



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

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A Short History of State Involvement

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Regional Cooperative Agreement Groups





Western Governors' Association
Western Interstate Energy Board

The Council of State Governments
Midwestern Office

Southern States Energy Board

The Council of State Governments
Eastern Regional Conference



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- 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.



A Short History of State Involvement

- 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)




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



What State Involvement Looks Like

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



What State Involvement Looks Like

- 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



What State Involvement Could Look Like

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



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- Lack of a program
- Lack of common understanding
- 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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