

NCSL-DOE PARTNERSHIP

A BRIEF HISTORY

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WHO IS NCSL?

- Largest Bi-Partisan Organization of State Legislators in Country
- Committed to State's Rights
- Number One Resource for Policy Development by Legislatures
- Committed to Policy Education
- Highly Technical and Competent Staff
- Committed National Policy Development

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Policies require an extreme level of national state support to become policy
- Proposed policies are vetted through the committee process
- Policies require 75% support of committee
- Policies then require 75% of all the states at general meeting

WHAT HAPPENS TO POLICIES?

- Policies become the focus of NCSL lobbying of Congress
- Competent lobbying force in Washington attempts to promote legislation to fulfill policy objectives
- NCSL lobbying force gets behind legislation that fulfills policy objectives
- NCSL Represents the power of the positions of all the states

HOW ARE POLICIES DEVELOPED?

- NCSL Working Groups and Task Forces learn and react to dominant issues
- Examples:
 - EM Round Table visits DOE complex sites and supports clean-up efforts & repository
 - HLW working group supports repository & Interim Storage
 - NCSL is member of Intergovernmental Working Group
 - NCSL participates with NTSF to solve DOE transportation problems
- Issues solutions go to Energy Committee

OTHER NCSL ACTIONS

- Strong WIPP policies driving state's support for repository & transportation
- Strong Policy supporting a HLW repository
- Strong Policy supporting Interim Storage
- Strong Policy supporting Clean-up
- Strong Policy supporting sound transportation routes and safety
- Strong lobbying efforts for policy and strong NCSL statements to BRC