



**Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting**

**November 14, 2012**

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

**NNMCAB Conference Room**

**Pojoaque, New Mexico**

**MINUTES**

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**Meeting Attendees:**

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**U.S. Department of Energy:**

**1. Christina Houston, LASO/EPO**

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**NNMCAB Members:**

- 1. Carlos Valdez, NNM CAB Chair**
- 2. Doug Sayre, EMR Committee Chair**
- 3. Joseph Viarrial**
- 4. Lawrence Garcia**
- 5. Arthur Mascarenas**
- 6. Bonnie Lucas**
- 7. Joey Tiano**

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**NNMCAB Support Staff:**

**Menice B. Santistevan, Executive Director**

**Guests-**

**Stephen Schmelling, Public Member**

**Lorrie Bonds Lopez, LANS**

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**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The combined monthly meeting of the Waste Management (WM) and Environmental Monitoring, and Remediation (EMR) committees of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) was held on Nov. 14th, 2012 in Pojoaque, New Mexico. Carlos Valdez, NNM CAB Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and presided at the meeting.

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**II. Committee Business Items**

- a. The agenda was approved as presented.
- b. The Minutes of Oct. 17th were approved as presented.

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**III. New Business**

NNMCAB Chair Carlos Valdez gave a synopsis of actions and discussions from the Executive Committee meeting held that morning. Mr. Valdez stated that the ExCom discussed the draft recommendations from the Chairs' meeting and went over each recommendation with the members; the NNMCAB will consider the recommendations on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that a presentation will be requested on the health risks of radiation and the cancer rates in the Los Alamos area versus the rest of the state. The committee held a long discussion on the legal ramifications of such a presentation and who should present this information. Mr. Valdez stated that he will ask the state to present its data during the Jan. Bi-monthly meeting.

**IV. Items from DDFO**

Christina Houston stated that she was filling for Ed Worth who was at a meeting. She stated that Mr. Worth is on detail as the Chief of Staff to Pete Maggiore at the Environmental Projects Office. Ms. Houston reported that several important issues will be discussed at the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NNMCAB. Those items include: MDA-C, the annual work plan priorities and the disposal plan for underground TRU.

**V. Election of Committee Officers for FY 2013**

The committees held election of officers from the slate of nominees. Doug Sayre was elected Chair of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee and Joseph Viarrial was elected Vice-Chair. Joey Tiano was elected Chair of the Waste Management Committee and Art Mascarenas was elected Vice-Chair. The newly elected officers were congratulated by all. Menice Santistevan stated that as committee officers, they were now members of the Executive Committee. Chairman Valdez requested that the new committee officers review the committee work plans and plan on future recommendations.

**VI. Complete Annual Evaluation Forms for 2012**

Menice Santistevan distributed the annual evaluation forms to members who had not yet completed the form. She explained that the results will be tabulated and the report will be presented for NNMCAB consideration on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. The report will then be submitted to DOE HQ, as required in the NNMCAB Bylaws.

**VII. Presentation: Environmental Communications Update, Lorrie Bonds-Lopez, LANS**

Lorrie Bonds-Lopez gave an update on Environmental Communications. A copy of the presentation may be requested by contacting the NNMCAB office at (505) 989-1662. The presentation is also posted on the NNMCAB web site at: [www.nnmcab.energy.gov](http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov)

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**VIII. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for the public comment period.

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**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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4 **Menice B. Santistevan**  
5 **Executive Director**  
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