



Federal Transitions and their Potential Impact on the Role of States as Co-Regulators of Radioactive Materials Transportation

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Presentation overview

- The role of states as co-regulators
- State engagement in radioactive waste shipment planning and execution
- Federal transitions and their effect on the states



States as co-regulators

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (10 CFR):
packaging, safeguards and security
- Department of Transportation (49 CFR):
overall responsibility for hazmat transport
- States enforce compatible regulations

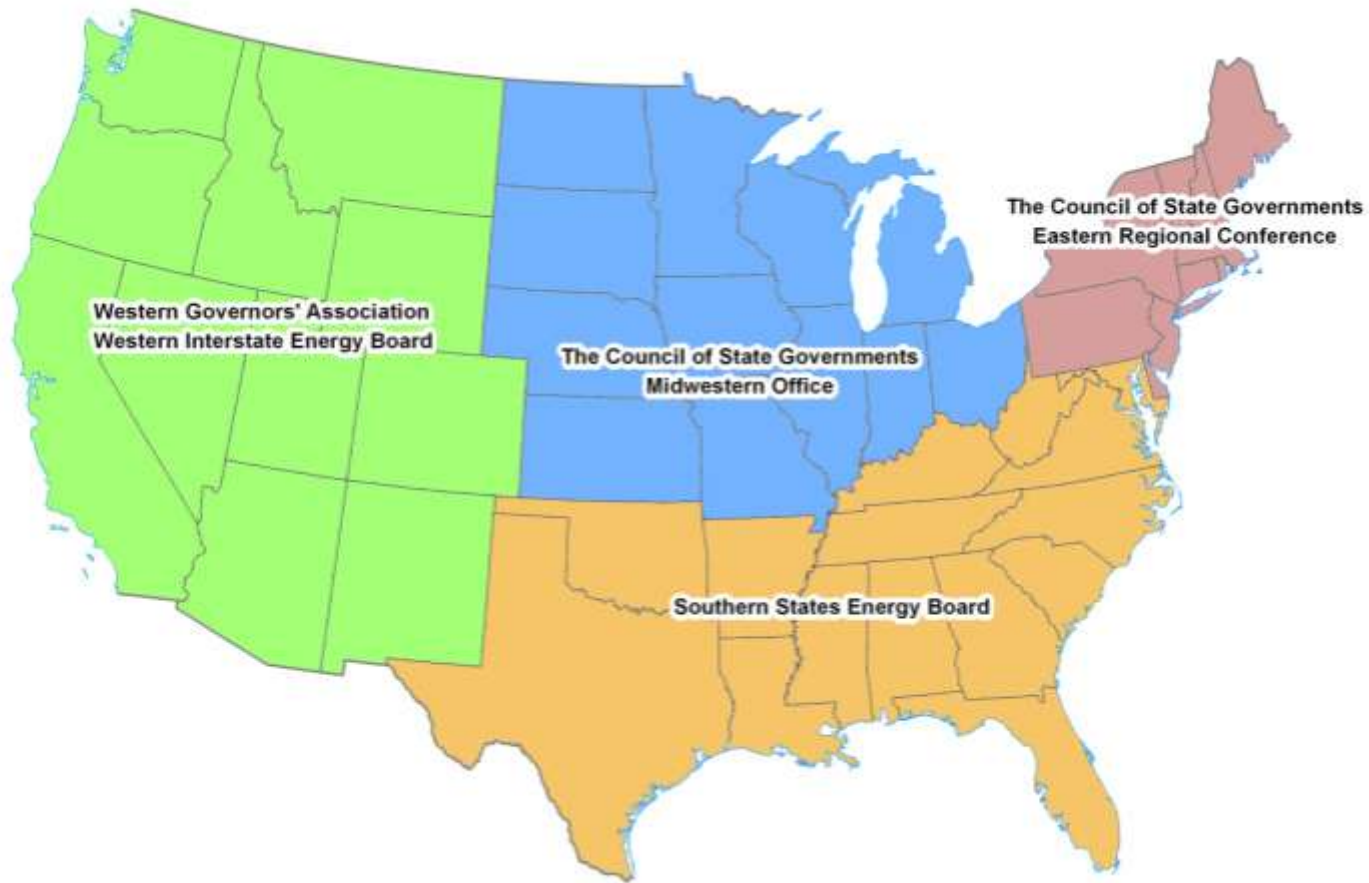


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DOE's Office of Environmental Management

- The program's mission is to clean up former defense sites.
- Shipments are increasing as a result of ARRA funding.
- EM is the sole source of financial support for regional groups, National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF).



U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

- The lack of a path forward on disposal turns “storage” into “very long term storage.”
- The NRC is initiating an Integrated Spent Fuel Management Program.



Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future

- Established by presidential memorandum on January 29, 2010.
- Charged with conducting “a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle,” and “make recommendations for a new plan.”
- Draft report for public comment within 18 months; final within 24 months.



Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future

- The BRC met in March, May, and July.
- Subcommittees formed to address disposal, transportation and storage, reactor fuel cycle technology.
- Future BRC meetings will be September 21-22 and November 15-16 (locations to be determined).



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- State engagement is essential
 - Transportation must be given due consideration.
 - Decisions regarding recommendations must be “open and transparent, with broad participation.”



Summing up

- The states co-regulate transportation with the NRC and DOT.
 - State activities include inspection, escorts, route selection.
 - Federal funding, taxes, and fees are the source of funding.
- The regional agreements with DOE have increased states' engagement in shipment planning.



Summing up

- The demise of Yucca Mountain has created transportation-related challenges for the states:
 - Remaining engaged in EM shipment planning
 - Improving coordination as part of the NRC's Integrated Spent Fuel Management Program
 - Getting involved in the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future



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