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Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting

January 28, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Cities of Gold Conference Center

Pojoaque, New Mexico 87506



Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Department of Energy

1. Pete Maggiore, Assistant Manager, Environmental Projects Office
2. Lee Bishop, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer
3. Michael Gardipe, Co Deputy Designated Federal Officer
4. Jack Craig, Director, Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center
5. Jack Surash, P.E., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Project Management
6. J.R. Stroble, Director, National TRU Program, Carlsbad Field Office
7. Don Ami, National Nuclear Security Administration Los Alamos Field Office
8. Toni Chiri, Los Alamos Field Office

NNMCAB Members

1. Doug Sayre, NNMCAB Chair
2. Allison Majure, NNMCAB Vice-Chair
3. Stephen Schmelling, Chair Environmental Monitoring & Remediation (EM&R) Committee
4. Manuel Pacheco, Chair Waste Management (WM) Committee
5. Ashley Sanderson, Vice-Chair EM&R Committee
6. Angel Quintana, Vice-Chair WM Committee
7. Gerard Martinez
8. Irene Tse-Pe
9. Danny Mayfield
10. Carlos Valdez
11. Joseph Viarrial
12. Alex Puglisi
13. Mary Friday
14. Michael Valerio

NNMCAB Student Members

1. Alyssa Schreiber
2. Deidre Roybal

- 1 3. Savannah Martinez

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3 **NNMCAB Excused Absences**

- 4 1. Nona Girardi
5 2. Mona Varela
6 3. Tessa Mascareñas
7 4. Joey Tiano

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9 **NNMCAB Absences**

- 10 1. Bonnie Lucas

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12 **NNMCAB Support Staff**

- 13 1. Menice Santistevan, Executive Director
14 2. Bridget Maestas, Administrative Assistant
15 3. William Alexander, Technical Programs and Outreach

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17 **Guests**

- 18 1. David French, Aspen Resources, Ltd., Inc.
19 2. Gilbert Torres, Sigma Science, Inc.
20 3. Glenn Cox, Edgewater Technical Associates
21 4. Patti Jones, Los Alamos National Security
22 5. Ken Gillespie, Portage, Inc.
23 6. Felicia Aguilar, The Lakeworth Group
24 7. Pat Dentler, Los Alamos Technical Associates
25 8. Ted Sherry, Los Alamos National Security
26 9. Scott Kovac, Nuke Watch New Mexico
27 10. Sean White, Kiewit New Mexico
28 11. Kaitlin Martinez, Los Alamos National Security
29 12. John McCann, Los Alamos National Security
30 13. Katie Richardson, U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich's Office
31 14. Laura Day, Project Time and Cost, LLC
32 15. Dick Scott, Tetra Tech
33 16. Myrom Koop, Banda Group International, LLC.
34 17. Dave McInroy, Los Alamos National Security
35 18. Scott Den Baars, NAVARRO
36 19. Patrick Longmire, NMED- DOE Oversight Bureau
37 20. Kim Granzow, NMED-DOE Oversight Bureau
38 21. Steve Yanicak, NMED-DOE Oversight Bureau
39 22. Mike Smith, ES
40 23. John Rodell, EDI
41 24. Michele Jacquez-Ortiz, U.S. Senator Tom Udall's Office
42 25. Lorrie Bonds Lopez, Los Alamos National Security

- 1 26. Floyd Archuleta, Portage, Inc./Los Alamos National Laboratory MS Consortium
- 2 27. Bob Hull, Los Alamos Technical Associates, Inc.
- 3 28. Steve Threet, Edgewater Technical Associates
- 4 29. Jeff Kendall, New Mexico Environment Department

5 ***All NNMCAB meetings are recorded. Audio CD's and Video DVD's have been placed on file for review**
6 **at the NNMCAB office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87506. The written minutes are**
7 **intended as a synopsis of the meeting**

1 **Minutes**

2 **I. Call to Order**

3 The bi-monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board
4 (NNMCAB) was held on January 28, 2015 at The Cities of Gold Conference Center, Pojoaque,
5 New Mexico. Mr. Lee Bishop, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer (CDDFO) stated that on
6 behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) the meeting of the NNMCAB was called to order
7 at 1:04 p.m.

8 Mr. Bishop recognized Mr. Doug Sayre, the NNMCAB Chair. The Chair presided at the
9 meeting.

10 The meeting of the NNMCAB was open to the public and posted in The Federal Register
11 in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

12 **II. Establishment of a Quorum (10 Needed)**

13 **a. Roll Call**

14 Mr. William Alexander conducted roll call as the members arrived. At the call to
15 order, 13 members were present. Mr. Alexander recorded that Ms. Mary Friday arrived
16 at 1:08 p.m.

17 **b. Excused Absences**

18 Mr. Alexander recorded that the following members had excused absences: Ms.
19 Tessa Jo Mascareñas, Dr. Nona Girardi, Ms. Mona Varela, and Mr. Joey Tiano.

20 **c. Absences**

21 Mr. Alexander recorded that Ms. Bonnie Lucas was absent.

22 **III. Welcome and Introductions**

23 Mr. Sayre welcomed the members and the public to the meeting. He asked for
24 introductions from the board members.

25 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

26 The board reviewed the agenda for the January 28, 2015 meeting.

27 Mr. Valdez asked that Mr. Stroble be given time on the agenda for a Waste Isolation
28 Pilot Plant (WIPP) update.

29 Mr. Sayre proposed adding a WIPP update to the liaison section as item "D".

30 Mr. Puglisi asked for time to discuss a new recommendation that he was working on
31 drafting.

32 Mr. Sayre proposed adding discussion on new draft recommendations under old
33 business item "B" other business.

34 Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Ms. Majure seconded
35 the motion. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was unanimously passed.

1 **V. Approval of Minutes**

2 The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting. By ongoing
3 instruction from DOE Headquarters, the minutes were previously reviewed and certified by
4 the NNMCAB Chair.

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6 Mr. Sayre opened the floor for comments from the Board; with no comments from the
7 Board, Mr. Sayre asked for a motion.

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9 Mr. Pacheco made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 19, 2014
10 meeting as presented; Mr. Puglisi seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes
11 passed unanimously.

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13 The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting. By ongoing
14 instruction from DOE Headquarters, the minutes were previously reviewed and certified by
15 the NNMCAB Chair.

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17 Mr. Sayre opened the floor for comments from the Board; with no comments from the
18 Board, Mr. Sayre asked for a motion.

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20 Ms. Tse-Pe made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 10, 2014 meeting
21 as presented; Ms. Majure seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as
22 presented was unanimously passed.

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24 **VI. Old Business**

25 **a. Written Reports**

26 Mr. Sayre opened the floor for comments on the written reports.

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28 Mr. Valdez asked how many new members were nominated in the packet that was
29 sent to DOE Headquarters for April appointment.

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31 Ms. Santistevan responded that the packet had two nominees included, and five
32 existing members that had been submitted for reappointment. Ms. Santistevan noted
33 that one of the new nominees was the recent Governor of Jemez Pueblo and the other
34 is a young man from Santa Fe.

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36 Mr. Sayre asked how many members the NNMCAB is allowed to have.

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38 Ms. Santistevan stated that the bylaws allow for 27 members; however, historically
39 the NNMCAB tries to maintain 21-22 members.

40 Ms. Santistevan noted that the Executive Director's report contained important dates
41 for the upcoming meetings and NNMCAB activities. She advised the members that the
42 next Combined Committee meetings would be February 18, 2015 and March 11, 2015 at

1 the NNMCAB office. She noted that the next Board Meeting would be March 25, 2015 at
2 La Fonda on the Plaza.

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4 **b. Other Items**

5 Mr. Sayre opened the floor for discussion on new draft recommendations.

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7 Mr. Puglisi asked if anyone was present from DOE that could answer questions
8 regarding who the fines and fees were being levied against.

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10 Mr. Craig noted that Mr. Maggiore was on a call with DOE HQ and would be arriving at
11 the NNMCAB meeting later in the afternoon.

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13 Mr. Sayre proposed moving discussion on the proposed recommendation to later in
14 the meeting.

15 Mr. Sayre asked if there were any additional old business items to discuss.

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17 Mr. Schmelling asked what the status was on the drafting of a new recommendation
18 regarding interim storage of TRU waste.

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20 Mr. Sayre stated that at the January 21, 2015 Executive Committee meeting Ms.
21 Majure had volunteered to draft that recommendation.

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23 Ms. Majure noted that the draft recommendation was almost complete and would be
24 ready to be distributed to the board Thursday or Friday January 29th or 30th.

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26 **VII. New Business**

27 Mr. Sayre stated that the NNMCAB needs to begin drafting the annual budget
28 recommendation to DOE. He asked Mr. Valdez if he would be willing to chair the ad hoc
29 committee for that recommendation.

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31 Mr. Valdez responded that he would work on a draft budget recommendation for FY'16.

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33 Mr. Sayre asked if there were any other members who would like to be on that ad hoc
34 committee.

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36 Mr. Schmelling and Mr. Sayre noted that they would help Mr. Valdez with the
37 recommendation.

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39 Mr. Valdez asked if the members wanted to focus on the numbers for the budget or the
40 priorities for FY'16 clean-up or both.

1 Mr. Bishop noted that at the February 18, 2015 NNMCAB meeting, Mr. David Rhodes
2 would be presenting information on the FY'15 work plan and FY'16 budget. He noted that
3 the presentation could be sent out to the members before the meeting for review. Mr.
4 Bishop noted that what would be the most valuable to DOE would be the priorities for the
5 clean-up, as the NNMCAB sees it.

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7 Mr. Puglisi asked if it would be possible to get a list of the priorities and the cost of
8 completing each, for FY'16.

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10 Mr. Bishop asked if the NNMCAB would like to see the list on a project basis or total cost
11 from end to end.

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13 Mr. Puglisi responded that he would like to see the list formatted on a project basis.

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15 Mr. Bishop responded that DOE could provide that information to the NNMCAB before
16 the February 18, 2015 committee meeting.

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18 Mr. Valdez noted that in terms of timeframe a recommendation on FY'16 budget would
19 need to be ready for a board vote by the March 25, 2015 meeting.

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21 Mr. Schmelling asked that in addition to the budget information, would it be possible to
22 address the risk benefit analysis for completion of each project.

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24 **VIII. Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer**

25 Mr. Bishop stated that Mr. Michael Gardipe would be joining the federal staff that
26 supports the NNMCAB as Co-DDFO, Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Gardipe to give a brief
27 introduction.

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29 Mr. Gardipe stated that he had been working for DOE for over 25 years, at multiple sites
30 across the complex. He noted that he had joined the environment side in 1995. Mr. Gardipe
31 stated that he was honored to be joining the NNMCAB federal support staff and noted that
32 he was very impressed with the formality and knowledge base of the NNMCAB members.

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34 Mr. Bishop stated that there would be one member attending the Waste Management
35 Symposia in Phoenix, Arizona in March. He also noted that two members would be
36 attending the Environmental Justice Conference in Washington, D.C. in March.

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38 **IX. Presentation on DOE Contracting**

39 **a. DOE Contracting 101**

40 Mr. Jack Surash, P.E., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project
41 Management, gave a presentation entitled "How Environmental Management Does
42 Business." An electronic copy of the presentation may be obtained from the NNMCAB

1 website; <http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm>. Video of
2 the presentation is also available on the NNMCABs YouTube Channel (NNMCAB).

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4 **b. Questions**

5 Ms. Majure asked what Environmental Management (EM) does different from the
6 National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

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8 Mr. Surash responded that if Bob Rains from NNSA were here discussing this topic he
9 would be talking about the same overall guidance. Additionally, noting that NNSA has
10 more Management and Operating Contracts (M&O), while EM uses more traditional
11 contracts and fewer M&O contracts.

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13 Mr. Sayre asked if a contractor is found at fault, and causes fines to be levied by the
14 regulator, is the contractor liable for a part of the fine.

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16 Mr. Surash responded that in some cases the contractor is liable for the fines and not
17 in others. He noted that it depends on how the contract is written.

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19 Mr. Craig stated that it is very dependent on the type of contract and what is written
20 into the contract. He noted that contracts can be written to include responsibility for a
21 portion of fines as a ceiling, all fines, or no fines at all.

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23 Mr. Valdez asked if past experience is considered in the selection process.

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25 Mr. Surash responded that past experience is the top factor in the selection process.
26 The technical approach is usually the second priority.

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28 Mr. Valdez asked if the criteria are weighted in the selection process.

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30 Mr. Surash responded that each of the factors is weighted and compared against the
31 Request for Proposal, by the evaluation board that was put together for the contract
32 selection process. He noted that proposals are not weighted against each other as A vs
33 B.

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35 Ms. Majure asked who in the federal government hits the 23% of contract awards to
36 small business.

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38 Mr. Surash responded that most of the other agencies in the federal government hit
39 the 23% percent mark.

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41 Mr. Schmelling asked if the new contract for work in Los Alamos would be an M&O
42 contract or a traditional contract.

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2 Mr. Surash responded that the new contract for clean-up work at LANL would not be
3 an M&O. Additionally; he noted that it would be a separate contract between Los
4 Alamos and EM.

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6 Mr. Puglisi asked if under the bridge contract the local subcontractors would be able
7 to transition over to the new bridge contractor.

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9 Mr. Surash responded that he did not know the answer to that at this time.

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11 **c. Update on Transition and Bridge Contract**

12 Mr. Jack Craig from the Consolidated Business Center provided an update on the
13 status of the bridge contract. Mr. Craig stated that at the previous meeting he had
14 talked about the organizational transition and the contract transition. Mr. Craig noted
15 that the organizational plan had been approved by the DOE Secretary. Additionally, he
16 noted the number of FTE's at the new EM field office had been increased from 22 to 26.
17 He stated that the additional FTE's would include a new Senior Executive Position,
18 Contracting Officer, and a Deputy Manager.

19 Mr. Craig noted that DOE was also looking at the possibility of additional resources
20 that may be required for the management of the new 5 year long term contract. Mr.
21 Craig noted the bridge contract was intended as a sole source contract with Los Alamos
22 National Security (LANS). Additionally, he noted that the DOE had received no public
23 comments on the bridge contract; so DOE signed a justification for other than full and
24 open competition which allows EM to begin negotiations with LANS on the bridge
25 contract. Mr. Craig stated that the letter contract should be completed in the next
26 month or so, noting that the bridge contract is only intended to cover an 18 month
27 period. Mr. Craig stated that the Request for Proposal for the long term contract would
28 likely be out for public comment mid-summer 2015. Mr. Craig stated that the long term
29 contract would have full and open competition.

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31 Mr. Sayre asked what the expected date was for the bridge contract to be in place.

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33 Mr. Craig responded that the time table for the bridge contract to be in place was the
34 end of February 2015.

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36 Ms. Majure asked if the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was available to the
37 public.

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39 Mr. Craig responded that the MOU is currently being drafted by Mr. Maggiore and his
40 staff.

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1 Mr. Maggiore noted that the MOU would be an intricate document and that he and
2 his staff were working on all of the interface issues, and information that would need to
3 be included to complete the MOU.

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5 Mr. Schmelling asked if LANS would have a separate organization to handle the bridge
6 contract.

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8 Mr. Erickson stated that LANS is working cooperatively with DOE to have a seamless
9 transition. He noted that how the transition will work within LANS is still under
10 negotiation.

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12 Mr. Valdez asked how the budget would be handled for the “guns, guards, and gates.”

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14 Mr. Craig stated that EM currently pays a portion of security through an overhead
15 account. He noted that a majority is paid by NNSA since the majority of the work at
16 LANL is NNSA work. He stated that EM would likely pay NNSA for the services.

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18 Mr. Puglisi asked if a traditional contract would need a specific scope of work, i.e.
19 work plan regarding the Consent Order.

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21 Mr. Surash responded that with a traditional contract it works best if the work scope
22 is defined. Additionally, he noted that there are options that can be implemented to
23 cover the possibility of changes, such as proceeding with a 75% of scope, allowing for
24 25% to cover changes.

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26 Mr. Maggiore noted that with the current contract the clean-up work is defined by a
27 paragraph; stating that any subsequent contract would be expected to have a much
28 more robust statement of work.

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30 **X. Discussion on new Draft Recommendation.**

31 Mr. Puglisi stated that he wanted to consider drafting a recommendation regarding
32 fines and fees and the possibility of supplemental environmental projects (SEP) in lieu of
33 fines.

34 Mr. Puglisi noted that it was his understanding that SEP can be used in lieu of fees under
35 RCRA.

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37 Mr. Maggiore responded that was his understanding as well, noting that the
38 Environmental Protection Agency has a SEP policy and he believed that NMED did also.

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40 Mr. Kendall noted that NMED does have a SEP policy.

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42 Mr. Puglisi noted that he would draft a recommendation before the March 25, 2015
43 board meeting proposing that SEP that are focused on Northern New Mexico be used
44 instead of fines and fees being assessed against DOE/LANL.

1 Mr. Sayre asked if there were any members who would like to help Mr. Puglisi draft the
2 recommendation.

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4 Mr. Martinez and Mr. Pacheco noted that they would like to assist Mr. Puglisi.
5 An ad hoc committee consisting of Mr. Puglisi, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Pacheco was
6 asked to work on drafting a recommendation for the March 25, 2015 board meeting.

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8 **XI. Update from Liaisons**

9 **a. Department of Energy**

10 Mr. Maggiore from DOE provided the update to the board. He stated that the fines for
11 DOE/LANL that came from the NMED totaled \$36.6 Million. Mr. Maggiore noted that on
12 January 9, 2015 DOE submitted a legal response to NMED on the administrative
13 compliance orders. Mr. Maggiore noted that the press may have portrayed that as DOE
14 being adversarial. Additionally, he noted that DOE believes that a settlement is in the
15 best interest of all parties concerned. He stated that DOE is continuing to address the
16 underlying causes that lead to the compliance orders.

17 Mr. Maggiore stated that the budget outlook for FY'15, the delta that occurred
18 between the President's request and the CRomnibus was the chromium funding. He
19 noted that the chromium request was \$32 million and \$4.6 million was approved. Mr.
20 Maggiore noted that for FY'15 there would be very minimal work on TRU waste and
21 DOE would be moving to address the nitrate salts issues. He noted that there would be a
22 significant amount of groundwater and surface water monitoring conducted in FY'15.
23 Additionally, he stated that plans for a monitoring well on San Ildefonso Pueblo were in
24 the process of being implemented.

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26 Mr. Schmelling asked if there would be an 80% cut in the scope of work for chromium
27 work or if money would be shifted to offset the budget cut.

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29 Mr. Maggiore responded that there was likely not sufficient funding to shift money.
30 He stated that he would look at it as a delay in the execution of the work scope.

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32 Mr. Dave McInroy noted that the operation budget for chromium had been reduced
33 from \$32 million to \$28 million, with \$5 million marked for the capital portion of the
34 project. He noted that the chromium project is still in the operational portion of the
35 implementation of the project, and he didn't feel that the budget cut would affect the
36 project that much in FY'15.

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38 Mr. Maggiore noted that the President's FY'16 budget was due to be rolled out on
39 Monday February 2, 2015.

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41 **b. Los Alamos National Laboratory**

42 Mr. Erickson from LANL submitted an update to the NNMCAB entitled, "Associate
43 Directorate for Environmental Programs Update for January 28, 2015." An electronic

1 copy of the information may be obtained from the NNMCAB website;
2 <http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm>.

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4 Mr. Valdez noted that at first Material Disposal Area (MDA) L was noted as having a
5 problem that needed to be addressed and now we are saying that it doesn't.

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7 Mr. Erickson responded that it was determined during the exploratory phase of the
8 project that the vapor released by the extraction process was below regulatory
9 standards. Additionally, he noted that because of this it was determined that the
10 activated charcoal filter system would not be required for the extraction process.

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12 Mr. McInroy stated that the gases are monitored on a quarterly basis. Additionally,
13 noting that the vapor being extracted by the soil vapor extraction process is also
14 monitored to ensure that the levels remain below the air quality standards.

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16 Mr. Sayre asked when the chromium extraction would begin again.

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18 Mr. McInroy responded that as soon as the ground is thawed the chromium extraction
19 would begin again. He noted that as part of the permit for the land application of the
20 treated water, the water must be able to re-infiltrate the ground, no runoff is allowed.

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22 Mr. Bishop advised the members that a more detailed presentation about MDA L
23 could be provided to the NNMCAB at a future meeting.

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25 **c. New Mexico Environment Department**

26 Mr. Jeff Kendall stated that Secretary Ryan Flynn was unable to attend the NNMCAB
27 meeting as he was giving a presentation at a different meeting.

28 Mr. Kendall stated that in regards to the budget, the LANL cleanup came in at \$185
29 million, he noted that number had justifications listed; however, NMED did not agree
30 with those justifications. He noted that WIPP received an additional \$104 million in
31 addition to its base budget of \$120 million.

32 Mr. Kendall stated that there had been discussion on a 2nd non-compliance order. He
33 noted that the first order was sent on December 6, 2014, noting that where NMED goes
34 with the possibility of a second order would largely depend on the success in the
35 settlement discussions on the first order.

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37 Mr. Valdez noted that DOE had responded to the administrative orders, so what
38 happens next.

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40 Mr. Kendall responded that NMED and DOE had entered into settlement discussions.
41 He noted that if settlement discussions do not progress at an acceptable rate, NMED will
42 move forward with having a hearing.

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2 Mr. Sayre asked if the settlement discussions were open to the public.

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4 Mr. Kendall responded that the settlement discussions are confidential and not open
5 to the public.

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7 Ms. Majure asked if the hearing is scheduled, would the second order precede that.

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9 Mr. Kendall responded that was to be determined, and he did not want to prejudge
10 how that was going to work out.

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12 **d. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**

13 Mr. Stroble from the Carlsbad Field Office provided the WIPP update for the NNMCAB.
14 He noted that Project Reach was underway and that if all goes according to plan the last
15 of the mapping would conclude by the end of the week February 6, 2015. Mr. Stroble
16 noted that the last piece of information that the Accident Investigation Board was
17 waiting on was the mapping.

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19 Mr. Sayre asked Mr. Stroble if the rock bolting was being conducted.

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21 Mr. Stroble responded that the rock bolting has lost some ground due to the release
22 and the inability to get into the mine. He noted that the ventilation requirements and
23 the requirements for personnel protective equipment have slowed the process of
24 installing the rock bolts. Mr. Stroble noted that a chunk of rock salt had fallen from the
25 roof; however, he noted that no personnel or equipment were in the area.

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27 Mr. Sayre asked if the decontamination process was proceeding on schedule.

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29 Mr. Stroble noted that the recovery plan lays out what will be happening and in what
30 phases. He stated that the decontaminant is coming along; however, he noted that they
31 are behind the projected schedule, though he hopes to make that up.

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33 Mr. Valdez asked if the quarterly Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
34 Inspections were being conducted, and if the ventilation upgrades were a capital line
35 item.

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37 Mr. Stroble responded that yes the inspections were being conducted and that there
38 had been an increase in inspections. He also noted that WIPP had a new agreement with
39 MSHA. Mr. Stroble noted that the procurements for the ventilation system upgrades
40 were in the works and are laid out in the WIPP recovery plan.

1 Mr. Valdez asked if WIPP would be reopened for full operations in FY'16 or if that had
2 been extended an additional two years.

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4 Mr. Stroble responded that he was not sure where the two years had come from;
5 however, he noted that the capital acquisitions for new ventilation systems would take
6 some time. He noted that the interim fixes are still projected to be completed by 2016,
7 allowing for opening with limited operations.

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9 Ms. Majure asked if Mr. Stroble could expand on what limited operations would be.

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11 Mr. Stroble responded that before the shutdown WIPP was receiving around 20
12 shipments a week. The limited operations would target around 4 shipments a week.
13 Additionally, he noted that the first priority would be to clear the waste above ground at
14 WIPP and what is currently stored at Waste Control Specialists.

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16 Ms. Majure asked if WIPP had conducted any layoffs due to the shutdown.

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18 Mr. Stroble responded that they have been able to sustain the workforce, with the
19 exception of some of the transportation employees. He also noted that with the
20 additional funding they are working to expand the work force.

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23 **XII. Public Comment Period**

24 Mr. Sayre opened the public comment period at 4:43 p.m. He welcomed Mr. Scott
25 Kovac from Nuke Watch New Mexico (NWNM) to the floor.

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27 Mr. Kovac stated that the Federal Budget was going to be coming out on Monday and
28 we would find out how much of the LANL clean-up budget would go to WIPP recovery. He
29 noted that the Environmental Management budget is not increasing and every so often, "I
30 like to remind us that this whole clean-up mess is from nuclear weapons production and
31 R&D." He noted that the nuclear weapons budget would of course not go down. Mr. Kovac
32 stated that we need to know what the life cycle cost is. He stated that we need to know
33 what the total cost is going to be. Mr. Kovac noted that the current number is \$3 billion and
34 is ridiculously low. He stated that in order for us to do our job which is securing clean-up
35 funding for the laboratory, we need to know what the final number is. Mr. Kovac stated that
36 the final number for the cost needs to include demolition and decommissioning of excess
37 facilities.

38 Mr. Kovac advised the members that the final date in the Consent Order (CO) is
39 December 15, 2015, additionally noting that once that date is reached it was his
40 understanding that the CO would go into a Class III modification. He noted that a public
41 hearing would be in order if that were to occur. Mr. Kovac stated that if the date is

1 administratively extended then the public will have the opportunity to comment on the CO
2 or any changes to it.

3 Mr. Kovac asked that “in regards to the contracts he would request that as DOE can
4 become more transparent as they are written.” Mr. Kovac noted that a while back DOE
5 removed the performance evaluation reports from the public view, with the logic that it is
6 source selection material and should not be public. He noted that NWNM fought hard to get
7 those put back into public view, so everyone would know how the contractors are doing. He
8 noted that everyone should know what we are paying for, what we are getting, and what
9 we were supposed to get. Mr. Kovac’s last request was that the new contracts be tied to the
10 CO.

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12 With no additional public comment, Mr. Sayre closed the public comment at 4:48 p.m.

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14 **XIII. Wrap-up and Comments From NNMCAB Members**

15 Mr. Sayre opened the floor for comments from the members. He asked that the
16 members address whether all their questions on presentations were answered and if they
17 had any requests for future presentations.

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19 Mr. Mayfield, Mr. Valerio, Ms. Sanderson, Ms. Friday, Mr. Schmelling, Mr. Pacheco, and
20 Ms. Quintana noted that it was an informative meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

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22 Mr. Valdez asked if it was possible to have Mr. Rhodes attend the meeting and give a
23 budget update and the chromium project.

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25 Ms. Schreiber thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a student member on the
26 NNMCAB.

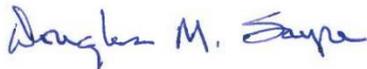
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28 Ms. Majure thanked the staff for the seamless meeting, and the appreciation of the
29 time that members contribute to the NNMCAB.

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31 Ms. Tse-Pe thanked Mr. Puglisi for bringing forward the new draft recommendation
32 concerning fines. She noted that she would like more information on how the budgeting
33 process at the legislature works.

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35 **XIV. Adjournment**

36 With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Bishop thanked the public and members for
37 attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

1 **Respectfully Submitted,**



2 **Doug Sayre, Chair, NNMCAB**

3 ***Minutes prepared by William Alexander, Technical Programs and Outreach, NNMCAB**

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5 **Attachments**

- 6 1. **Final NNMCAB Meeting Agenda for 1/28/2015**
 - 7 2. **Final NNMCAB Meeting Minutes for 11/19/2014**
 - 8 3. **Final NNMCAB Meeting Minutes for 12/10/2014**
 - 9 4. **Report from the NNMCAB Chair, Doug Sayre**
 - 10 5. **Report from the Executive Director, Menice Santistevan**
 - 11 6. **Presentation by, Jack Surash, DOE, P.E., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Project**
 - 12 **Management " How EM Does Business"**
 - 13 7. **Update from LANL, Environmental Programs, Randy Erickson**
 - 14 8. **Letter from Senators Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich, and Ben Ray Lujan to DOE Acting Assistant**
 - 15 **Secretary for Environmental Management, Mark Whitney**
 - 16 9. **Letter from DOE Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Mark Whitney to**
 - 17 **Senator Martin Heinrich**
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19 **Public Notice:**

20 ***All NNMCAB meetings are recorded. Audio CD's and Video DVD's have been placed on file for review**

21 **at the NNMCAB office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87506. The written minutes are**

22 **intended as a synopsis of the meeting.**

23 ***Reference documents listed in the attachments section of these minutes may be requested for**

24 **review from the NNMCAB Office by calling (505)989-1662.**