



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

Meeting Attendees (Via WebEx)

Department of Energy

1. Keith Grindstaff, DDFO, Environmental Management Los Alamos

NNMCAB Members

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

NNMCAB Staff/Support

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

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1 **Minutes**

2 **I. Call to Order**

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

6 **II. Welcome and Introductions**

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

10 **III. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

16 **IV. Old Business**

18 **a. Update from Chair**

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

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

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

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

32 **V. New Business**

34 **a. Other Items**

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

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

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

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

5 Mr. Grindstaff read the following.

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

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

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

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

23 Ms. Martin asked for more information on MDA C.

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

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

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

31 **a. Election of Officers**

32 Ms. Martin was elected Chair.

33 Ms. Duran was elected Vice-Chair.

35 **VII. Public Comment**

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

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

1 **VIII. Look Ahead**

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

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

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- **Scheduling Future Meetings**

7 The Subcommittee agreed to meet on the 1st Wednesday of every other month at
8 1:00 p.m.

9 **IX. Adjournment**

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

13 **Respectfully Submitted,**

14 **Yolanda Valdez,**
15 **Executive Assistant**

16 **Attachments**

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

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