

Transportation Working Group (TWG) Meeting
Friday, November 16, 2012
9-11am

Nohemi Brewer, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) Transportation Manager, opened the meeting at 9:05am with 23 in-person attendees and two via video teleconferencing in Carson City.

Following an introduction by Ms. Brewer, participants introduced themselves and identified their organization. Represented organizations included: NNSA/NSO; National Security Technologies, LLC; Potomac-Hudson Engineering, Inc.; State of Nevada; Clark, Lincoln, and Nye Counties; Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations; and the City of Las Vegas.

Ms. Brewer then presented a briefing titled *Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) Radioactive Waste Shipment Update*. During the presentation, Scott Wade (NNSA/NSO Assistant Manager for Environmental Management), added that waste disposal volume forecasts are based upon appropriations so forecasted volumes are subject to change. In response to a question, Ms. Brewer let the group know that the 2012 annual transportation report of NNSS shipments will not be published until early 2013; however, the 2012 quarterly reports are available on-line (<http://www.nv.energy.gov/emprograms/transportationreports.aspx>).

Mr. Wade informed meeting participants that the following Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) information is being shared ahead of the Final SWEIS document release since at the time this TWG meeting was scheduled, NNSA/NSO had anticipated that the final document would have been formally released. Linda Cohn, NNSA/NSO National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Manager, then commenced with the briefing titled *NNSS Final SWEIS Update*. During the presentation Mr. Wade made note of the Presidential Directive to maintain the capability to resume nuclear testing, and that there is no alternative that considered closing the NNSS. Considerable discussion ensued with regards to evaluating the carbon footprint reduction in the analyses of activities; the hybrid preferred alternative and the aggregate/combined impacts; comparison of the 1996 EIS to the current SWEIS; and analysis of the waste management alternatives and associated transportation impacts. Both Mr. Wade and Ms. Cohn noted that based upon comments received on the Draft SWEIS, NNSA/NSO is going to maintain current radioactive waste transportation routing commitments.

Ms. Cohn further noted that a Record of Decision will be issued 30 to 45 days after publication of the Final SWEIS which will include change bar lines in the margins to identify areas that substantially changed from the Draft SWEIS, and a comprehensive comment response section. There was concern expressed that 30 days is not sufficient amount of time between publication of the Final SWEIS and issuance of the Record of Decision.

Upon conclusion of the SWEIS briefing, there were no additional questions; however, appreciation was expressed to NNSA/NSO for conducting the meeting.

Ms. Brewer then presented slides with links to reference materials (including NNSA/NSO contact information) and reminded the group that the slides will be posted to the TWG website.

One last item Ms. Brewer brought forward for discussion was for the TWG to consider how they would like to move forward with regard to continued meetings and purpose. She requested everyone to complete a survey (hard copies available at the meeting) for which she would e-mail a link. An initial participant response indicated that the TWG is valuable and conducting meetings a couple times a year would be beneficial. Mr. Wade noted that he would like to align TWG with the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee for sharing information.