Developing a Routing Guidance Document

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Overview

- Highway
- Rail
- Stakeholders
- EM/OCRWM partnership
- Terminology
- Draft Routing Guidance document
- Major schedule milestones
Highway

- Regulations direct that Highway Route Control Quantities (HRCQ) shipments of radioactive material move on preferred routes

- Preferred routes shall reduce transit time

- Highway routing regulations lead to a clear selection for a short shipment

- Several options for long shipments

- EM/OCRWM developing guidance to support the selection among multiple routes
Rail

- There are no existing rail routing regulations
- In 1988 Transportation Management Division issued guidance
- No requirements for special or dedicated trains
Stakeholders

• Some established OCRWM stakeholders have identified routing as an issue of concern

• OCRWM stated in the Draft Mission Plan Amendment that it would develop rail routing criteria
EM/OCRWM Partnership

- Consistency between EM and OCRWM may enhance stakeholder acceptance
- Cost sharing
- EM is currently involved in shipping campaigns
- OCRWM must stay involved in any routing policy development effort
Terminology

• Route selection
  ▪ Choosing the most acceptable routes among multiple routes

• Route selection criteria
  ▪ Standards used for making determinations between routes

• Route selection methodology
  ▪ Process through which the criteria are applied

• Discussion papers
  ▪ Starting point for stakeholder input on methodology

• Draft Routing Guidance
Draft Routing Guidance Document

- Will provide guidance for routing unclassified HRCQ shipments by highway and rail
- Written for DOE and contractor traffic managers responsible for shipments of HRCQ of radioactive materials
- Guidance will include
  - Provisions for coordination with States, tribes, and local governments
  - Consideration for population and transit time
  - Provisions for discussions with rail carriers
Major Schedule Milestones

- Federal Register Notice of Availability for Draft Guidance Document  
  June 1995

- TEC/WG Review  
  July 1995

- Transportation Internal Coordination/Working Group Review  
  Summer 1995

- Document completion  
  Mid 1996