

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE**

**June 7, 2021  
Video Conference Meeting**

The first meeting of the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee (RHMC) was called to order by Senator Jeff Steinborn, chair, on June 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. by video conference via an online platform.

**Present**

Sen. Jeff Steinborn, Chair  
Rep. Christine Chandler, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown  
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Sen. Gay G. Kernan  
Sen. Brenda G. McKenna  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

**Absent**

Rep. Stefani Lord

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Harold Pope  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Sen. Ron Griggs  
Sen. Gregg Schmedes  
Rep. James G. Townsend

**Staff**

Shawna Casebier, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Tom Kricka, LCS  
Sara Wiedmaier, LCS

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

**Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

## **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

## **Monday, June 7**

### **Welcome and Introductions (9:30 a.m.)**

Senator Steinborn welcomed everyone to the meeting and the members of the committee and LCS staff introduced themselves.

### **Discussion of 2021 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (9:41 a.m.)**

Ms. Casebier provided information on the committee's statutory duties and the 2021 proposed work plan and meeting schedule. The 2021 proposed work plan and meeting schedule can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/RHMC%20060721%20Item%201%20Proposed%202021%20Work%20Plan.pdf>.

### **Motion to Approve the 2021 Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (9:59 a.m.)**

Upon a motion made by Senator Rodriguez and seconded by Senator Pinto, the committee voted to approve the 2021 proposed work plan and meeting schedule.

### **Overview of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's (EMNRD's) Regulation of Radioactive and Hazardous Materials (10:03 a.m.)**

Eletha Trujillo, chief, Hazardous Waste Planning Bureau, EMNRD, provided the committee with an overview of the EMNRD's regulation of radioactive and hazardous materials, including a discussion of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) transportation safety program. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/RHMC%20060721%20Item%203%20WIPP%20Transportation%20Safety%20Program.pdf>.

### **Motion to Send a Letter to the United States Congress in Support of Transportation Infrastructure Funding for WIPP (11:05 a.m.)**

On a motion made by Representative Brown and seconded by Senator Rodriguez, the committee voted to send a letter to the United States Congress in support of increased funding for transportation route infrastructure improvements for the WIPP.

**Overview of the Department of Environment's (NMED's) Regulation of Radioactive and Hazardous Materials (11:22 a.m.)**

James Kenney, secretary, NMED, provided the committee with information on the NMED's regulation of radioactive and hazardous materials. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/RHMC%20060721%20Item%202%20Environment%20Department.pdf>.

**Public Comment (12:25 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.