



Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board
Combined Committee Meeting
June 15, 2016
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
NNMCAB Office
94 Cities of Gold Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506
Minutes



Meeting Attendees

Department of Energy

1. Lee Bishop, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer
2. Michael Gardipe, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer

NNMCAB Members

1. Diahann Lopez Cordova, EM&R Committee Vice-Chair
2. Joshua Madalena
3. Carlos Valdez
4. Joey Tiano
1. Gerard Martínez y Valencia
5. Robert Gomez
6. Doug Sayre
7. Ashely Sanderson
8. Angel Quintana

NNMCAB Student Representatives

1. Nicole Habbit

NNMCAB Members Excused Absences

1. Stephen Schmelling
2. Angelica Gurulé
3. Nona Girardi
4. Mona Varela
5. Danny Mayfield
6. Rod Sanchez

NNMCAB Members Absent

1. Tessa Jo Mascareñas
2. Alex Puglisi
3. Max Baca
4. Michael Valerio
5. Irene Tse-Pe

1 **NNMCAB Staff**

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

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6 **Guests**

- 7 1. Katie Roberts, New Mexico Environment Department
- 8 2. Scott Kovac, Nuke Watch New Mexico
- 9 3. Steven Horak, Project Time & Cost, LLC.
- 10 4. Taslima Khandaker, Regional Coalition of LANL Communities

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1 **Minutes**

2 **I. Call to Order**

3 The Bi-monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board
4 (NNMCAB) Waste Management (WM) and Environmental Monitoring & Remediation
5 (EM&R) Committees was held on June 15, 2016 at the NNMCAB Office in Pojoaque, New
6 Mexico.

7 Mr. Lee Bishop, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer stated that on behalf of the
8 Department of Energy (DOE) the meeting of the NNMCAB was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
9 Mr. Bishop recognized Ms. Diahann Lopez-Cordova, EM&R Committee Vice-Chair, Ms.
10 Lopez-Cordova presided at the meeting.

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

13 **II. Establishment of a Quorum (11 Needed)**

14 **a. Roll Call**

15 Mr. William Alexander conducted roll call as the members arrived. At the call
16 to order 7 members were present. Mr. Alexander recorded that at the call to
17 order, a quorum was not present. Ms. Angel Quintana arrived at 2:00 p.m.

18 **b. Excused Absences**

19 Mr. Alexander recorded that the following members had an excused absence:
20 Mr. Stephen Schmelling, Ms. Angelica Gurulé, Ms. Mona Varela, Dr. Nona Girardi,
21 Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Rod Sanchez.

22 **c. Absences**

23 Mr. Alexander recorded that the following members were absent: Mr.
24 Michael Valerio, Ms. Irene Tse-Pe, Mr. Alex Puglisi, Mr. Max Baca, and Ms. Tessa
25 Jo Mascareñas.

26 **III. Approval of Agenda**

27 The Combined Committee (CC) reviewed the Agenda for the June 15, 2016 meeting. Ms.
28 Lopez-Cordova asked for a motion.

29 Mr. Tiano made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The
30 motion to approve the agenda passed.

31 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

32 Ms. Lopez-Cordova opened the floor for questions or comments on the minutes from
33 the April 27, 2016 CC meeting.

34 Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Sayre seconded
35 the motion. The members voted all in favor, the motion to approve the minutes as
36 presented passed.

37 **V. Introductions**

38 Ms. Lopez-Cordova asked for introductions from the board members and all attending
39 guests.
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2 **VI. Old Business**

3 Ms. Lopez-Cordova opened the floor for discussion on possible topics for future
4 presentations at NNM CAB meetings.

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6 Mr. Sayre noted that at the next meeting in July the topic of the presentation would be
7 an update on Chromium.

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9 Mr. Bishop noted that at the Executive Committee meeting there was a request for a
10 presentation on Regional Air Monitoring, he stated that the topic would be added to the
11 queue. Additionally, noting that a presentation on Climate Change is also in the queue. Mr.
12 Bishop also stated that as soon as the Lifecycle Baseline is approved there are plans in place
13 to present it at one of the future NNM CAB meetings.

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15 With no additional discussion on this matter, Ms. Lopez-Cordova moved on to topics for
16 future NNM CAB recommendations. Ms. Lopez-Cordova noted that recommendation 2016-
17 03 "Order on Consent" had been passed at the May board meeting. She stated that Mr.
18 Puglisi had said that he would possibly be working on a follow on or supplement to the
19 recommendation. Ms. Lopez-Cordova opened the floor for comments and discussion from
20 the members.

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22 Mr. Valdez stated that he thought that it might be a good idea for the NNM CAB to draft
23 a recommendation on Quality Control (QC) improvements in the waste characterization
24 process for Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) drums. He noted that he did not feel that he
25 had the expertise to draft the recommendation on his own.

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27 Mr. Bishop responded that the Central Characterization Program has changed the
28 process for QC of WIPP waste. He noted a presentation on the current process would be a
29 good topic and that a presentation would provide some information for the NNM CAB to
30 draft a recommendation on.

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32 **VII. New Business**

33 **a. Election of Waste Management Committee Vice-Chair**

34 Ms. Lopez-Cordova opened the floor for new business. She asked for
35 nominations for WM Committee Vice-Chair. She noted that the current WM
36 Committee Vice-Chair had recently resigned from the NNM CAB due to personal
37 reasons.

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39 Mr. Valdez nominated Mr. Danny Mayfield for WM Committee Vice-Chair; Mr.
40 Martínez y Valencia seconded the nomination.

1 As Mr. Mayfield was not present at the meeting Ms. Santistevan noted that
2 she would contact Mr. Mayfield to notify him that he had been nominated for the
3 WM Committee Vice-Chair position. Additionally, she stated that the members
4 could vote on the nomination at the next Combined Committee meeting in
5 August.

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7 **b. Mid-Year Review of Committee Work Plans**

8 Ms. Lopez-Cordova noted that the meeting packet contained a copy of the
9 approved FY'16 committee work plans.

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11 Ms. Santistevan noted that the Bylaws call for each committee to prepare a
12 work plan for submittal to DOE. Additionally, she stated that the purpose of the
13 mid-year review is to make sure that the committee is on track with the work
14 outlined in the work plan. She noted that the mid-year review was an opportunity
15 for the committees to amend work plans if necessary.

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17 Mr. Martínez y Valencia noted that the work plans were only recently
18 approved. Stating that if no one was opposed he would suggest moving forward
19 with the remaining agenda items.

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21 Ms. Lopez-Cordova noted that each member should take the time to look over
22 the mission statement of their committee and get to know what is in their work
23 plan.

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25 Mr. Valdez noted that on the WM work plan item number four, consider
26 Consent Order deliverables, had been addressed with the NNMCABs participation
27 in the Revised LANL Consent Order. He stated that the NNMCAB had done an
28 excellent job in providing comment on the draft document. Additionally, Mr.
29 Valdez noted that the NNMCAB had done a great job on FY'18 budget priorities.

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31 **c. Appointment of Nomination Committee**

32 Ms. Lopez-Cordova stated that the election of new officers for the Board
33 would be happening in September. She asked the members if anyone present
34 would like to volunteer for the nominating committee.

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36 Ms. Santistevan noted that the members of the Nominating Committee would
37 need to poll the NNMCAB membership and report to the Board members that
38 received nominations for officer positions. Additionally, Ms. Santistevan noted
39 that nominations can be taken up to the September meeting.

1 Ms. Sanderson stated that she and Mr. Whiting had served on the nomination
2 committee for FY'16 elections. Additionally, she noted that she could serve on the
3 committee for the FY'17 elections.
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5 Mr. Sayre noted that Mr. Schmelling might like to serve on the nomination
6 committee.
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8 Ms. Santistevan noted that she would ask Mr. Schmelling if he would like to
9 serve on the Nominating Committee.
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11 Ms. Sanderson stated that she would begin polling the members and have a
12 report prepared for the July 27, 2016 Board meeting.
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14 With no additional new business to discuss Ms. Lopez-Cordova closed the
15 floor for discussion.
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17 **VIII. Update from the Department of Energy**

18 Mr. Bishop stated that there had been an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican regarding
19 the funding at Los Alamos. He noted that the take away from the article, was that New
20 Mexico's Senators were working to secure an additional \$10 million in funding for the FY'17
21 budget.

22 Mr. Bishop stated that DOE had conducted tours for prospective new EM contractors.
23 Additionally noting that over 150 individuals representing over 30 companies participated in
24 the tour. Mr. Bishop noted that the request for proposal draft was out for comment. He
25 noted that the final proposal is due out summer 2016. Mr. Bishop noted that the plan is to
26 have a new contract awarded and in place summer 2017.

27 Mr. Bishop noted that the EM organization is being reorganized, noting that the new
28 organizational structure chart should be ready by the NNMCABs next meeting.

29 Mr. Bishop stated that the pressure relief valves have been installed on all of the nitrate
30 salt waste drums stored at TA-54. He noted that the plan is to begin remediation of those
31 drums around October 1, 2016. Additionally, Mr. Bishop stated that the drums at Waste
32 Control Specialists (WCS) are still in a safe configuration in the federal disposal cell. He
33 noted that the drums there would be remediated after the work at TA-54 is completed.
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35 Mr. Gardipe stated that the EM-LA office had completed the move to Pueblo Complex,
36 and is now more accessible.

37 Mr. Gardipe noted that he would like to mention that comments on the draft proposal
38 can be submitted through June 24, 2016. He stated that the Regional Coalition of LANL
39 Communities had hosted a reception on Thursday June 9, 2016, for contractors that are
40 interested in the environmental work in Los Alamos. He noted that the purpose of the
41 reception was to give an opportunity for the public to interact with the contractors and

1 share their opinions on the cleanup. Additionally, Mr. Gardipe noted that EM had hosted a
2 separate event for community involvement regarding the draft proposal on Monday June
3 13, 2016. Mr. Bishop noted that community involvement is important to the community and
4 will be a part of the contractor proposal process.

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6 Mr. Kovac asked if there were any plans to add the pressure relief filters to the drums
7 stored at WCS.

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9 Mr. Bishop responded that at this time there are no plans to install pressure relief filters
10 to those drums stored at WCS. Additionally, noting that the drums are stored in a safe
11 configuration at this time and will remain under close observation.

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13 **IX. Presentation**

14 **a. National Nuclear Security Administration**

15 Mr. Pete Maggiore, DOE NNSA, gave a presentation entitled, "Supplemental
16 Environmental Projects Update." An electronic copy of the presentation, may be
17 obtained from the NNMCAB website; <http://www.energy.gov/em/nnmcab>.

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19 **b. Questions**

20 Mr. Sayre asked if the sampling and monitoring station that was lost by Otowi,
21 could be reestablished as part of the Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP).

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23 Mr. Maggiore responded that a better location on land that is owned by DOE
24 has been established and will collect the same, if not better data.

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26 Mr. Martínez y Valencia asked if there was a possibility of including some type
27 of educational outreach as part of the SEPs.

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29 Mr. Maggiore stated that DOE refers to that as technology transfer.
30 Additionally noting that it is actively being discussed.

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32 Mr. Valdez asked "what is the possibility of getting SEPs into the new Order on
33 Consent."

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35 Ms. Roberts responded that though the new Order on Consent has not been
36 finalized, SEPs will be part of the final document.

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38 Mr. Sayre asked if DOE Los Alamos was involved in the \$40 million in SEPs for
39 the WIPP site.
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1 Mr. Maggiore responded that DOE transferred the \$40 million for WIPP SEPs
2 over to the Department of Transportation and they will be completing the scope
3 for the SEPs at WIPP.
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5 Ms. Lopez-Cordova asked if it was typical of the TRU packs to be exposed
6 while in transit.

7 Mr. Bishop responded that the TRU-PAC II is loaded with up to 14, 55 gallon
8 drums that are type A containers. Additionally, noting that the TRU-PAC II is a type
9 B container and is the most robust transport container.

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11 **X. Public Comment**

12 Ms. Lopez-Cordova opened the floor for public comment at 2:35 p.m., she invited Mr.
13 Scott Kovac of Nuke Watch New Mexico to address the Board.
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15 Mr. Kovac stated that he did agree that it was a good idea for future recommendations
16 to track the corrective actions at Los Alamos. Mr. Kovac noted that he would recommend
17 that the NNM CAB compose a recommendation on SEPs and having the costs and amounts
18 spent be transparent.
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20 With no additional public comment. Ms. Lopez-Cordova closed the public comment
21 period at 2:36 p.m.

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23 **XI. Adjournment**

24 Ms. Lopez-Cordova noted that the next NNM CAB CC Meeting would be held on August
25 24, 2016 at the NNM CAB office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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27 With no additional business to discuss, Ms. Lopez-Cordova adjourned the meeting at
28 2:38 p.m.

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30 **Respectfully Submitted,**

31 **William Alexander,**
32 **Technical Programs and Outreach**

33 **Attachments:**

- 34 1. **Final Combined Committee Meeting Agenda for 06/15/2016**
- 35 2. **Final Combined Committee Meeting Minutes for 04/27/2016**
- 36 3. **FY'16 Committee Work Plans**
- 37 4. **Presentation by Pete Maggiore NNSA, "Supplemental Environmental Projects Update"**
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