



**Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting**

**Risk Evaluation and Management Subcommittee Meeting**

**October 2, 2024**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**WebEx Meeting**

**Minutes**

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**Meeting Attendees (Via WebEx)**

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**Department of Energy**

1. Keith Grindstaff, DDFO, Environmental Management Los Alamos
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**NNMCAB Members**

1. Beverly Martin, Chair
  2. Danielle Duran, Vice-Chair
  3. Abbey Hayward
  4. Manuel L'Esperance
  5. Patricio Pacheco
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**NNMCAB Staff/Support**

1. Bridget Maestas, Executive Director
2. Menice Santistevan, Senior Advisor
3. Yolanda Valdez, Executive Assistant

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**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Risk Evaluation and Management Subcommittee was held on October 2, 2024, via Webex. Mr. Keith Grindstaff, NNMCAB DDFO, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

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**II. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an introduction. Ms. Martin then asked the members to introduce themselves.

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**III. Approval of Agenda**

The board reviewed the agenda for the October 2, 2024, meeting. Ms. Martin asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. L'Esperance made a motion to approve the agenda; Ms. Martin seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as presented.

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**IV. Old Business**

**a. Update from Chair**

Ms. Martin stated that Mr. L'Esperance and she attended the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs Meeting in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on the 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. A tour was provided of the three sites on the Oak Ridge Reservation. The site has a large amount of construction taking place. This is done by allowing companies to build on the reservation. Oak Ridge then leases the building from the company.

Mr. L'Esperance stated that the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has had buildings built similarly.

Ms. Martin stated that the subcommittee is awaiting the status of the Chromium recommendation made in 2023. An update on the Independent Technical Review findings will be given by Dr. Triay at the November NNMCAB meeting.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that the update from Dr. Triay is not complete. A new topic will be presented NNMCAB Meeting.

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**V. New Business**

**a. Other Items**

Ms. Martin stated that she would like more information on the Royal Demolition Explosives (RDX) plume. Mr. Villegas discussed Emergency Management on Pueblo lands, and the subcommittee will discuss this as a possible recommendation.

Mr. L'Esperance stated that the Pueblos do not have Emergency Responders. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) contracts with Santa Fe County to provide security and emergency medical services.

Mr. Pacheco stated that Mr. Villegas wanted to propose Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for First Responders and training for Hazmat incidents.

Mr. L'Esperance stated that First Responders possess the proper PPE and training to respond to events.

Mr. Grindstaff read the following.

***Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The EM SSAB is made up of local site chapters (also known as "local boards") at EM sites throughout the country that operate under this charter and provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM), or the appropriate DOE EM official, with advice and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program. At the request of the Assistant Secretary or the Field Managers, the Board may provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components, such as risk assessments, communications, and funding priorities.*

***Description of Duties.** The duties of the Board are solely advisory in nature.*

Ms. Martin asked if there is a discussion regarding the reorganization of the subcommittees.

Ms. Maestas stated that Mr. Villegas had discussed preparing a recommendation to reorganize the subcommittees but has not provided an update.

Ms. Martin asked for more information on MDA C.

Ms. Duran stated that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received several comments. The Department of Energy (DOE) recommended the complete excavation of the area. NMED did not approve the recommendation, and a Town Hall is being scheduled to discuss the matter.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that DOE is going through dispute resolution with NMED on what path forward will be taken.

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**VI. Nomination for Chair and Vice-Chair**

**a. Election of Officers**

Ms. Martin was elected Chair.

Ms. Duran was elected Vice-Chair.

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**VII. Public Comment**

Ms. Martin opened the floor for public comment at 1:27 p.m.

With no public comment, Ms. Martin closed public comment at 1:28 p.m.

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**VIII. Look Ahead**

- **Recommendation Topics from Risk Evaluation and Management Subcommittee**

Ms. Martin stated that MDA C and RDX plume are items that the subcommittee would like more information on.

- **Scheduling Future Meetings**

The Subcommittee agreed to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 1:00 p.m.

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**IX. Adjournment**

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Yolanda Valdez,  
Executive Assistant**

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**Attachments**

1. Risk Evaluation and Management Subcommittee Meeting Agenda for 10/02/2024
2. Mission Statement

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