

Intergovernmental Meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy



NOVEMBER 12-14, 2008

SNOWBIRD CLIFF LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER
SNOWBIRD, UTAH

PARTICIPATING INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS
ENERGY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ECA)
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES (ECOS)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL (NAAG)
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL)
NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (NGA) CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES
STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP (STGWG)

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS MEET SEPARATELY		
9:00am - 12:00pm	ECOS Meeting (Open to all State Officials)	White Pine <i>Level C</i>
9:00am - 12:00pm	STGWG Tribal Executive Session	Wasatch B <i>Level C</i>
12:00pm - 2:30pm	STGWG Working Lunch/Executive Session 12:00pm - 1:00pm - STGWG/EM Roundtable Networking Lunch 1:00pm - 2:30pm - STGWG Executive Session	Wasatch B <i>Level C</i>
1:30pm - 5:00pm	ECA Board Meeting	Magpie A <i>Level B</i>
2:30pm - 5:00pm	STGWG Tribal Session with U.S. DOE	Wasatch B <i>Level C</i>
2:30pm - 5:00pm	NAAG Meeting	White Pine <i>Level C</i>
2:30pm - 5:00pm	NGA's Federal Facilities Task Force (FFTF) Meeting	Magpie B <i>Level B</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ECA Discussion Forum on GNEP (open to all)	Magpie A <i>Level B</i>

NCSL'S LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT*		
8:00am - 5:00pm	NCSL's Legislative Roundtable on Environmental Management	Wasatch A <i>Level C</i>

* NCSL's Legislative Roundtable is a separate meeting.

Thursday November 13, 2008

PLENARY SESSION: INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS & DOE OFFICIALS		
7:00am - 8:00am	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST	Ballroom Lobby <i>Level B</i>
8:00am - 8:15am	INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMING REMARKS FOR JOINT MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Invocation • Douglas Frost, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, DOE Office of Environmental Management 	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
8:15am - 9:15am	STATE OF THE DOE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT Dr. Inés Triay, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOE Office of Environmental Management In this session, Dr. Triay will provide a program update and discuss her priorities and vision for the Office of Environmental Management, followed by time for questions and answers.	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
9:15am - 9:45am	UPDATE ON DOE'S WASTE DISPOSITION STRATEGY Frank Marcinowski, Office of Regulatory Compliance, DOE Office of Environmental Management In this session, Mr. Marcinowski will discuss EM's topics related to waste disposition and the interconnectivity of sites in the Complex, including: 1) ensuring disposal access in out years; 2) how we can provide greater transparency in disposal decision making; and 3) meeting milestones and setting waste disposition priorities in a constrained budget environment.	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
9:45am - 10:15am	DOE BUDGET & PLANNING OVERVIEW Merle Sykes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Budget, DOE Office of Environmental Management In this session, Ms. Sykes will discuss EM's budgetary and planning efforts, including: (1) how environmental cleanup projects are prioritized within the EM budget; (2) how DOE manages budgets that do not comply with regulatory agreements; and (3) how a Continuing Resolution impacts execution of projects.	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
10:15am - 10:30am	INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS Douglas Frost, DOE-EM	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
10:30am - 10:45pm	BREAK	Ballroom Lobby <i>Level B</i>

10:45am - 12:15pm

FACILITATED BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions provide participants the opportunity to exchange ideas with their colleagues through facilitated discussions on in the areas of budget and waste disposition. Within these topic areas, groups will identify sub-issues that they will discuss in-depth. Based on the discussions, each breakout group will nominate a spokesperson to report-out the salient findings of the group when participants reconvene in a plenary session following lunch. Each breakout group is facilitated by one DOE official and two intergovernmental group members.

Group I – Budget

Facilitators:

- *Joanne Lowry, Office of Strategic Planning & Analysis, DOE-EM*
- *Pam Brown-Larsen, Hanford Communities, Washington*
- *Tom Winston, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency*

Group II – Budget

Facilitators:

- *Meryl Sykes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Planning & Budget, DOE-EM*
- *Shelly Wilson, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control*
- *Thomas Edwards, Office of the Attorney General, Texas*

Potential topics for Budget breakouts:

- Communications regarding the compliance implications of EM's long term budget vision. What principles should guide the 5-year plan?
- Unfunded liabilities (up to \$9.2 billion unfunded liability identified in recent report to Congress)
- Investment opportunities that will reduce life-cycle costs
- Impact of continuing resolutions on EM's programs
- Other (bring your issue)

Group III – Waste Disposition

Facilitators:

- *Christine Gelles, Director, Office of Disposal Operations, DOE-EM*
- *Brian Hembacher, Office of the Attorney General, California*
- *Ken Niles, Oregon Department of Energy*

Group IV – Waste Disposition

Facilitators:

- *Frank Marcinowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Compliance, DOE-EM*
- *Willie Preacher, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Southeast Idaho)*
- *Bob Bullock, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*

Examples of topics for Waste Disposition breakouts:

- Communication about waste disposition decision making: issues facing DOE-EM's corporate boards for TRU and LLW
- Integration of Natural Resource Damage considerations into waste management decision-making
- Interim storage of high level waste
- How much capacity is left - role of commercial sector
- Transportation of HLW to Yucca and TRU waste to WIPP
- Other (bring your issue)

**Group I
Ballroom 1**
Level B

**Group II
Magpie**
Level B

**Group III
Maybird**
Level C

**Group IV
White Pine**
Level C

12:15pm - 1:30pm	<p>LUNCHEON (PROVIDED)</p> <p>Dan Miller, Senior Assistant Attorney General, State of Colorado</p> <p>Keystone Dialogue: How these budget-related consensus principles are still applicable for our work today.</p>	<p>Golden Cliff Level B</p>
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	BREAK	<p>Ballroom Lobby Level B</p>
1:45pm - 2:15pm	<p>REPORT-OUTS FROM <u>BUDGET</u> BREAKOUT</p> <p>GROUP I - 1:45-2:00PM GROUP II - 2:00-2:15PM</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Bill Ross, Ross & Associates</i></p>	<p>Ballroom Sections 2&3 Level B</p>
2:15pm - 3:15pm	<p>FACILITATED PLENARY DISCUSSION ON <u>BUDGET</u> - ISSUES AND IDEAS</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Bill Ross, Ross & Associates</i></p>	<p>Ballroom Sections 2&3 Level B</p>
3:15pm - 3:30pm	BREAK	<p>Ballroom Lobby Level B</p>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<p>REPORT-OUTS FROM <u>WASTE DISPOSITION</u> BREAKOUT</p> <p>GROUP III - 3:30-3:45PM GROUP IV - 3:45-4:00PM</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Bill Ross, Ross & Associates</i></p>	<p>Ballroom Sections 2&3 Level B</p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>FACILITATED PLENARY DISCUSSION ON <u>WASTE DISPOSITION</u> - ISSUES AND IDEAS</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Bill Ross, Ross & Associates</i></p>	<p>Ballroom Sections 2&3 Level B</p>
5:30pm	<p>DINNER (PROVIDED)</p> <p>Rick Sprott, Executive Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality</p> <p>Mr. Sprott will provide remarks concerning energy and climate change policies in the State of Utah.</p>	<p>Golden Cliff Level B</p>

Friday, November 14, 2008

PLENARY SESSION		
7:00am – 8:00am	BREAKFAST	<i>Ballroom Lobby Level B</i>
7:00am – 8:00 am	ECOS MEETING (Open to all State Officials)	Magpie A <i>Level B</i>
8:00am – 11:30am	EM AND THE TRANSITION TO THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>
8:00am – 8:30am	INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seth Kirshenberg, ECA</i> 	
8:30am – 9:00am	UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jim Fiore, DOE-EM</i> This session will provide an update on the transition documents that will be available to the new administration.	
9:00am – 10:00am	REPORT FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS Each group’s representative will provide a 10 minute update on their priorities for the next administration.	
10:00am – 10:45am	LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION This purpose of this discussion is to find opportunities for the intergovernmental groups to work together through the transition and into the next administration. <i>Facilitators : Nithin Akuthota, ECA; Jim Fiore, DOE-EM; and Tom Winston, Ohio</i>	
10:45am – 11:00am	WRAP-UP OF PLENARY MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Douglas Frost, DOE-EM</i> 	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>

PLENARY MEETING ADJOURNS		
11:00am – 11:30am	INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS ONLY – JOINT MEETING Five-group Facilitated Discussion: In light of what we learned in this meeting, what actions should the groups consider for moving forward? <i>Facilitators: Nithin Akuthota, ECA; David Borak, NGA; Paula Cotter, NAAG; Matthew Jones, ECOS; Melissa Savage, STGWG</i>	Ballroom Sections 2&3 <i>Level B</i>

ADJOURN TO INDIVIDUAL GROUP MEETINGS

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11:30am - 12:30pm	NGA FEDERAL FACILITIES TASK FORCE (FFTF) MEETING (WORKING LUNCH)	Magpie B <i>Level B</i>
11:30am - 12:30pm	STGWG TRIBAL SESSION (WORKING LUNCH)	Wasatch <i>Level C</i>
12:30pm - 2:30pm	STGWG OPEN SESSION WITH DOE	Wasatch <i>Level C</i>