



Public Outreach on the
U.S. Draft EITI Candidacy Application

Summary of Public Questions and Comments to Date

USEITI Meetings Held to Date

- New Orleans Public Meeting, Sept 24
- Houston Public Meeting, Sept 24
- San Antonio, *COPAS Meeting*, Sept 26
- Denver Public Meeting, Oct 22
- Denver, *STRAC Meeting*, Oct 23
- Anchorage Public Meeting, Oct 22
- Fairbanks, *Alaska Federation of Natives Presentation*, Oct 24
- Webinar, November 4
- Pittsburgh (rescheduled), November 14

- Impact and role of international EITI
- Role and functions of ONRR
- US EITI benefits
- Details on scope and materiality being captured in reporting (unilateral, narrative, reconciled)
- Detailed reporting questions
- Application revision suggestions

USEITI Key Questions Asked

Purpose of US EITI

- What are the benefits of multi-stakeholder governance structure?
- How will EITI benefit tribes and states?
- Will EITI create a competitive disadvantage for industry?

Representation and Communication

- How do MSG members communicate / coordinate with their own sectors within the MSG and with others in their sectors outside of the MSG?
- Will MSG seats be reserved for renewables representatives if the MSG lowers the materiality threshold in the future?
- Will MSG seats be reserved for future potential commodities like timber and fisheries?
- Are there tribal representatives on the MSG? Are they considered Civil Society or Government Representatives?
- We need more outreach to Congressional staff

USEITI Types of Revenue and Materiality

- **Will the following types of revenue be included in the US EITI report:**
 - Fees paid to ONRR?
 - State income taxes?
 - Excise taxes?
 - State receipts?
 - Royalty-in-value and royalty-in-kind?
 - Payroll taxes, such as social security taxes?
 - Retroactive data?
 - Settlement or compensation payments
 - Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF)?
 - How are various government subsidies to extractives handled?
 - When US EITI reports on federal receipts, will you be clear about the fact that state receipts are not included?

- **Will the following items be included in US EITI valuations / reports:**
 - Natural gas exports?
 - Environmental impacts, such as on water quality?
 - Mines, oil, and gas on state lands?
 - Timber at some point in the future?
 - Renewables?
 - Fisheries?

USEITI Reporting Structure

- Will the first reconciliation report cover more than one year?
- Is reporting by calendar year or government fiscal year?
- How will mergers and acquisitions be handled?
- Is the reconciliation an audit?
- Will reporting be project-by-project, by company, or by region? All of these are important in different ways.
- How does US EITI deal with subsidiaries – e.g. BP Alaska vs. BP America?
- Will reporting be by SAIC number or by industry – oil vs. gas vs. hard rock?

USEITI Key Comments Made

Requirement 1.1:

- Include additional statements of support from President and others.

Requirement 1.3:

- Encourage greater outreach to Tribes, non-English speaking groups.
- Take more steps (website, language of materials, notice re: public sessions) to involve the public.
- Encourage inclusion of renewable resources in US EITI reporting.
- US EITI is setting the bar too low for reporting requirements. The US has the opportunity to be a global leader.

Adaptive Implementation and Subnational Reporting

- The application needs stronger justification for adaptive implementation and subnational reporting
- Need for clearer process for state/tribal opt-in process