

USEITI Implementation Subcommittee
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
10:00am – 11:00am
Meeting Summary

Meeting Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions
10:05 IA Administrative Update
10:15 Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates
 -Tax Reporting Work Group - Curtis
 -Online Advisory Workgroup - Chris/18F
 -Reconciliation and Report Workgroup - Jim
 -Contextual Narrative Mock-Ups - IA
10:50 Walk-ons/Next Steps
11:00 End

General Announcements

Lance Wenger, SOL for ONRR, has been promoted but he will continue supporting USEITI.

IA Update

A Hive Session has been scheduled for MSG members to attend on March 4th from 3pm-6pm. The group will work together to identify metrics and they will also look at initial visualization updates for the contextual narrative.

Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates

Tax Workgroup:

The Workgroup will schedule follow up meetings last week of February or first part of March.

Most of the companies are calendar year reporting and would be reporting on 2017 taxes when Dodd Frank takes effect. That puts us two years behind where USEITI is now.

The IA will need to make sure the tax staff in the reporting companies is involved in both company webinars and Reconciliation.

A recommendation was made to have peer discussions amongst industry to higher level leadership to make sure everyone has the complete picture of what is going on so they can make informed decisions about reporting.

At the next MSG meeting it would be helpful to have Deloitte highlight 1-2 Reporting companies discuss lessons learned.

We should consider having an opt-in option for firms that aren't in scope. There might be some companies that would want to report that are not in scope.

New companies and new staff will require continued outreach by Deloitte.

For taxes we should consider trying to obtain accurate aggregate numbers for firms that are in scope regardless of whether they report or not. Meaning, companies would be represented in one big number rather than by company. In order to do this a decision needs to be made to by the MSG to ask companies to allow the IRS to release their tax i.d. so they can provide a lump sum total. We must also consider the disclosure issue that there are a few private companies so that might pose a potential roadblock if there is only a small number of firms willing to do this. Additionally, we must also keep in mind that many companies do business beyond the extractive sector.

A question was asked if we are going to have the aggregate SOI number for this report. The SOI is pulling a sample, but if we have the tax i.d. we could pull the actual payments a more accurate number. Without either the actuals or the SOI it weakens the story. These will not be available for 2015. Everyone should keep in mind that what's more important is to report the most current data to the public.

Online Advisory Workgroup:

The online advisory Group has prepared a few visualizations based on the reconciliation data sets and disbursements. It looks similar to a version they were testing last week.

This piece of the website is being proposed to be used in LIMA.

The Implementation Subcommittee is reluctant to put this out in LIMA and it is recommended that we don't have enough time to publish this prior to the LIMA Meeting and should not be used in LIMA.

Judy should get together with the online advisory workgroup prior to finalizing her presentation for LIMA to receive some of the feedback mentioned during this call.

Reconciliation and Report Workgroup:

Project Level Reporting Recommendation: They were not able to reach consensus because this will largely be based on Dodd Frank Section 1504. So the recommendation will be to keep things like last year and define project level at the company level.

Revenue Streams Recommendation: The Workgroup recommends holding steady to what we did in 2015. We will continue to exclude BOEM BSEE and Helium and rights of way. Still need further discussion about adding additional revenues for future reports.

Reporting Template Recommendation: No changes to the reporting templates and guidelines.

Materiality Recommendation: 80% means 41 companies and a threshold of 37 million. The UDR will cover 2014 and 2015 calendar year data

Sampling Recommendation: We will not use Sampling this time around.

Margin of Variance Recommendation: Recommend no changes for this Report.

Contextual Narrative Mock-Ups - IA

The IA has created two contextual narrative wireframes as part of their dynamic implementation for AML fees and Coal Excise Taxes.

These will be presented at the MSG Meeting for the MSG to continue discussion and bring it back to the IA to finalize by the next meeting. As of now, no mining colleagues have had the opportunity to comment. This is a very complex issue. The IA will reach out to them to request comments. The IA will send the wireframes to the experts on the MSG and other experts within DOI.

Walk-ons/Next Steps

Next Subcommittee Meetings – March 2, 2016

Meeting Materials for MSG Meeting Posted – February 23, 2016

EITI Global Conference – February 24-25, 2016

Presentations for the March MSG Meeting due to Kim Oliver – March 3, 2016

Next MSG Meeting – March 8-9, 2016

List of Attendees:

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