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Purpose of the NTSF

- Mechanism used to communicate at a national level with states and tribes about the Department's shipments of radioactive waste and materials
 - Replaced the Transportation External Communication Working Group (TEC/WG)
 - DOE M 460.2-1, *Radioactive Material Transportation Practices Manual*, requires preplanning and communication
- Differences between NTSF & TEC/WG
 - NTSF does not include industry
 - NTSF is striving to be all-inclusive



Goals of NTSF

- Inform states and tribes about ongoing, upcoming, or tentatively planned DOE shipments or shipping campaigns that may have an impact on their jurisdictions.
- Obtain input from states and tribes about concerns, needs, or logistics that is relevant to shipment planning and execution.
- Identify emerging issues for DOE and its transportation stakeholders that may affect shipment planning, preparedness, and execution, including intergovernmental consultation and cooperation.

Organization

- DOE Chair – Director, Office of Packaging and Transportation:
 - responsible for overall operation of NTSF;
 - provides feedback to other groups (EMAB, Corporate Boards, STGWG, etc.)
- Planning Committee:
 - designees representing Federal, state, and tribal governments;
 - assists Chair in developing agenda and prioritizing issues for ad hoc working groups



Members

- *DOE Program Office Representatives:*
 - provide information regarding their shipping plans,
 - identify a single point of contact for information,
 - serve on ad hoc working groups as,
 - respond to stakeholder requests for information
- *State and tribal participants:*
 - Provide feedback on DOE's shipping campaigns,
 - respond to requests for information,
 - coordinate with other agencies in their jurisdictions,
 - serve on ad hoc working groups as requested,
 - act as conduits for information between DOE and their respective states and tribes.

First NTSF Meeting

- Held May 25-27, 2010, in Chicago, IL
 - Transportation Risk Communication Training
 - TRANSCOM User Group Meeting
 - Tribal Caucus
 - National Conference of State Legislators
 - Four State Regional Groups
 - Included representatives from NNSA, Offices of Science, Nuclear Energy, and EM
- <http://www.em.doe.gov/Pages/NationalTransportationForum.aspx>