

Draft State/Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee Meeting Summary
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- **Review of "Combined Data" spreadsheet and "Map" doc**
 - State Opt-in Combine Data Spreadsheet:
 - This spreadsheet is a good combination of all the data that we've collected relating to state production/royalties.
- **Review of "Indian Energy and Mineral Tribes" spreadsheet.**
 - The tribal spreadsheet is Oil, gas and coal
 - Breaks out the tribe by the state boundaries which they fall within.
 - Just because a state shows interest, the tribes within that state may show no interest in EITI or vice versa.

Question for the Group:

- **Is everyone comfortable with this data/methodology for identifying priority states?**
 - Severance tax could be useful if we used 5% of the total tax revenue, would be a useful criteria.
 - So long as we use a standard criteria and end up with top 12-15 states we should be able to easily justify to the MSG.
 - It was decided to bring the full list of the 17 States to the MSG.
 - It was noted that the Implementation Subcommittee came up with a very similar list of prioritized states.
- **Is there a smaller subset of states that we want to focus on? What criteria would we use?**
 - The only other threshold that should be considered is what is manageable, but this may be a decision for the full MSG to make.
 - It will be very important that we find those states that are interested in working with us and helping us to draft the process.
- **What are we asking states to do by "opting in"?**
 - Obviously we will be asking them to do more than what is publicly available, likely more closely to what the federal government is doing.
 - We need to answer what the reporting function will look like.
 - For the June meeting it might be a good idea to select one state to showcase their publicly available data and what it might look like if that

state were to opt-in. Wyoming was selected as the state to move forward with.

- Sounds like a good option however ultimately the final decision rests with the state and they still might not opt-in.
- Questions relating to the reconciliation the severance tax since this data is already audited and reviewed.
 - It was clarified that the threshold and materiality would be used to the State and Tribal level, and that I state would only be providing data that the state already has.
- **Should the MSG ask the international EITI Secretariat for guidance on the opt-in process? eg: Is reconciliation necessary at the state level?**
 - From conversations with the International Secretariat they would want to have state level reconciliation.
 - It was also mentioned that the International Secretariat would have someone working more closely with the US and they would likely be joining this call.
- **Is there a way to rank the energy and mineral tribes? How will we prioritize tribal outreach?**
 - It is going to be hard to rank the tribes and perhaps the best method is one on one conversations and whichever tribes (the five largest tribes) show interest.
 - Rebecca Morse has an out date but useful list
 - The positive is that the majority of the data is housed by ONRR and we would just need the buy-in from the tribal council.
 - Osage already publishes data online in a monthly newsletter.
 - Rebecca Morse will send a link to this data
 - Further investigation is necessary to find more publicly available tribal data.
- **Discuss what materials we will distribute at MSG meeting. (This might fall to next week's subcomm agenda -- just wanted everyone to start thinking about how we'll present this data.)**
 - Take the maps and charts that we've already developed and used for our basis for prioritized states and display them to the MSG.

Attendees

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