Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel and its Impact on Wisconsin

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Presentation Topics

- Background on the CSG Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project
- Impact of shipments on Wisconsin
- Midwestern states' expectations for DOE shipments

Background

- The Council of State Governments is a non-profit, non-partisan, regionally based association of state governments.
- CSG Midwest and DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management entered into cooperative agreement in 1989.
- DOE's Office of Environmental Management began supporting the project in 1997.

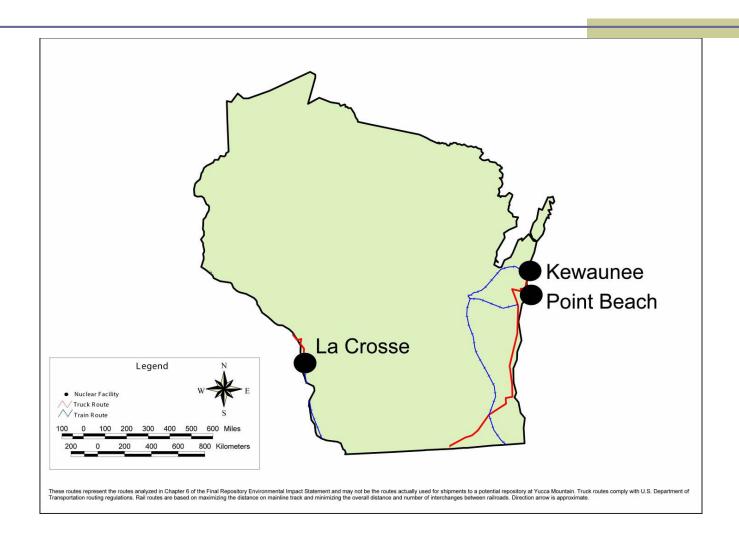
Background

- Transportation project has three components
 - Regional committee
 - Shipment planning
 - Outreach

Background



Impact on Wisconsin



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Wisconsin Nuclear Plants: Spent Fuel Inventories

	Actual	Projected	Projected	
	Inventory	Inventory	Inventory	
	thru 2002	thru 2011	thru 2046	
Kewaunee	348	451	612	
LaCrosse	38	38	38	
Point Beach	652	876	1,143	
Totals	1,038	1,365	1,793	

Inventory in MTHM.

Sources: Projected inventories from DOE's Final Environmental Impact Statement, 2002, DOE/EIS-0250F; Actual inventory from DOE's Energy Information Administration.

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Wisconsin Nuclear Plants: Projected Shipment Numbers

	For inventory thru 2011		For inventory thru 2046	
	Rail*	Truck**	Rail *	Truck**
Kewaunee	51	306	87	516
LaCrosse	5	37	5	37
Point Beach	130	653	213	1,051
Totals	186	996	305	1,604

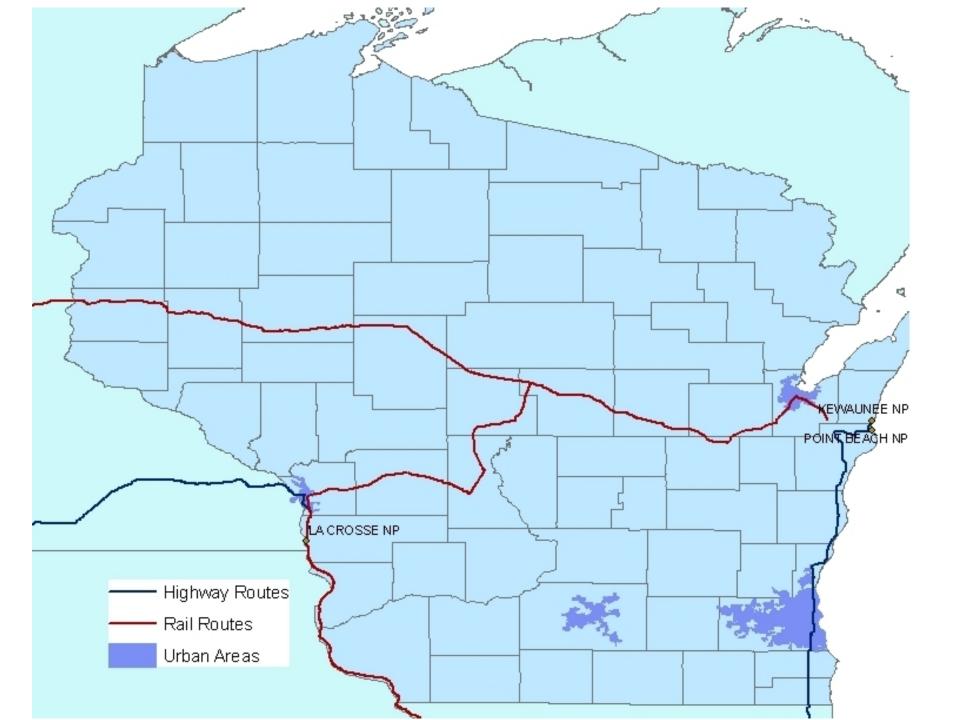
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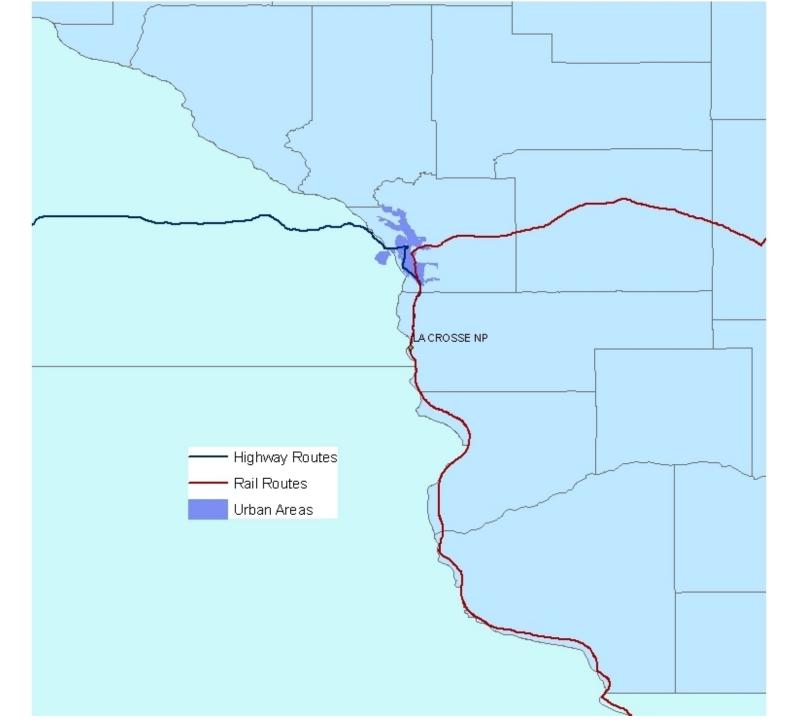
^{*}under "mostly rail" scenario

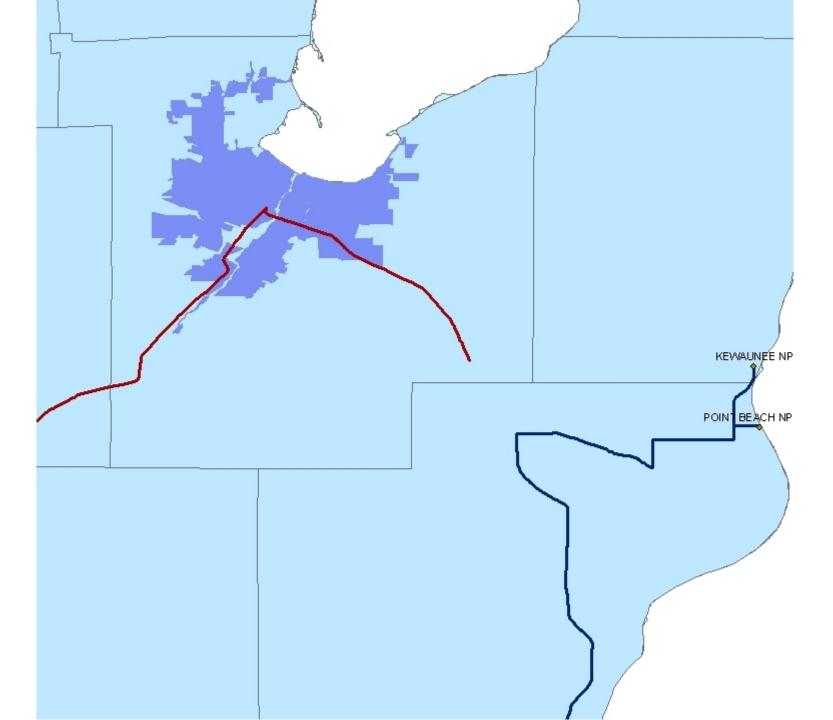
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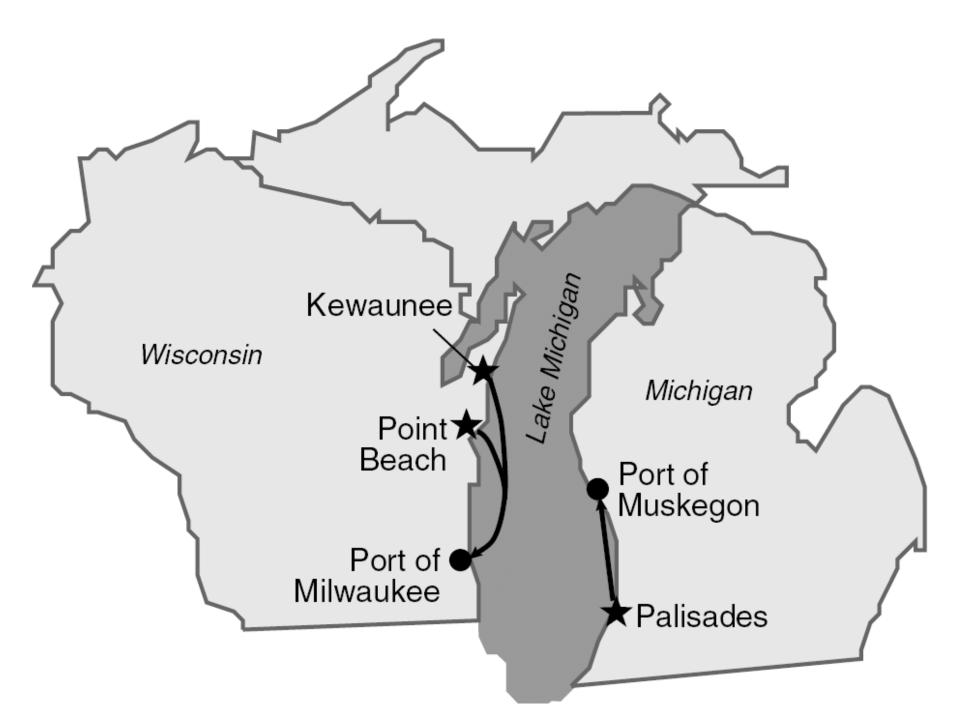
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 - Input into decisions
 - Oversight
 - Funding

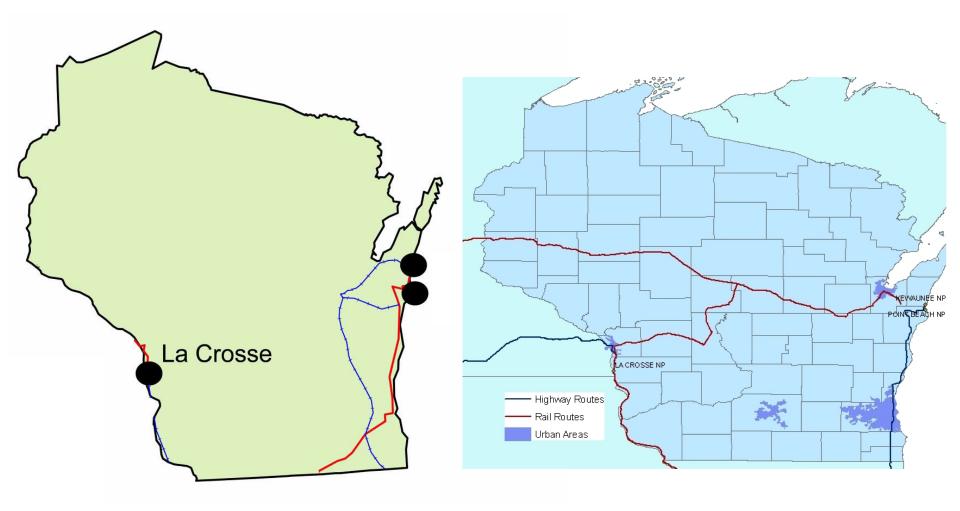
- Input into decisions
 - Mode
 - Dedicated trains
 - Cask selection
 - Transportation plan
 - Routing preferences











- Oversight
 - Inspections
 - Security
 - Shipment tracking
 - Emergency preparedness
 - Outreach to the public and elected officials

Funding

- Section 180(c)
 - Only "for training"
- Other DOE funding
 - Congress intended the Nuclear Waste Fund to cover all costs related to waste disposal
 - Will be difficult to work out agreement with DOE

State fees

- Five Midwestern states have them and two more considered fee legislation in 2006
- Fees are simple, apply to all shippers and various shipments, and cover the range of state costs

Conclusion

- Midwestern states have experience with shipping campaigns.
- Shipments will occur in Wisconsin, but actual numbers and routes are unknown at this time.
- The state has opportunities to influence how those shipments will take place.
- State involvement in planning and executing shipments is reasonable and does not interfere with shipments.
- Revenue for state activities could come from a variety of sources, including state fees.

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