The Transportation External Coordination WORKING GROUP

Transportation

In an effort to improve coordinated interactions between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and external groups interested in the Department's transportation activities, DOE established the Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC/WG). TEC/WG membership includes representatives from State, Tribal, and local government; industry; and professional organizations. All DOE programs with significant transportation programs participate in the TEC/WG. These programs include the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Defense Programs, and the Office of General Counsel.

TEC/WG activities are driven by a formal charter, which defines the group's mission, objectives, and membership responsibilities. In meetings held twice a year, TEC/WG members learn about DOE's transportation activities, identify transportation-related issues of concern to their constituents, suggest ways in which DOE can address those issues, and review plans for incorporating those suggestions into DOE transportation policies and activities. After each meeting, participants report to their respective organizations to distribute information and materials and to obtain additional input for DOE. TEC/WG meetings are open to all interested parties.

The TEC/WG has identified six broad areas of concern related to the Department's transportation-related programs:

- Transportation Operations,
- General Planning,
- Emergency Management,
- Training,
- Technical Assistance, and
- Public Information and Education

The TEC/WG has been endorsed by Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary, who praised the group's committed efforts in working with interested parties and the public to develop a departmental strategy on transportation issues.

TEC/WG ISSUE RESOLUTION PROCESS

ISSUE

IDENTIFICATION: TEC/WG

- Identifies and discusses issue
- Develops problem statement
- Generates objective(s) and recommended activities
- Reviews and analyzes issue

FORMULATION: DOE

- Considers issue and recommendations
- Determines level of effort required
 - Low: conducts activities as appropriate
 - High: assigns DOE lead office to prepare a draft Task Plan
- Submits draft Task Plan to TEC/WG

VALIDATION: TEC/WG

- Reviews and provides DOE with comments on the draft Task Plan
- DOE records and incorporates TEC/WG comments as appropriate and finalizes Task Plan

IMPLEMENTATION: DOE & TEC/WG

- DOE implements Task Plan
- DOE provides ongoing status reports to the TEC/WG through Task Plan completion

EVALUATION: TEC/WG

- Repeats resolution process if issue is not fully resolved

RESOLUTION

The Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC/WG) Issue Resolution Process is the mechanism through which the U.S. Department of Energy addresses the transportation-related concerns of TEC/WG members and their constituents.

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Member Associations

AFL-CIO, Transportation Trades Department
American College of Emergency Physicians
Association of American Railroads
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors
Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development
Council of Energy Resource Tribes
Council of State Government's Eastern Regional Conference
Council of State Governments, Midwestern Office
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DOE invites National and regional organizations to participate in the Transportation External Coordination Working Group based on their expertise or interest in specific DOE transportation activities. Member associations represent State, Tribal, and local governments; and professional, technical, and industry groups. Associate members are DOE-sponsored organizations that represent contractor interests.

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