

**DOE TEC Inter-Modal Subtopic Group Conference Call  
Tuesday, July 17, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT**

**Conference Call Minutes**

**Participants:**

**Chair: Melissa Bailey** (CSG/NE)

**Members: Scott Field** (WIEB), **Alex Thrower** (OCRWM), **Fred Dilger** (State of Nevada), **Tammy Ottmer** (WIEB), **Amy Alesch** (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo), **Cash Jaszczak** (Nye County, Nevada), **Lee Finewood** (BAH)

**Contractor Support: John Smegal** (Legin)

**Summary:**

Melissa Bailey welcomed the participants and thanked them for their interest. She confirmed that she had received the materials that Bob Halstead had submitted. She stated that the goal of the call was to begin the process of defining the scope for the group's efforts and the resources required. She hoped that getting a few ideas down on paper would facilitate more in-depth discussions at the upcoming TEC meeting in Kansas City.

Fred Dilger noted that it was important to address inter-modal issues now because they impacted many of the early shipments. He also indicated that these issues were complicated, and that the states needed time to collect sufficient data to make appropriate policy decisions.

Alex Thrower agreed that there are many potentially important inter-modal issues; however, not all of them can be addressed by the group at this time because they reflect NEPA analyses that are currently being conducted. He said the inter-modal panel discussion at TEC will help initiate the identification of relevant issues. He then confirmed that upon Jay Jones departure, he would be assuming the lead on the Rail Topic Group and associated sub-topic groups. He emphasized that he wanted to ensure that the groups held their discussions within the right context, that they stayed on track, and that they referred issues to the larger group, when necessary. Scott Field acknowledged that the inter-modal discussion, by its very nature, could expand outside its original scope.

Fred Dilger suggested that the group isolate the inter-modal-specific topics that they could focus on so as to generate the greatest benefits. He recommended that the TEC meeting would provide an opportunity for members to get educated on the issues. Subsequent discussions would then be used to develop formal inter-modal group positions.

Amy Alesch recommended that the documents that Bob Halstead submitted for consideration by the group be distributed at TEC. Alex Thrower concurred, as long as they were submitted by the State of Nevada, not the group. Amy Alesch asked if there were any additional documents that they should review. Scott Field suggested that the DOE Concept of Operations Plan, as well as Appendix J of the original Yucca Mountain EIS. Fred Dilger suggested that Appendix J was available on the OCRWM website. Alex Thrower indicated that he would look into obtaining copies of both documents and distributing them to the group.

Melissa Bailey asked for additional suggestions for reference materials. She stated that the next step after TEC would be to prepare a formal Inter-Modal Sub-topic Group workplan.

The call was adjourned.