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**ABSTRACT**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors ship a significant amount of freight, including hazardous materials and hazardous wastes each year. As a major shipper, DOE must ensure that its transportation operations are both efficient and in compliance with applicable regulations. Most hazardous material and hazardous waste shipments are fully regulated by Environmental Protection Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Department of Transportation regulations. Consequently, DOE is potentially affected by changes in the regulations that govern all of its transportation activities.

In order to remain in compliance with these regulations, the DOE community-at-large must stay abreast of revisions to the regulations. As a potentially affected party, DOE also has interest in providing comments and information to the regulatory agencies on the possible impacts of proposed changes. In order to do this, DOE must communicate and coordinate input from over fifty program offices, field offices and major contractor sites.

The National Transportation Program is developing a Regulatory Analysis Center that will track regulatory actions related to its transportation activities. The Center will provide analysis of rulemaking actions that will assist DOE entities in understanding and commenting on proposed rules and in implementing final rule changes. Using Web-based technologies, the Center will provide timely information and a means for compiling input to provide to the regulatory agencies. It will also serve as resource for information on related activities such as developments in the international arena that may lead to changes in the international and U.S. requirements.

This paper will describe the development of the Center and the technologies and approaches it is applying to facilitate effective participation in the rulemaking process.

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