State Involvement in Spent Fuel Management

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Presentation Overview

- Why states should be involved
- What involvement looks like
- Obstacles to involving states
A Short History of State Involvement

- CSG’s Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project is one of four regional projects that engage states in shipment planning.

Regional Cooperative Agreement Groups
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A Short History of State Involvement

- CSG’s Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project is one of four regional projects that engage states in shipment planning.
- Regional committees are made up of gubernatorial appointees and bring together an extensive network of state and local contacts.

States have been involved in planning various DOE shipping campaigns
- TRU waste to WIPP and elsewhere
- Spent fuel from West Valley, domestic and foreign research reactors
- Large volume LLW shipments
- Plans for OCRWM shipments (now NE)
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**A Short History of State Involvement**

- State Regional Groups facilitate consultation and cooperation as part of DOE’s transportation institutional program.
  - **Consult**: engage the states in dialogue to develop policies and procedures
  - **Cooperate**: act as partners, share responsibility

**Why States Should be Involved**

- Responsible for health and safety of citizens and the environment
- Co-regulators of transportation
- Experts in their jurisdictions
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What State Involvement Looks Like

- Identifying and prioritizing issues
- Developing plans, procedures, and schedules
- Reaching out to the public, local governments, and other stakeholders

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- Identifying the shipping mode
- Evaluating and selecting the route
- Training local emergency responders
- Training state personnel
- Deciding on plans for inspecting and escorting shipments
- Identifying travel restrictions
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**What State Involvement Could Look Like**

- Identifying site-selection criteria
- Developing the site-selection process
- Overseeing facilities

**Obstacles to Involving States**

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- Low priority placed on institutional program
Summing Up

- States are one of the principal stakeholders of DOE’s spent fuel management program.
- Relationships with states can help DOE earn public acceptance for program activities.
- Activities related to involvement and outreach are needed regardless of the path forward.

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