

**USEITI Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Meeting Summary for Thursday, November 7, 2013, 2-3pm**

Overview of Comments Received

- DOI has received several thousand comments with over 1,800 coming from the POGO website.
  - The majority of the comments are of a general nature relating to the extractives industry and can be published to the USEITI website.
  - Those comments with substantive requests/changes could be summarized and provided to the MSG.
  - POGO was under the impression that 3,000 comments had been generated from their website.
    - Mia will coordinate with Kim to ensure all POGO comments are captured
  - Interior will provide a report on the current state of the comments by November 14th.

Discussion of Revised Draft Request for Adapted Implementation

- As agreed at the November MSG meeting, Interior circulated to the subcommittee a revised draft request for adapted implementation that focuses on significant practical barriers to complying with the EITI requirement related to disclosure of sub-national revenues.
- The subcommittee discussed a page by page review of the proposed language, resulting in the following agreed changes:
- The paragraph relating to companies having the ability to volunteer or “opt-in” to providing their State payment data. It was determined that this paragraph should be removed.
- On page two first five paragraphs (Section II of the discussion) will be reordered to lead with the amount of revenue States receive from the Federal government.
  - It was discussed that we emphasize the political and logistical complexity of getting 18 states with sizable extractive industries to simultaneously implement EITI and reconsider what emphasis on the amount of State severance taxes would make the most compelling case for adapted implementation.
    - Aaron Padilla offered to assist in these edits.
- Excise Tax- A question was raised as to the difference between severance and excise taxes and the extent to which the severance tax revenues cited in the draft account for excise taxes.
  - Danielle Brian and Greg Conrad will investigate further and provide data on excise taxes if found to be a significant source of state extractive revenues.
- On Pg. 3, the second paragraph of Section IV.A relating to companies having the ability to volunteer or “opt-in” to providing their State payment data was discussed. It was determined that this paragraph should be removed. Interior will make this change and other discussed edits to this page.
- On Pg. 4 Interior will add details about USEITI MSG outreach to the State and Tribal Royalty Audit Committee (STRAC) under Section IV.B, and make the other discussed edits to Section IV.C (Adapted implementation for Phase II of subnational reporting).

Timeline:

- November 12<sup>th</sup> - Requested edits completed and submitted to Interior for incorporation in a revised draft.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – Revised draft circulated by Interior for second review by the subcommittee.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Interior will provide a report on the current state of public comments.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Wrap-up vetting of Adaptive Implementation Document and submit to the USEITI MSG.

Next Subcommittee meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2013, 2-3pm.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight  
Curtis Carlson, Treasury Department  
Greg Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission  
Marti Flacks, State Department  
Paul Mussenden, Interior Department  
Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association  
Walt Retzsch, American Petroleum Institute  
Deborah Rogers, Energy Policy Forum

Invitees

Chris Mentasti, Interior Department, Office of Natural Resources Revenue  
Jennifer Goldblatt, Interior Department, Office of Natural Resources Revenue  
Ryan Ellis, Interstate Mining Compact Commission  
Katie Sweeny, National Mining Association