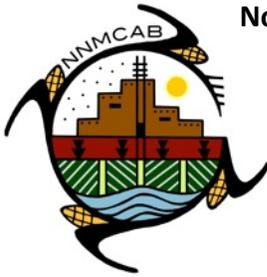


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Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting

January 8, 2014

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NNMCAB Office 94 Cities of Gold Rd.

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506



Minutes

Meeting Attendees

U.S. Department of Energy

1. Lee Bishop, Deputy Designated Federal Officer

NNMCAB Members

1. Carlos Valdez, NNM CAB Chair
2. Doug Sayre, NNM CAB Vice-Chair
3. Joey Tiano
4. Ashley Sanderson
5. Irene Tse-Pe
6. Bob Villarreal
7. Stephen Schmelling
8. Alex Puglisi
9. Adrian Chavez
10. Danny Mayfield
11. Angel Quintana

NNMCAB Excused Absences

1. Nona Girardi
2. Deborah Shaw
3. Mike Loya
4. Gerard Martinez
5. Mary Friday
6. Allison Majure
7. Kaitlin Martinez
8. Deidre Roybal
9. Jerry Trujillo
10. Gary Johnson

NNMCAB Absent

1. Brenda Gallegos

- 1 2. Bonnie Lucas
- 2 3. Manuel Pacheco
- 3 4. Joseph Viarrial

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5 **NNMCAB Support Staff**

- 6 Menice Santistevan, Executive Director
7 Bridget Maestas, Administrative Assistant
8 William Alexander, Technical Programs and Outreach

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10 **Guests**

- 11 Patti Jones, Los Alamos National Security
12 Tori George, Los Alamos National Security
13 Scott Kovac, Nuclear Watch New Mexico

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1 **Minutes**

2 **I. Call to Order**

3 The monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB)
4 Waste Management (WM), and Environmental Monitoring & Remediation (EM&R)
5 Committees was held on January 8, 2014 at the NNMCAB Office in Pojoaque, New Mexico.

6 Mr. Carlos Valdez the NNMCAB Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

7 The Meeting of the NNMCAB was open to the public and posted in The Federal Register
8 in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

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10 **II. Approval of Agenda**

11 The Combined Committee (CC) reviewed the agenda for the January 8, 2014 meeting.
12 Mr. Doug Sayre made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Joey Tiano
13 seconded the motion. The agenda for the January 8, 2014 meeting was approved as
14 presented.

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16 **III. Approval of Minutes**

17 Mr. Valdez noted that the minutes from the previous CC meeting held September 10,
18 2013, were included in the packet for the January 8, 2014 CC meeting. He noted that the
19 minutes had been approved during the November 20, 2013 board meeting in Taos; stating
20 that the minutes were included in the January packet for informational purposes.

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22 **IV. Old Business**

23 Mr. Valdez asked for an update on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) permit
24 modification for Hanford.

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26 Mr. Lee Bishop stated that the NNMCAB staff was monitoring the NMED and WIPP
27 websites for updates regarding the permit modification; noting that at this time no new
28 information is available regarding the Hanford modification. Mr. Bishop asked that Ms.
29 Menice Santistevan contact Mr. George Basabilvazo at the WIPP site before the January 29,
30 2014 board meeting for information concerning the permit modification.

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32 Mr. Stephen Schmelling noted that the Hanford report that Mr. Doug Sayre had
33 received at the Portsmouth Chairs meeting, implied that the permit modification would be
34 years down the road.

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36 Mr. Valdez responded that it would likely be at least a year before the permit
37 modification would move forward.

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39 Mr. Valdez moved to review of the Mercury Supplemental Environmental Impact
40 Statement (Mercury SEIS) NNMCAB comment responses.

1 Mr. Bishop stated that the Chair may want to table this item until the next committee
2 meeting to allow the members more time to review the document.

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4 Mr. Valdez responded that the Mercury SEIS would be tabled until the February 12,
5 2014 combined committee meeting. Mr. Valdez asked if there was any new information on
6 the Greater than Class C.

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8 Mr. Bishop noted that a decision had not been made.

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10 Mr. Schmelling noted that the comment period for the Natural Resource Damage
11 Assessment (NRDA) comment period had been extended from December to Mid-January.
12 He noted that after looking through the report there did not seem to be a lot to comment
13 on.

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15 Mr. Valdez agreed that there did not seem to be much information in the report to
16 comment on.

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18 Mr. Bishop noted that the NRDA is just starting its assessment, and deals with
19 restitution rather than remediation of resources.

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21 With no additional old business to discuss Mr. Valdez moved to new business.

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23 **V. New Business**

24 **A. NNM CAB 101**

25 The NNM CAB staff and Mr. Bishop gave a presentation on board processes and
26 procedures, "Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Processes and
27 Procedures Update January 2014". A copy of the presentation may be obtained
28 from the NNM CAB website; ([http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-](http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm)
29 [presentations/presentations.htm](http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm)).

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31 Mr. Danny Mayfield asked where economic development is addressed by the
32 NNM CAB.

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34 Mr. Bishop responded that economic development is addressed by the board, in
35 its considerations of the impact that cleanup recommendations drafted by the
36 board, can have on the local area, and on land transfers.

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38 Mr. Mayfield asked where the local governments fall on the NNM CAB input
39 chart.

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41 Ms. Santistevan noted that the local governments fall under the community
42 input section on the chart.

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B. Member Nomination Package

Ms. Santistevan stated that a draft nomination package had been submitted to DOE headquarters for review in December. She noted that Ms. Brenda Gallegos, Mr. Mike Loya, and Ms. Deborah Shaw would be leaving the board in April. It was noted that Ms. Ashley Sanderson and Ms. Allison Majure were up for reappointment, and one new nominee was also included in the package. Ms. Santistevan noted that the final package should be ready for submittal by mid-January.

Ms. Patti Jones asked if the board would be interested in an additional student member.

Ms. Santistevan responded that the board would be happy to have an additional student on the board.

C. New Items

Mr. Schmelling asked if the NNM CAB had any role to play in addressing the Santa Fe City Council resolution on Area G.

Mr. Bishop responded that one avenue would be that the board could write a recommendation and review the Santa Fe resolution, as part of that recommendation giving the board's stance on the issue to DOE. Additionally he noted that recommendations regarding MDA G are within the boards EM scope.

Ms. Bridget Maestas was asked to take the action of forwarding the Santa Fe resolution to the members.

VI. Update from Executive Committee

Mr. Valdez stated that the NNM CAB would be looking at putting on a TA-54 forum sometime in the spring or early summer. Mr. Valdez noted that an Ad Hoc committee was being put together to look at the annual evaluation, he stated that Mr. Puglisi, Ms. Sanderson, and Mr. Schmelling would be the members of that committee.

Mr. Valdez noted that the NNM CAB still needs to look at the Bylaws and possible revisions to them.

Mr. Valdez stated that in future meetings the combined committee would break out into its respective committees for the last 15 minutes of each meeting to discuss individual committee issues.

VII. Update from DDFO

Mr. Bishop stated that presentations for the upcoming meetings would be on Material Disposal Area G. The presentations at the January Board meeting would be on the TA-54 Performance Assessment and Composite Analysis and the Material Disposal Area G

1 Corrective Measures Evaluation Report. The presentation at the February combined
2 committee meeting would be given by Mr. Scott Kovac from Nuclear Watch New Mexico
3 and its stance on MDA G. Additionally Mr. Bishop noted that during the executive
4 committee meeting the possibility of the NNMCAB hosting a forum had been discussed.

5 Mr. Bishop stated that the 3706 Campaign was looking at completing the repackaging of
6 waste by the first week of March, with the last shipment to WIPP slated for the last week of
7 May. He noted that over 3000m³ have been shipped and LANL is working on the last 500m³
8 to 600m³, to complete the disposal of the above grade TRU waste.

9 Mr. Bishop noted that the final budget numbers for the FY'14 year are not yet available;
10 however once the budget is available DOE would be looking at the priorities for the
11 remainder of FY'14.

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13 **VIII. Presentation on LANL**

14 **a. Los Alamos National Laboratory General Information**

15 Ms. Tori George from LANL gave a presentation to the NNMCAB on LANL, "Los
16 Alamos National Laboratory General Overview of Environmental Programs". An
17 electronic copy of the presentation may be obtained from the NNMCAB website;
18 (<http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm>).

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20 **b. Questions**

21 Mr. Villarreal asked how much waste is underground.

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23 Ms. George responded that the lab has 3 MDA's at TA-54, with MDA G at 63
24 acres, MDA H .3 acres, and MDA L at 2.5 acres. Additionally MDA AB at 3.5 acres
25 MDA T at 2.2 acres, MDA A at 1.25, MDA C at 12 acres, and 10 additional MDA's at 2
26 to 3 acres. The total acreages of MDA's being 87.75 acres.

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28 Mr. Villarreal asked if LANL had air monitoring.

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30 Ms. George responded that LANL has an extensive set of air permits that are
31 issued by NMED and EPA, depending on the regulation. She also noted that LANL
32 has an extensive air monitoring network around the site.

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34 Mr. Mayfield asked if the chromium plume was included in the acreage number.

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36 Ms. George responded that the chromium plum was not included in the MDA
37 acreage.

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39 Mr. Puglisi asked if the waste that would now be considered RCRA waste that
40 was buried prior to the Federal Facilities Compliance Act, is considered RCRA
41 hazardous waste by LANL.
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1 Ms. George noted that waste buried before the 1970's law came into place is
2 not considered RCRA hazardous waste as it sits in the ground. She noted that if it is
3 excavated and it is determined to be hazardous as defined by RCRA, it would then
4 be considered RCRA Hazardous waste.

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6 Mr. Sayre asked if the most downstream site for the Buckman notification
7 system would be replaced after it had been destroyed by the flooding in FY'13.

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9 Ms. George responded that at this time that location was not going to be
10 replaced.

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12 Mr. Puglisi asked if a permit modification was required for removing the 69 sites
13 currently awaiting action by NMED.

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15 Ms. George responded that the 69 sites are currently waiting on NMED action
16 for certificates of completion. She noted that the next step after the approval of
17 certificates of completion would be a permit modification.

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19 Ms. Angel Quintana asked why the number of shipments in 2000 and 2004 was
20 zero.

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22 Mr. Bishop stated that the first shipments were part of the Quick to WIPP
23 project, which were drums that were already packaged. Once the available drums
24 ran out, the shipping numbers went down. He noted that over the next couple of
25 years the production lines and TRU waste capabilities were being brought online.
26 Additionally, he stated that shipments are not always full, and the shipping metric is
27 not used as much anymore since it does not reflect volume shipped.

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29 Mr. Mayfield asked if TA-74 had any waste disposal areas below ground.

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31 Ms. George stated that to her knowledge there were no MDA's at TA-74.

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33 **IX. Public Comment**

34 Mr. Valdez opened public comment at 3:45 p.m.

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36 Mr. Scott Kovac provided two information sheets to the NMCAB members. Mr. Kovac
37 noted that the environmental cleanup funds for FY'14 accounted for 10% of LANL's budget.
38 Mr. Kovac noted that the yellow sheet was regarding Nuclear Watch New Mexico's position
39 on MDA G.

1 With no additional members of the public scheduled to address the board, Mr. Valdez
2 closed public comment at 3:47 p.m.

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4 **X. Adjournment**

5 Mr. Valdez noted that the next CC meeting would be February 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m.
6 to 4:00 pm. at the NNMCAB office. He also noted that the NNMCAB would hold the next
7 board meeting at the Lodge at Santa Fe on January 29, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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9 With no additional comments Mr. Valdez adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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11 **Respectfully Submitted**

12 **William Alexander**

13 **Technical Programs and Outreach**

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