

WIPP Program and Task Force Update

Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee

The Task Force Mission

The Mission of the New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force (Task Force):

Represents the interests of the State of New Mexico regarding the safe and uneventful transportation of nuclear and radioactive waste in and through New Mexico.

Program: Under the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department's leadership, and through the Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force, eight state agencies collaborate on the New Mexico Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Transportation Safety Program.

Task Force Coordinator: Through the WIPP Working Group, the Task Force Coordinator manages and implements the New Mexico WIPP Transportation Safety Program. The program includes the setting and updating of policies and operation procedures; training and equipping emergency responders along all New Mexico WIPP shipping routes; keeping the public informed on radioactive materials issues; monitoring and maintaining highway safety on New Mexico WIPP shipping routes; and inspecting all WIPP shipments at their point of origin or at the New Mexico ports of entry.

Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force Update:

Annual meeting held November 03, 2025

- Inter-site shipments: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) presentation delayed until the Federal shutdown is over, and the Task Force will be brought back for a meeting on this one topic.
- Training totals for calendar year 2025 were provided:

Training Totals January 1 – October 28, 2025

New Mexico State Police ERO Program Training Summary

- 136 students trained

Department of Health Training Summary

- 266 students trained

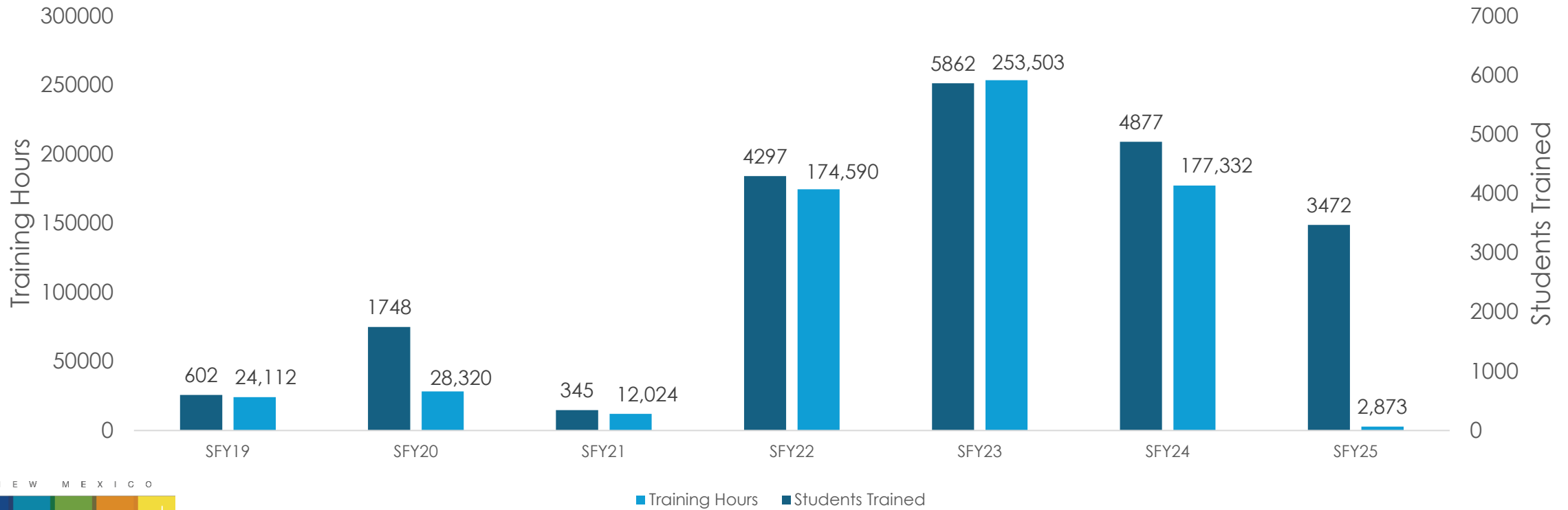
EMNRD Fire Services Program Training Summary

- 2,747 students trained

Training Metrics: Fiscal Year 19 – 25

FY23 marked a post-pandemic training surge, with year-to-year fluctuations driven by staffing changes, course availability, and wide variation in course length—from multi-day intensives to short-format refreshers.

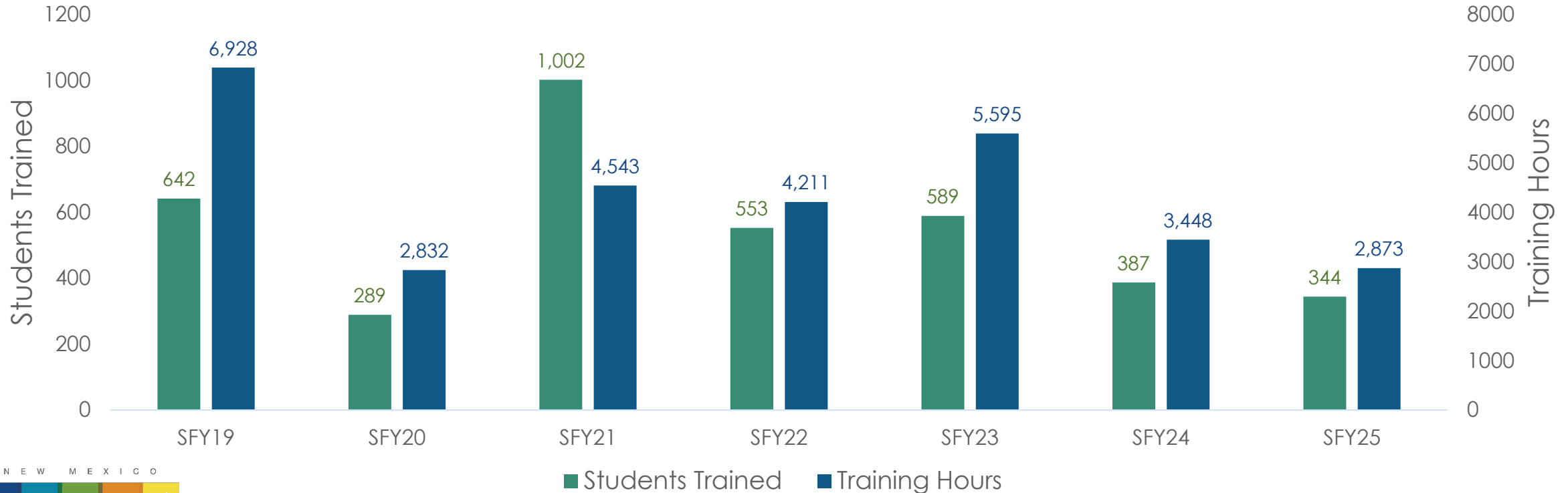
EMNRD Fire Training Metrics July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2025



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Earlier years saw higher student counts due to shorter-format and online courses; current training emphasizes longer, in-person formats—including 6-hour refreshers, 32-hour Hazmat Safety Officer, and 40-hour Operations Level courses.

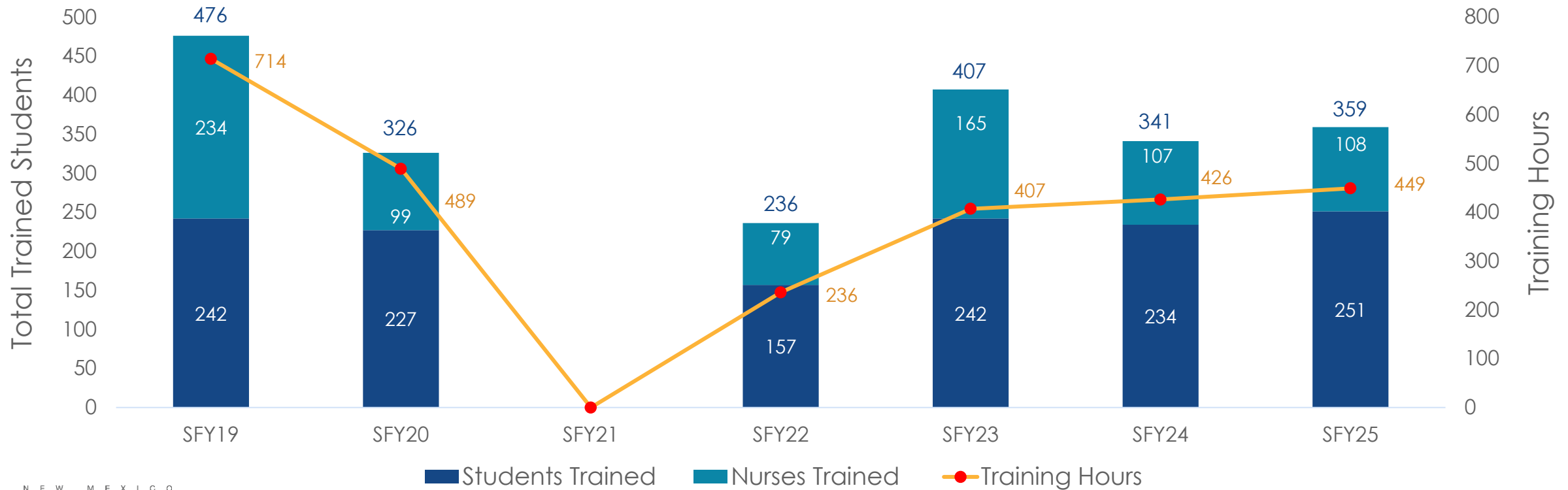
NMSP ERO Training Metrics July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2025



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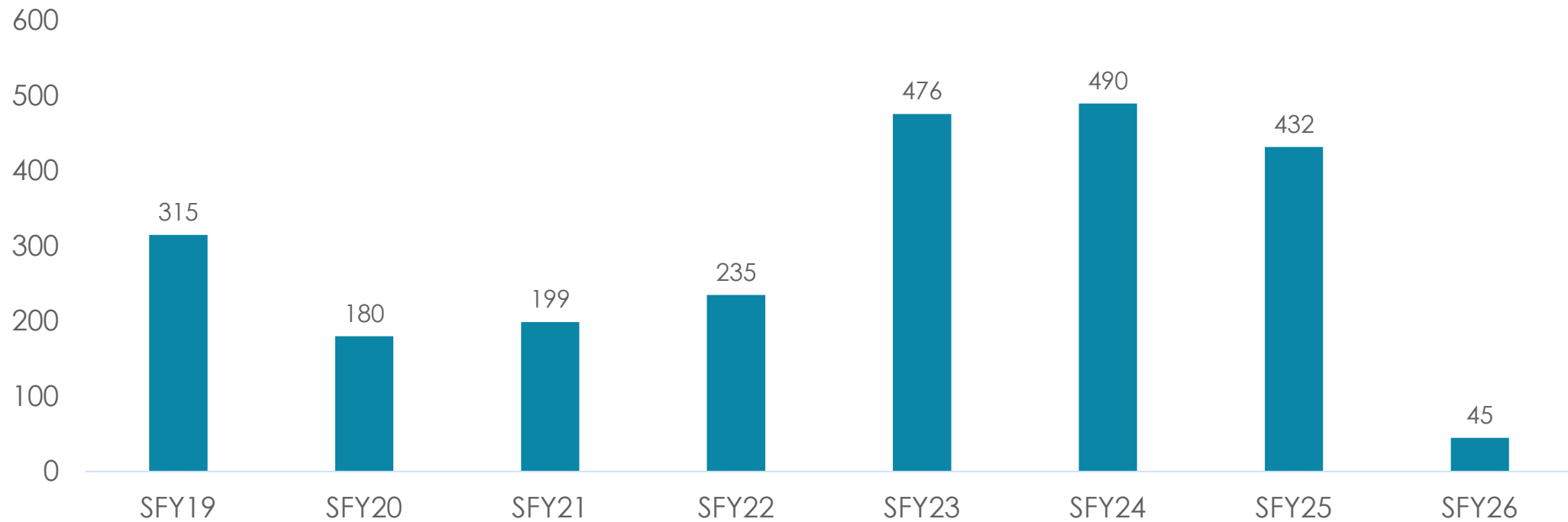
No training was conducted in FY 21 due to COVID-19.

NM DOH Training Metrics July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2025



Transuranic Shipping Metrics: Fiscal Year 19 – 26

Shipments Received at WIPP (FY19-Present)



Upcoming Activities

Fill vacant positions – ongoing

- EMNRD Program Manager
- EMNRD Lead Training and Exercise Coordinator

WIPP Transportation Exercise in Raton – March 2026

Continue discussions and coordination with the Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) regarding inter-site shipments from Los Alamos National Laboratory to Idaho National Laboratory. Shipments are for size reduction before being sent to WIPP.

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