked, pitfalls to avoid, and potential opportunities for more effective collaboration on a variety of risk topics.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy S. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Government Affairs and Information Services Director, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee • Peter Chestnut, Attorney, Pueblo de San Ildefonso • Fran Marshall, Director of Applied Science and Community Engagement, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control <p><i>Moderator: David Abelson, Managing Director, Abelson Partners, LLC</i></p>
<p>3:45 PM</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Wednesday, November 18th

(All times in Eastern Standard Time)

PLENARY SESSION: INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS AND DOE OFFICIALS	
11:45 – 11:50 AM	<p>DAY 2 WELCOME</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices
11:50 AM- 12:10 PM	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE</p> <p>Following the release of the DOE-EM 2020-2030 Vision, 2020 has proved to be a momentous year, with significant cleanup progress achieved across the complex despite the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session William “Ike” White will share an update on the Environmental Management program and how DOE-EM has worked to maintain cleanup momentum throughout the year. He will also address the implementation of the DOE-EM 2020-2030 Vision and incorporation of intergovernmental groups’ input going forward, among other key issues.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William “Ike” White, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management to the Under Secretary of Science, U.S. Department of Energy <p><i>Moderator: Debbie Duren, Program Manager, Natural Resources Trustee, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation</i></p>

<p>12:15 – 1:10 PM</p>	<p>WHEN CLEANUP PLANS CHANGE: AN IDAHO CASE STUDY</p> <p>Across the complex, assumptions, expectations, and requirements for cleanup activities can be impacted by many factors such as changes in conditions or priorities over time, leadership, appropriations, shifting deadlines, unplanned closures like at WIPP or newly discovered contamination. This session will focus on how cleanup plans in Idaho have been adjusted over time, why changes were needed, and how impacted parties were engaged. Panelists will also address the key challenges and lessons learned from their perspectives as DOE-EM, state government, Tribal and local government representatives.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darrell Early, Deputy Attorney General and Chief, Natural Resources Division, Office of the Idaho Attorney General • Mark Clough, Idaho National Laboratory Settlement Agreement Coordinator, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality • Talia Martin, Director of Tribal/DOE- Accident Investigation and Prevention, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Tribal Department of Energy • Connie Flohr, Manager, Idaho Cleanup Project, DOE-EM <p><i>Moderator: The Honorable Rebecca Casper, Mayor, City of Idaho Falls, Idaho</i></p>
<p>1:10 – 1:20 PM</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p>NGA will frame the general objectives and logistics for the breakout session portion of the meeting, and DOE-EM will provide introductory remarks leading into the site-specific breakouts.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices • Nicole Nelson-Jean, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Field Operations, DOE-EM

<p>1:20 – 2:15 PM</p>	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS – SITE LEVEL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET PLANNING</p> <p>Members of the intergovernmental groups will join DOE-EM site representatives and staff from DOE headquarters for in-depth, site-specific discussions with their peers on budget and cleanup priorities.</p> <p><i>Log-in Instructions: Using the CVENT Connect Attendee Hub, participants can join the site-specific breakout of their choice for 50 minutes of facilitated discussion. Please see the Breakout Discussion Guide on the CVENT Hub for specific directions.</i></p> <p><i>Be prepared to give input on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top cleanup priorities for FY 2022 • Factors important to prioritizing cleanup like cultural, social, economic, technological, legal factors and environmental justice issues • How priorities should adjust if the cleanup budget is reduced • How to build tribal, regulator, local government and stakeholder support for, and understanding of, site cleanup priorities • Additional elements or details that can be added to the DOE-EM Strategic Vision document that could build partner support and improve the understanding and alignment of priorities <p><i>Moderators: Staff of the Intergovernmental Groups</i></p>
<p>2:15 – 2:45 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>

<p>2:45 - 3:40 PM</p>	<p>ECONOMIC IMPACT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>The success of the DOE-EM cleanup mission relies on a strong workforce and has broad impacts on the economic development of host communities, tribes and states. There is a growing interest in how DOE-EM will address the impact of an aging workforce, while also attracting and maintaining a new generation of employees to continue the cleanup mission. Additionally, the economic impacts of DOE-EM’s cleanup-related activities provide a range of benefits each year – from jobs to value in the state’s economy. This session will explore the current workforce challenges and opportunities across the complex, discuss how DOE-EM contributes to local and state economies, and how federal, state, local, and tribal officials can work collectively to meet common workforce and economic development goals.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Reeploeg, Vice President for Federal Programs, Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) • Mindy Mets, Regional Workforce Director, Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) • Governor Perry Martinez, Pueblo de San Ildefonso <p><i>Moderator: Senator Sharon Brown, Washington State Senator, 8th Legislative District</i></p>
<p>3:45 - 4:15 PM</p>	<p>RECORDING, SHARING AND APPLYING BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED</p> <p>Across the DOE-EM complex, cleanup decision-making and approaches can be informed by past work. Recording, accessing and applying best practices and lessons learned can result in cost savings and efficiency. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Todd Shrader will discuss the DOE-EM strategy to ensure best practices and lessons learned are documented and accessible and how they are applied over a wide variety of projects. This session will conclude with a moderated Q&A session followed by a brief summary and discussion of the examples shared throughout this meeting.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Shrader, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOE-EM <p><i>Moderator: Brian Begley, Registered Geologist Supervisor, Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet</i></p>

<p>4:15 - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN</p> <p>DOE-EM and NGA Center will provide closing comments and conclude the meeting with a brief discussion of areas for collaboration between the intergovernmental groups and DOE-EM throughout the coming year.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bevin Buchheister, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association• Tom Mooney, Chief of Staff and Chief Operations Officer, DOE-EM
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