

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 30, 2018
Porter Hall
Wendell Chino Building
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken McQueen	Chair, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Butch Tongate	New Mexico Environment Department
Rick Padilla	New Mexico Department of Transportation
Scott Weaver	New Mexico Department of Public Safety (via phone)
Jay Mitchell	Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Others present:

Eletha Trujillo	EMNRD WIPP Program Coordinator
Ed Garza	U.S. DOE WIPP Assistant Manager
Bill Brancard	EMNRD General Counsel
Carrie DeAgüero	State Fire Marshal's Office
Tim Yackey	NM Department of Health
Shawna Casebier	NM Legislative Council Service (via phone)

(Please see sign-in sheet for others present)

Item 1. Call meeting to order

Chair McQueen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Item 2. Status of OMA Announcement of Meeting

Chair McQueen explained that notice of the meeting had been provided by posting on the internet and publication in the Albuquerque Journal.

Item 3. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 4. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the draft agenda. Mr. Tongate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Report on WIPP Transportation

Ed Garza, Assistant Manager at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), provided a “WIPP 101” presentation on the operations of the facility. The presentation included descriptions of the waste shipped to WIPP, the characterization of the waste, the volume of the waste shipped so far, and the geologic zones where the waste is placed. Mr. Garza also discussed the recent closure of the facility, the changes made in response to the closure and future planned projects. Mr. Garza responded to questions from members of the Task Force.

Eletha Trujillo, EMNRD WIPP Program Coordinator, provided a presentation on the activities of the WIPP Working Group. Included were discussions of the roles of each agency in the Group, the funding for the Group, the training accomplishments, and fiscal management issues. Ms. Trujillo also discussed training exercises and the short and long term goals of the Group. She introduced several representatives of agencies that participate in the Group.

Item 6. New Business

a. Adoption of Open Meetings Resolution

Mr. Tongate moved to adopt the proposed Open Meetings Resolution for the Task Force. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Other business

Mr. Mitchell discussed the possibility of a second training exercise next year with additional federal agencies.

Item 7. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved for adjournment; Mr. Tongate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.