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From: Tushar Kansal [maiti@tik]

enmanuel.cubano@usdoj.gov Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:37 PM To: Danielle Bri

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"Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Tue Jun 06 2017 10:33:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Shime, Veronika" <vshime@nma.org>
CC: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

I'm thinking just us, but wanted to check to see what you were both thinking about including Johanna, Isabel, and Judy since we were going to discuss next steps from our meeting with Jonas and Sam and the summary sent out to the sectors, etc. I'm truly fine with the three of us talking about next steps.

Gregory J. Gould

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 10:20 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:
Which others were you thinking of? Isn't it usually just us?

From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>; Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

I moved the meeting to 2:00 on the 22nd. Do you want the meeting to be just the 3 of us, or do you want to include others?

Thanks,

Greg

Gregory J. Gould

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 6:30 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I can make the 22 and 23 also am available the next week.

Veronika Kohler Shime

Vice President, International Policy
Ph. 202.463.2626
Fax. 202.463.2648

On Jun 6, 2017, at 7:31 AM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Also I see Greg tried to move the co-chair mtg to the 20th which I cannot make as I will be out of town. Could we make it on the 22nd or 23rd?

On Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 12:06 AM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

I believe that we've gotten sign-offs from Danielle and Veronika. Greg, could you please let us know if you have any concerns with this version of the meeting summary?

On Friday, June 2, 2017, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Sure.

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On Jun 1, 2017, at 1:36 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Are we sending this out now? My sector is eagerly waiting to see the summary of our meeting. Do the cochairs agree with the this version?

From: Tushar Kansal [<mailto:tkansal@cbuilding.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Cc: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>; Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>; Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

Hi All,
I've attached a revised version of the meeting summary in accordance with Jonas' comments. Please let me know if you have any additional concerns.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision and actually strongly advised that the letter not include a reasoning for withdrawal but focus on our accomplishments and what will continue. CSO sector representatives felt that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw the EITI secretariat disagreed. ~~Other meeting participants, including representatives from the EITI International Secretariat, the government sector, and~~

~~the industry sector cautioned against including explanatory language about the decision to withdraw, suggesting that it would likely be very difficult to craft language that all three USEITI sectors could agree on. Instead, these participants suggested keeping the letter relatively brief and focused on citing the DOI Inspector General's report and highlighting USEITI's record of accomplishments.~~

Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

From: Tushar Kansal [<mailto:tkansal@cbuilding.org>]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>
Cc: Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov>; Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>; Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

Hi All,
Revised version attached. Please let me know if any additional concerns.

Tushar

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven . CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at lease be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strong advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

From: Tushar Kansal

[\[mailto:tkansal@cbuilding.org\]](mailto:tkansal@cbuilding.org)

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:20 PM

To: Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

Cc: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>; Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>; Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

All,

I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6) I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg
<greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

Gregory J. Gould

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian
<dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field
<pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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pfield@cbuilding.org

On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org>
wrote:

Hi All,

Here's my take on Veronika's questions. Please let me know if you see it differently and we might want to have a quick phone call to hash this out:

- Option #3
(*Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*), as the only option in which USEITI effectively continues in the short term under current rules, would conceivably require adapted implementation. The way that Sam phrased this, however, is not that the US would need to apply for adapted implementation, but that "mainstreaming is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting." He indicated that the Board would be unlikely to look favorably upon a USEITI move towards mainstreaming while we continue to have discrepancies from the standard (e.g. around corporate income tax reporting). The meeting summary reflects this discussion.
- Option #2 was framed by Sam as something specifically for the US. While it may be true that EITI may have to approach this as a broader issue at some point for other OECD countries, the concern that was expressed during the meeting is that the Board would be discussing Option #2 (a "new path" / deviation from the protocol) specifically in the context of USEITI and that this would

open us up to additional criticism at the board level and in the media. The focus on the US was a key part of what made this option unattractive (at least as I understood the discussion).

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Wait, Which is the option that we discussed would require us seeking additional adapted implementation? I think that needs to be included so that sectors understand what would be necessary. I also think that the phrasing of 2 should not sound so US centric but make it apparent that the board needs to make these decisions not just for the US but this is a broader issue they are going to have to face.

From: Gould, Greg
<<mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov>>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org>
Cc: Danielle Brian
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<VKohler@nma.org>;
Wilson, Judith
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>;
Pat Field
<pfield@cbuilding.org>

Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

Thanks Tushar, well done,
I'm all set with this write-
up, no additional
comments.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:44 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I have attached a revised version of the meeting summary that incorporates Veronika's edits and also makes the following slight change to language to acknowledge Danielle's concern about the content of a withdrawal letter: *"The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision."*

With regards to the options discussed at the meeting, I recall the options on the table as being somewhat different than what Greg

summarized. My meeting noted document the options as follows:

- 1) Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI (this letter would also reaffirm government commitment to EITI and to identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up))*
- 2) The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*
- 3) Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*
- 4) Withdrawal of the United States from EITI*

The distinction between my list and Greg's list is particularly around Option #2: *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*. This was an option that Sam Bartlett presented to us and that we discussed briefly.

Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of this might be academic.

Please take a look at the attached meeting summary and let me know if there are any additional revisions that you would like to see made.

Tushar

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM, Gould, Greg
<greg.gould@onrr.gov>
wrote:

Of course, adding her
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Isabel, see below.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017
at 11:40 AM, Danielle
Brian
<dbrian@pogo.org>
wrote:

Can I request
including Isabel in
this conversation to
handle this on
behalf of CSO's?

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On
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rom last week's score-chairs meeting. As you'll see, the focus of the summary is

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Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Thank you so much for your patience and notes of support.

Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence: Currently it reads:

CSO sector representatives suggested that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw.

But that is not accurate. Avoiding criticism is not the reason I was pushing to include the reasons for withdrawing in the letter from the govt. The reason I think it is important to make clear why the US is unable to meet the Intl EITI standards is so that the public understands what we have and have not accomplished and why, and so that other countries that are trying to implement EITI do not assume they will have the same struggles we had.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,

I've attached a revised version of the meeting summary in accordance with Jonas' comments. Please let me know if you have any additional concerns.

Best,
 Tushar

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:
Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision and actually strongly advised that the letter not include a reasoning for withdrawal but focus on our accomplishments and what will continue. CSO sector representatives felt that including some indication as to why the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw the EITI secretariat disagreed. ~~Other meeting participants, including representatives from the EITI International Secretariat, the government sector, and the industry sector cautioned against including explanatory language about the decision to withdraw, suggesting that it would likely be very difficult to craft language that all three USEITI sectors could agree on. Instead, these participants suggested keeping the letter relatively brief and focused on citing the DOI Inspector General's report and highlighting USEITI's record of accomplishments.~~

Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

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Hi All,
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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven . CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at lease be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strong advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of this might be academic.

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Of course, adding her now, please focus on (b) (6)

Isabel, see below.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Danielle Brian
<dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Can I request including Isabel in this conversation to handle this on behalf of CSO's?

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On May 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Gould, Greg <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

I like the option of Tushar including the 3 options at the top, for us to discuss with our sectors for a final decision on June 22. Do you all agree that option

3 is our preferred option at this point?

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:13 AM,
Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
wrote:

Thank you! So should we send Tushar's updated summary (T, could you resend?) to our people but tell them that the 3 below are what they should decide on? Should Tushar include these three at the top of the summary as the options the co-chairs have advised we select from? I just want to make sure we are all on the same page before sending anything out in writing.

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Danielle, so sorry to hear about your (b) (6) my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I want to thank all of you for your continued attention to making sure we are all in agreement when we make a final decision on June 22. With that said, I think we all pretty

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3. Withdrawal letter from USG, possibly highlighting success, progress made, and that we will continue to publish non-tax revenue data at the lowest level allowed by law and regulation on the US Data Portal, which has become an international best practice for data dissemination.

Option 3 was discussed as the preferred option.

Thanks,

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:59 PM,
Tushar Kansal

<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Thanks for your comments,
Veronika and Judy.

I too don't recall an "additional

validation request" being discussed, Veronika, but based I also don't see that same language of "additional validation request" in the five options that you sent. Did you perhaps mean to type "additional adapted implementation request" (your option #4)?

With regards to #4, I agree that was discussed, but my memory is similar to Judy's: I don't remember that being discussed as a stand-alone option. If I understand correctly what you've written, your option #4 would involve USEITI continuing in the same way that we did in 2016, with the MSG continuing to meet 3-4 times per year, etc. I don't recall this being discussed as an option.

Finally, your line edits mostly look good. I only wonder about your suggested deletion of the phrase "and forego independent reconciliation of revenue data by the Independent Administrator." I think that it could be useful to keep this language in the text as it helps to make clear how the MSG's decision is a departure from the EITI Standard. If all of you agree that the phrase is too sensitive, however, I am happy to take it out.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:32 PM, Wilson, Judith
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember,

options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

What do you think about the attached 3 changes. I also don't see a major option that I thought had been discussed which was continue with additional validation request.

These were the options I heard but realize that my 2 is your 2 but I just forgot what the letter was going to say.

1. Voluntary suspension- letter approved by MSG asking for voluntary suspension and identifying how we will continue to be transparent during the suspension.
(historically used due to political instability)
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implementation
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subnational)

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week's co-chairs meeting. As
you'll see, the focus of the
summary is on options and
next steps. Please let me
know if I've missed or
misrepresented anything
crucial for our path forward
that was discussed.

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 3:35 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6)
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Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence: Currently it reads:

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On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

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I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember, options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

What do you think about the attached 3 changes. I also don't see a major option that I thought had been discussed which was continue with additional validation request.

These were the options I heard but realize that my 2 is your 2 but I just forgot what the letter was going to say.

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asking for
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(historically used
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Subject: USEITI co-chairs

meeting summary

All,
I've attached a summary of key discussions from last week's co-chairs meeting. As you'll see, the focus of the summary is on options and next steps. Please let me know if I've missed or misrepresented anything crucial for our path forward that was discussed.

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 1:35 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6)

I thank you so much for your patience and notes of support.

Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence: Currently it reads:

CSO sector representatives suggested that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw.

But that is not accurate. Avoiding criticism is not the reason I was pushing to include the reasons for withdrawing in the letter from the govt. The reason I think it is important to make clear why the US is unable to meet the Intl EITI standards is so that the public understands what we have and have not accomplished and why, and so that other countries that are trying to implement EITI do not assume they will have the same struggles we had.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,

I've attached a revised version of the meeting summary in accordance with Jonas' comments. Please let me know if you have any additional concerns.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision and actually strongly advised that the letter not include a reasoning for withdrawal but focus on our accomplishments and what will continue. CSO sector representatives felt that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw the EITI secretariat disagreed. ~~Other meeting participants, including representatives from the EITI International Secretariat, the government sector, and the industry sector cautioned against including explanatory language about the decision to withdraw, suggesting that it would likely be very difficult to craft language that all three USEITI sectors could agree on. Instead, these participants suggested keeping the letter relatively brief and focused on citing the DOI Inspector General's report and highlighting USEITI's record of accomplishments.~~

Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

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Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:31 PM
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I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven. CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at lease be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strong advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6). I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

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One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
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Here's my take on Veronika's questions. Please let me know if you see it differently and we might want to have a quick phone call to hash this out:

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CC: Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>, "Wilson, Judith"
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Tushar,

Can you make the changes Danielle has requested and then send it back to all of us for our records. Note that I have no comments on the summary.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

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Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

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I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven. CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at lease be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strong advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6) I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,
Here's my take on Veronika's questions. Please let me know if you see it differently and we might want to have a quick phone call to hash this out:

- Option #3 (*Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*), as the only option in which USEITI effectively continues in the short term under current rules, would conceivably require adapted implementation. The way that Sam phrased this, however, is not that the US would need to apply for adapted implementation, but that "mainstreaming is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting." He indicated that the Board would be unlikely to look favorably upon a USEITI move towards mainstreaming while we continue to have discrepancies from the standard (e.g. around corporate income tax reporting). The meeting summary reflects this discussion.
- Option #2 was framed by Sam as something specifically for the US. While it may be true that EITI may have to approach this as a broader issue at some point for other OECD countries, the concern that was expressed during the meeting is that the Board would be discussing Option #2 (a "new path" / deviation from the protocol) specifically in the context of USEITI and that this would open us up to additional criticism at the board level and in the media. The focus on the US was a key part of what made this option unattractive (at least as I understood the discussion).

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Wait, Which is the option that we discussed would require us seeking additional adapted implementation? I think that needs to be included so that sectors understand what would be necessary. I also think that the phrasing of 2 should not sound so US centric but make it apparent that the board needs to make these decisions not just for the US but this is a broader issue they are going to have to face.

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Thanks Tushar, well done, I'm all set with this write-up,
no additional comments.

Greg

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With regards to the options discussed at the meeting, I recall the options on the table as being somewhat different than what Greg summarized. My meeting noted document the options as follows:

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- 2) The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*
- 3) Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*
- 4) Withdrawal of the United States from EITI*

The distinction between my list and Greg's list is particularly around Option #2: *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*. This was an option that Sam Bartlett presented to us and that we

discussed briefly.

Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of this might be academic.

Please take a look at the attached meeting summary and let me know if there are any additional revisions that you would like to see made.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM, Gould, Greg
<greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Of course, adding her now, please focus on (b) (6)

Isabel, see below.

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<dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Can I request including Isabel in this conversation to handle this on behalf of CSO's?

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On May 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM,
Gould, Greg
<Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

I like the option of Tushar including the 3 options at the top, for us to discuss with our sectors for a final decision on June 22. Do you all agree that option 3 is our preferred

option at this point?

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Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Thank you! So should we send Tushar's updated summary (T, could you resend?) to our people but tell them that the 3 below are what they should decide on? Should Tushar include these three at the top of the summary as the options the cochairs have advised we select from? I just want to make sure we are all on the same page before sending anything out in writing.

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Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

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Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

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Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

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I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6). I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,
Here's my take on Veronika's questions. Please let me

know if you see it differently and we might want to have a quick phone call to hash this out:

- Option #3 (*Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*), as the only option in which USEITI effectively continues in the short term under current rules, would conceivably require adapted implementation. The way that Sam phrased this, however, is not that the US would need to apply for adapted implementation, but that "mainstreaming is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting." He indicated that the Board would be unlikely to look favorably upon a USEITI move towards mainstreaming while we continue to have discrepancies from the standard (e.g. around corporate income tax reporting). The meeting summary reflects this discussion.
- Option #2 was framed by Sam as something specifically for the US. While it may be true that EITI may have to approach this as a broader issue at some point for other OECD countries, the concern that was expressed during the meeting is that the Board would be discussing Option #2 (a "new path" / deviation from the protocol) specifically in the context of USEITI and that this would open us up to additional criticism at the board level and in the media. The focus on the US was a key part of what made this option unattractive (at least as I understood the discussion).

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Wait, Which is the option that we discussed would require us seeking additional adapted implementation? I think that needs to be included so that sectors understand what would be necessary. I also think that the phrasing of 2 should not sound so US centric but make it apparent that the board needs to make these decisions not just for the US but this is a broader issue they are going to have to face.

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Thanks Tushar, well done, I'm all set with this write-up, no additional comments.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:44 PM, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,

I have attached a revised version of the meeting summary that incorporates Veronika's edits and also makes the following slight change to language to acknowledge Danielle's concern about the content of a withdrawal letter: *"The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision."*

With regards to the options discussed at the meeting, I recall the options on the table as being somewhat different than what Greg summarized. My meeting noted document the options as follows:

- 1) Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI (this letter would also reaffirm government commitment to EITI and to identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up))*
- 2) The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*
- 3) Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*
- 4) Withdrawal of the United States from EITI*

The distinction between my list and Greg's list is particularly around Option #2: *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*. This was an option that Sam Bartlett presented to us and that we discussed briefly.

Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of

this might be academic.

Please take a look at the attached meeting summary and let me know if there are any additional revisions that you would like to see made.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM, Gould, Greg
<greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Of course, adding her now, please focus on (b) (6)

Isabel, see below.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Danielle
Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Can I request including Isabel in this conversation to handle this on behalf of CSO's?

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On May 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM,
Gould, Greg
<Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

I like the option of Tushar including the 3 options at the top, for us to discuss with our sectors for a final decision on June 22. Do you all agree that option 3 is our preferred option at this point?

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:13 AM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Thank you! So should we send Tushar's updated summary (T, could you resend?) to our people but tell them that the 3 below are what they should decide on? Should Tushar include these three at the top of the summary as the options the cochairs have advised we select from? I just want to make sure we are all on the same page before sending anything out in writing.

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Danielle, so sorry to hear about your (b) (6) my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I want to thank all of you for your continued attention to

making sure we are all in agreement when we make a final decision on June 22. With that said, I think we all pretty much agreed to 3 options:

1. USEITI moves forward with Letter to the board to reaffirming government commitment and identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up).
2. USEITI moves forward with mainstreaming highlighting current successes, and applying for adapted implementation related to tax reporting, subnational, and beneficial ownership.
3. Withdrawal letter from USG, possibly highlighting success, progress made, and that we will continue to publish non-tax revenue data at the lowest level allowed by law and regulation on the US Data Portal, which has become an international best practice for data dissemination.

Option 3 was discussed as the preferred option.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:59 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Thanks for your comments, Veronika and Judy.

I too don't recall an "additional validation request" being discussed, Veronika, but based I also don't see that same language of "additional validation request" in the five options that you sent. Did you perhaps mean to type "additional adapted implementation request" (your option #4)?

With regards to #4, I agree that was discussed, but my memory is similar to Judy's: I don't remember that being discussed as a stand-alone option. If I understand correctly what you've written, your option #4 would involve USEITI continuing in the same way that we did in 2016, with the MSG continuing to meet 3-4 times per year, etc. I don't recall this being discussed as an option.

Finally, your line edits mostly look good. I only wonder about your suggested deletion of the phrase "and forego independent reconciliation of revenue data by the Independent Administrator." I think that it could be useful to keep this language in the text as it helps to make clear how the MSG's decision is a departure from the EITI Standard. If all of you agree that the phrase is too sensitive, however, I am happy to take it out.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at
2:32 PM, Wilson, Judith
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
wrote:

I don't recall any
discussion or option
regarding an additional
validation request,
neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your
option 4 was a stand
alone option, it was
discussed though,
maybe as part of option
1.

One thing to clarify also
is as I
understand/remember,
options 1-3 would
require MSG consensus
and the Board is the
ultimate decider.
Option 5 above does
not require the Board
to render a decision. It
is a notification to the
Board by the
Government (Gov. Co-
Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at
2:07 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org>
wrote:

What do you think
about the attached 3
changes. I also don't
see a major option
that I thought had
been discussed which
was continue with
additional validation
request.

These were the
options I heard but
realize that my 2 is
your 2 but I just forgot
what the letter was
going to say.

1. Voluntary

suspension-
letter approved
by MSG asking
for voluntary
suspension and
identifying how
we will continue
to be transparent
during the
suspension.
(historically used
due to political
instability)

2. USEITI moves
forward with
Letter to the
board to
reaffirming
government
commitment and
identifying new
MSG structure
necessary for
success
(presidential or
congressional
MSG set up)
3. USEITI moves
forward with
mainstreaming
highlighting
current
successes
4. USEITI moves
forward with an
additional
adapted
implementation
request (taxes
and subnational)
5. Withdrawal letter
from USG
highlighting
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progress made
and what will
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Subject: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

All,
Ive attached a summary of key discussions from last week's co-chairs meeting. As you'll see, the focus of the summary is on options and next steps. Please let me know if I've missed or misrepresented anything crucial for our path forward that was discussed.

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You put your priorities in the right place, family is always first. Again, so sorry.

I'll see you in a few weeks.

Greg

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On Jun 9, 2017, at 2:59 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

tx so much. Truly awful but so glad I just left everything behind and stayed with (b) (6)

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Currently it reads:

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I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6). I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg
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Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian
<dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field
<pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,
Here's my take on Veronika's questions.
Please let me know if you see it differently
and we might want to have a quick phone
call to hash this out:

- Option #3 (*Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*), as the only option in which USEITI effectively continues in the short term under current rules, would conceivably require adapted implementation. The way that Sam phrased this, however, is not that the US would need to apply for adapted implementation, but that "mainstreaming is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting." He indicated that the Board would be unlikely to look favorably upon a USEITI move towards mainstreaming while we continue to have discrepancies from the standard (e.g. around corporate income tax reporting). The meeting summary reflects this discussion.
- Option #2 was framed by Sam as something specifically for the US. While it may be true that EITI may have to approach this as a broader issue at some point for other OECD

countries, the concern that was expressed during the meeting is that the Board would be discussing Option #2 (a "new path" / deviation from the protocol) specifically in the context of USEITI and that this would open us up to additional criticism at the board level and in the media. The focus on the US was a key part of what made this option unattractive (at least as I understood the discussion).

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Wait, Which is the option that we discussed would require us seeking additional adapted implementation? I think that needs to be included so that sectors understand what would be necessary. I also think that the phrasing of 2 should not sound so US centric but make it apparent that the board needs to make these decisions not just for the US but this is a broader issue they are going to have to face.

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[mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org>
Cc: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Isabel Munilla
<IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>; Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>

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Thanks Tushar, well done, I'm all set with this write-up, no additional comments.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:44 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I have attached a revised version of the meeting summary that incorporates Veronika's edits and also makes the following slight change to language to acknowledge Danielle's concern about the content of a withdrawal letter: *"The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision."*

With regards to the options discussed at the meeting, I recall the options on the table as being somewhat different than what Greg summarized. My meeting noted document the options as follows:

- 1) *Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI (this letter would also reaffirm government commitment to EITI and to identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up))*
- 2) *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*
- 3) *Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*
- 4) *Withdrawal of the United States from EITI*

The distinction between my list and Greg's list is particularly around Option #2: *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*. This was an option that Sam Bartlett presented to us and that we discussed briefly.

Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of this might be academic.

Please take a look at the attached meeting summary and let me know if there are any additional revisions that you would like to see made.

Tushar

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM,
Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
wrote:

Of course, adding her now, please
focus on (b) (6)

Isabel, see below.

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM,
Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
wrote:

Can I request including Isabel in
this conversation to handle this on
behalf of CSO's?

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On May 19, 2017, at
11:33 AM, Gould,
Greg
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wrote:

I like the option of Tushar including the 3 options at the top, for us to discuss with our sectors for a final decision on June 22. Do you all agree that option 3 is our preferred option at this point?

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017
at 11:13 AM, Kohler,
Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org>
wrote:

Thank you! So should we send Tushar's updated summary (T, could you resend?) to our people but tell them that the 3 below are what they should decide on? Should Tushar include these three at the top of the summary

as the options the cochairs have advised we select from? I just want to make sure we are all on the same page before sending anything out in writing.

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Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:51 AM

To: Tushar Kansal
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Cc: Wilson, Judith
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<VKohler@nma.org>; Danielle Brian
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Danielle, so sorry to hear about your (b) (6) my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I want to thank all of you for your continued attention to making sure we are all in agreement when we make a final decision on June 22. With that said, I think we all pretty much agreed to 3 options:

1. USEITI moves forward with Letter to the board to reaffirming government commitment and

identifying
new MSG
structure
necessary
for success
(presidential
or
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l MSG set
up).

2. USEITI
moves
forward with
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and applying
for adapted
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on related to
tax reporting,
subnational,
and
beneficial
ownership.
3. Withdrawal
letter from
USG,
possibly
highlighting
success,
progress
made, and
that we will
continue to
publish non-
tax revenue
data at the
lowest level
allowed by
law and
regulation on
the US Data
Portal, which
has become
an
international
best practice
for data
disseminatio
n.

Option 3 was
discussed as the
preferred option.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:59 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuildin.org> wrote:

Thanks for your comments, Veronika and Judy.

I too don't recall an "additional validation request" being discussed, Veronika, but based I also don't see that same language of "additional validation request" in the five options that you sent. Did you perhaps mean to type "additional adapted implementation request" (your option #4)?

With regards to

#4, I agree that was discussed, but my memory is similar to Judy's: I don't remember that being discussed as a stand-alone option. If I understand correctly what you've written, your option #4 would involve USEITI continuing in the same way that we did in 2016, with the MSG continuing to meet 3-4 times per year, etc. I don't recall this being discussed as an option.

Finally, your line edits mostly look good. I only wonder about your suggested deletion of the phrase "and forego independent reconciliation of revenue data by the Independent Administrator." I think that it could be useful to keep this language in the text as it helps to make clear how the MSG's decision is a departure from the EITI Standard. If all of you agree that the phrase is too sensitive, however, I am happy to take it out.

Tushar

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:32 PM, Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember, options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May
18, 2017 at
2:07 PM,
Kohler,
Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

What do
you think
about the
attached 3
changes. I
also don't
see a
major
option that
I thought
had been
discussed
which was
continue
with
additional
validation
request.

These
were the
options I
heard but
realize that
my 2 is
your 2 but I
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letter was
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identifying how we will continue to be transparent during the suspension. (historically used due to political instability)

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Thursday,
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Judith
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>

Subject:
USEITI co-
chairs
meeting
summary

All,
Ive attached
a summary
of key
discussions
from last
week's co-
chairs
meeting. As
you'll see,
the focus of
the
summary is
on options
and next

steps.
Please let
me know if
I've missed
or
misrepresen
ted anything
crucial for
our path
forward that
was
discussed.

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From: Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org>
Sent: Mon Jun 12 2017 07:57:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
CC: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>, "Shime, Veronika" <vshime@nma.org>, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>, Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>, "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary
Attachments: USEITI - May 2017 Co-Chairs Mtg - Mtg Summary v6 (170612).docx

All,
Please find attached the summary from the co-chairs meeting. This version has been updated to reflect Danielle's correction from the end of last week.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:
Tushar,

Can you make the changes Danielle has requested and then send it back to all of us for our records. Note that I have no comments on the summary.

Thanks,

Greg

Gregory J. Gould

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 1:35 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] thank you so much for your patience and notes of support.

Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence. Currently it reads:

CSO sector representatives suggested that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw.

But that is not accurate. Avoiding criticism is not the reason I was pushing to include the reasons for withdrawing in the letter from the govt. The reason I think it is important to make clear why the US is unable to meet the Intl EITI standards is so that the public understands what we have and have not accomplished and why, and so that other countries that are trying to implement EITI do not assume they will have the same struggles we had.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,

I've attached a revised version of the meeting summary in accordance with Jonas' comments. Please let me know if you have any additional concerns.

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Tushar

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision and actually strongly advised that the letter not include a reasoning for withdrawal but focus on our accomplishments and what will continue. CSO sector representatives felt that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw the EITI secretariat disagreed. ~~Other meeting participants, including representatives from the EITI International Secretariat, the government sector, and the industry sector cautioned against including explanatory language about the decision to withdraw, suggesting that it would likely be very difficult to craft language that all three USEITI sectors could agree on. Instead, these participants suggested keeping the letter relatively brief and focused on citing the DOI Inspector General's report and highlighting USEITI's record of accomplishments.~~

Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

From: Tushar Kansal [mailto:tkansal@cbuilding.org]

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:31 PM

To: Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven. CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at least be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strongly advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

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Greg

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On May 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM,
Gould, Greg
<Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

I like the option of Tushar including the 3 options at the top, for us to discuss with our sectors for a final decision on June 22. Do you all agree that option 3 is our preferred option at this point?

Greg

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:13 AM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Thank you! So should we send Tushar's updated summary (T, could you resend?) to our people but tell them that the 3 below are what they should decide on? Should Tushar include these three at the top of the summary as the options the cochairs have advised we select from? I just want to make sure we are all on the same page before sending anything out in writing.

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Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>
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Danielle, so sorry to hear about your (b) (6) my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I want to thank all of you for your continued attention to making sure we are all in agreement when we make a final decision on June 22. With

that said, I think we all pretty much agreed to 3 options:

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3. Withdrawal letter from USG, possibly highlighting success, progress made, and that we will continue to publish non-tax revenue data at the lowest level allowed by law and regulation on the US Data Portal, which has become an international best practice for data dissemination.

Option 3 was discussed as the preferred option.

Thanks,

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:59 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Thanks for your comments, Veronika and Judy.

I too don't recall an "additional validation request" being discussed, Veronika, but based I also don't see that same language of "additional validation request" in the five options that you sent. Did you perhaps mean to type "additional adapted implementation request" (your option #4)?

With regards to #4, I agree that was discussed, but my memory is similar to Judy's: I don't remember that being discussed as a stand-alone option. If I understand correctly what you've written, your option #4 would involve USEITI continuing in the same way that we did in 2016, with the MSG continuing to meet 3-4 times per year, etc. I don't recall this being discussed as an option.

Finally, your line edits mostly look good. I only wonder about your suggested deletion of the phrase "and forego independent reconciliation of revenue data by the Independent Administrator." I think that it could be useful to keep this language in the text as it helps to make clear how the MSG's decision is a departure from the EITI Standard. If all of you agree that the phrase is too sensitive, however, I am happy to take it out.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at

2:32 PM, Wilson, Judith
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
wrote:

I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember, options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Kohler, Veronika
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wrote:

What do you think about the attached 3 changes. I also don't see a major option that I thought had been discussed which was continue with additional validation request.

These were the options I heard but realize that my 2 is your 2 but I just forgot what the letter was going to say.

1. Voluntary suspension-letter approved by MSG asking for voluntary

suspension and identifying how we will continue to be transparent during the suspension. (historically used due to political instability)

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3. USEITI moves forward with mainstreaming highlighting current successes
4. USEITI moves forward with an additional adapted implementation request (taxes and subnational)
5. Withdrawal letter from USG highlighting success, progress made and what will continue.

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:37 PM

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Subject: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

All,
Ive attached a summary of key discussions from last week's co-chairs meeting. As you'll see, the focus of the summary is on options and next steps. Please let me know if I've missed or misrepresented anything crucial for our path forward that was discussed.

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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Mon Jun 12 2017 08:08:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org>
Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>, "Shime, Veronika"
<vshime@nma.org>, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>, Isabel
CC: Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>, "Wilson, Judith"
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

Thanks Tushar!

Greg

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 7:57 AM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
Please find attached the summary from the co-chairs meeting. This version has been updated to reflect Danielle's correction from the end of last week.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Tushar,

Can you make the changes Danielle has requested and then send it back to all of us for our records. Note that I have no comments on the summary.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 1:35 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6)

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Thank you so much for your patience and notes of support.

Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence: Currently it reads: CSO sector representatives suggested that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw.

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On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

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Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven. CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at least be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strongly advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6). I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM,
Gould, Greg

<Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

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Greg

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Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017
10:51 AM
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Cc: Wilson, Judith
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Kohler, Veronika
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Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>
Subject: Re: USEITI co-
chairs meeting summary

Danielle, so sorry to hear
about your (b) (6) my thoughts
and prayers are with you and
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I want to thank all of you for
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With that said, I think we all
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with Letter to the board
to reaffirming
government
commitment and
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structure necessary for
success (presidential
or congressional MSG
set up).
2. USEITI moves forward
with mainstreaming
highlighting current
successes, and
applying for adapted
implementation related
to tax reporting,
subnational, and
beneficial ownership.
3. Withdrawal letter from
USG, possibly
highlighting success,
progress made, and
that we will continue to
publish non-tax
revenue data at the
lowest level allowed by
law and regulation on
the US Data Portal,
which has become an
international best
practice for data
dissemination.

Option 3 was discussed as
the preferred option.

Thanks,

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:59 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Thanks for your comments, Veronika and Judy.

I too don't recall an "additional validation request" being discussed, Veronika, but based I also don't see that same language of "additional validation request" in the five options that you sent. Did you perhaps mean to type "additional adapted implementation request" (your option #4)?

With regards to #4, I agree that was discussed, but my memory is similar to Judy's: I don't remember that being discussed as a stand-alone option. If I understand correctly what you've written, your option #4 would involve USEITI continuing in the same way that we did in 2016, with the MSG continuing to meet 3-4 times per year, etc. I don't recall this being discussed as an option.

Finally, your line edits mostly look good. I only wonder about your

suggested deletion of the phrase "and forego independent reconciliation of revenue data by the Independent Administrator." I think that it could be useful to keep this language in the text as it helps to make clear how the MSG's decision is a departure from the EITI Standard. If all of you agree that the phrase is too sensitive, however, I am happy to take it out.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:32 PM, Wilson, Judith
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
wrote:

I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember, options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017
at 2:07 PM, Kohler,
Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org>
wrote:

What do you think about the attached 3 changes. I also don't see a major option that I thought had been discussed which was continue with additional validation request.

These were the options I heard but realize that my 2 is your 2 but I just forgot what the letter was going to say.

1. Voluntary suspension-letter approved by MSG asking for voluntary suspension and identifying how we will continue to be transparent during the suspension. (historically used due to political instability)
2. USEITI moves forward with Letter to the board to reaffirming government commitment and identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up)
3. USEITI moves

forward with
mainstreaming
highlighting
current
successes

4. USEITI moves forward with an additional adapted implementation request (taxes and subnational)
5. Withdrawal letter from USG highlighting success, progress made and what will continue.

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:37 PM

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<VKohler@nma.org>;
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Subject: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

All,
I've attached a summary of key discussions from last week's co-chairs meeting. As you'll see, the focus of the summary is on options and next steps. Please let me know if I've missed or misrepresented anything crucial for our path forward that was discussed.

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From: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
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To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org>, "Shime, Veronika" <vshime@nma.org>, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>, Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>, "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
CC:
Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

yes thank you Tushar!

On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 10:08 AM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:
Thanks Tushar!

Greg

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On Mon, Jun 12, 2017 at 7:57 AM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,

Please find attached the summary from the co-chairs meeting. This version has been updated to reflect Danielle's correction from the end of last week.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 3:46 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:
Tushar,

Can you make the changes Danielle has requested and then send it back to all of us for our records. Note that I have no comments on the summary.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 1:35 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Hi all I'm finally fully back at work. My (b) (6)

Thank you so much for your patience and notes of support.

Turning back to work, I realize I signed off on this draft already, but I'm not sure if Greg has yet, so I'm hoping to get a chance to make a correction to this doc before it is finalized. I realize the one sentence quoting my intentions is inaccurate so I'm asking your permission to update just that one sentence: Currently it reads:

CSO sector representatives suggested that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw.

But that is not accurate. Avoiding criticism is not the reason I was pushing to include the reasons for withdrawing in the letter from the govt. The reason I think it is

important to make clear why the US is unable to meet the Intl EITI standards is so that the public understands what we have and have not accomplished and why, and so that other countries that are trying to implement EITI do not assume they will have the same struggles we had.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,

I've attached a revised version of the meeting summary in accordance with Jonas' comments. Please let me know if you have any additional concerns.

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 3:09 PM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

As I remember it, Jonas said a short brief letter would be best. If CSO's wanted to recommend some txt, then keep it to some short bullets, but best to not say much.

Greg

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On May 26, 2017, at 1:04 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My memory is that Jonas said the opposite: that in fact it was important to have very short bullets explaining why the US is choosing to withdraw but that the language should not be extensive.

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Shime, Veronika
<vshime@nma.org> wrote:

Hi,

I am not sure what to say because this is turning out to be much more difficult than I thought it should be. I have not read the entire summary but jumped to the option 4 hoping it would just reflect what happened. I do not believe however we are there. To simplify I have made some suggestions below. By the way, industry never commented on this. We never said anything on if we thought it was a good idea or bad. The most vocal were the secretariat strongly advising against the bulleted explanation and CSO feeling strongly to include it and offering to supply GOV with suggestions.

The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision and actually strongly advised that the letter not include a reasoning for withdrawal but focus on our accomplishments and what will continue. CSO sector representatives felt that including some indication as to *why* the US is withdrawing from EITI could reduce some of the criticism that may be leveled against USEITI and against the US government for a decision to withdraw the EITI secretariat disagreed. ~~Other meeting participants, including representatives from the EITI International Secretariat, the government sector, and the industry sector cautioned against including explanatory language about the decision to withdraw, suggesting that it would likely be very difficult to craft language that all three USEITI sectors could agree on. Instead, these participants suggested keeping the letter relatively brief and focused on citing the DOI Inspector General's report and highlighting USEITI's record of accomplishments.~~

Happy to read the rest later, but need to run to a meeting now and may not get to it until this weekend. If nothing else in the summary has changed then I am fine with approving it with the changes above.

veronika

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Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org>
Cc: Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov>; Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>; Isabel Munilla <IMunilla@oxfamamerica.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

Subject: Re: USEITI co-chairs meeting summary

Hi All,
Revised version attached. Please let me know if any additional concerns.

Tushar

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Shime, Veronika <vshime@nma.org> wrote:

I think this is unbalanced. My suggestions were by no means sector driven. I was not asking for something to be included that the industry sector is going to push for or not. My suggestions were caring about this process and ensuring the language does

not come off differently as intended thereby hurting USEITI. Danielle's comment was purely CSO sector driven . CSO want GOV to put an explanation in the letter and don't feel that the inclusion is quite appropriate but definitely not as written. If you are going to include what one sector wants and is going to push for then at lease be more clear that the EITI Secretariat strongly advised against it. They did not just say that we don't need to include a reason why, but strongly opposed it for many reasons.

I am ok with keeping Danielle's request in, but then two things should be clarified. 1 - that it was the CSO sector.....not "some participants" and 2 - that upon hearing that the International Secretariat strong advised against it. The International Secretariat said many times that the letter should not include the bullets about why US is withdrawing but remain high level and positive.

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All,
I've attempted to respond to both Veronika's concerns (indicating who raised which options and explicitly incorporating language around "mainstreaming" as part of Option #3) and Danielle's concerns (incorporating language around suggestions that were made that the withdrawal letter provide some explanation and rationale for the decision).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. If so, I would be happy to schedule a call to discuss further.

Danielle, thanks for the update about your (b) (6) I hope that he is comfortable, and my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Best,
Tushar

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:26 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,
I'll take care of this tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 3:15 PM, Gould, Greg
<greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Danielle. I'm not sure how productive it would be to state why we are withdrawing. I feel best to say we have done our best and it is now time to move on.

Greg

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:41 PM, Danielle Brian
<dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

My only hesitation is that I thought Greg that in addition to highlighting the accomplishments of USEITI that you were open to considering whether to in the briefest way possible acknowledge the reasons the US is withdrawing? Is that wrong? It seems odd to me that the option is to say we are withdrawing but not saying why. I understand that is the purview of the government to decide, just want clarity for these minutes.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Pat Field
<pfield@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All

One more after the one I just sent. If we need a call, let me know and we'll schedule it.

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On May 19, 2017, at 3:38 pm, Tushar Kansal
<tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

Hi All,
Here's my take on Veronika's questions. Please let me know if you see it differently and we might want to have a quick phone call to hash this out:

- Option #3 (*Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*), as the only option in which USEITI effectively continues in the short term under current rules, would conceivably require adapted

implementation. The way that Sam phrased this, however, is not that the US would need to apply for adapted implementation, but that "mainstreaming is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting." He indicated that the Board would be unlikely to look favorably upon a USEITI move towards mainstreaming while we continue to have discrepancies from the standard (e.g. around corporate income tax reporting). The meeting summary reflects this discussion.

- Option #2 was framed by Sam as something specifically for the US. While it may be true that EITI may have to approach this as a broader issue at some point for other OECD countries, the concern that was expressed during the meeting is that the Board would be discussing Option #2 (a "new path" / deviation from the protocol) specifically in the context of USEITI and that this would open us up to additional criticism at the board level and in the media. The focus on the US was a key part of what made this option unattractive (at least as I understood the discussion).

Best,
Tushar

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 3:25 PM, Kohler, Veronika
<VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Wait, Which is the option that we discussed would require us seeking additional adapted implementation? I think that needs to be included so that sectors understand what would be necessary. I also think that the phrasing of 2 should not sound so US centric but make it apparent that the board needs to make these decisions not just for the US but this is a broader issue they are going to have to face.

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Thanks Tushar, well done, I'm all set with this write-up, no additional comments.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 2:44 PM, Tushar Kansal <tkansal@cbuilding.org> wrote:

All,

I have attached a revised version of the meeting summary that incorporates Veronika's edits and also makes the following slight change to language to acknowledge Danielle's concern about the content of a withdrawal letter: *"The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision."*

With regards to the options discussed at the meeting, I recall the options on the table as being somewhat different than what Greg summarized. My meeting noted document the options as follows:

- 1) Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI (this letter would also reaffirm government commitment to EITI and to identifying new MSG structure necessary for success (presidential or congressional MSG set up))*
- 2) The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*
- 3) Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting*
- 4) Withdrawal of the United States from EITI*

The distinction between my list and Greg's list is particularly around Option #2: *The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols*. This was an option that Sam Bartlett presented to us and that we discussed briefly.

Ultimately, of course, the withdrawal option seemed to be the "preferred" one, so the rest of this might be academic.

Please take a look at the attached meeting summary and let me know if there are any additional revisions that you would like to see made.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Of course, adding her now, please focus on

(b) (6)

Isabel, see below.

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Can I request including Isabel in this conversation to handle this on behalf of CSO's?

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On Thu, May 18, 2017
at 2:32 PM, Wilson,
Judith
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> wrote:

I don't recall any discussion or option regarding an additional validation request, neither does Greg.

I'm not sure your option 4 was a stand alone option, it was discussed though, maybe as part of option 1.

One thing to clarify also is as I understand/remember, options 1-3 would require MSG consensus and the Board is the ultimate decider. Option 5 above does not require the Board to render a decision. It is a notification to the Board by the Government (Gov. Co-Chair).

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

What do you think about the attached 3 changes. I also don't see a major option that I thought had been discussed which was continue with additional validation request.

These were the options I heard but realize that my 2 is your 2 but I just forgot what the letter was going to say.

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during the suspension.
(historically used due to political instability)

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3. USEITI moves forward with mainstreaming highlighting current successes
4. USEITI moves forward with an additional adapted implementation request (taxes and subnational)
5. Withdrawal letter from USG highlighting success, progress made and what will continue.

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Subject: USEITI
co-chairs meeting
summary

All,
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summary of key
discussions from
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you'll see, the focus
of the summary is
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Sent: Tue May 16 2017 04:06:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Re: Final Inspection Report – United States' Implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Report No. 2016-EAU-041

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This memorandum transmits the findings of our inspection of the United States' implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Our inspection objective was to determine the status of the U.S. implementation of the EITI standard. We are not making any recommendations in this report but are providing it for information purposes only.

The legislation creating the Office of Inspector General requires that we report to Congress semiannually on all audit, inspection, and evaluation reports issued; actions taken to implement our recommendations; and recommendations that have not been implemented.

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Results in Brief

The United States (U.S.) has made significant progress meeting the individual requirements necessary to achieve compliant status with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). EITI is a global initiative that promotes revenue transparency and accountability for natural resource extraction. The Department of the Interior (DOI) works in collaboration with industry and civil society partners¹ to implement EITI on behalf of the United States.

Our review found that the U.S. has met seven of the eight EITI requirements and partially met one requirement in its effort to achieve EITI compliant status, the highest level of implementation. It has only partially met the revenue collection requirement (Requirement 4) because it has been unable to obtain full disclosure of extractive resource payments from companies, thus preventing the required reconciliation to Government receipts. In addition, the U.S. has encountered challenges as part of its participation in EITI that could prevent it from reaching the goal of compliant status. Should the U.S. not achieve compliant status, its standing in EITI would be diminished.

In spite of the framework laid out in Requirement 4 and the ensuing challenges, the U.S. could still meet this requirement. Through its regular ongoing operations, the U.S. has a system in place that achieves the standard's disclosure and reconciliation requirement, through a process known as mainstreaming. This reporting method may enable the U.S. to meet the EITI reporting and reconciliation mandates without necessarily following the prescriptive language of the standard.

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At the close of our field work, senior Government officials disclosed that the U.S. was considering all options associated with the validation process in spite of uncertainties in achieving Requirement 4. We learned that the U.S. is scheduled to undergo validation in April 2018, even though it expects the EITI international board to find that it has made inadequate progress toward validation. If that occurs, the U.S. likely would transition from an implementing country to a country that only supports EITI. The U.S. intends to continue its efforts to disclose revenue and maintain its public website by institutionalizing EITI processes.

¹ Civil society is defined as community and citizenry involvement. In the U.S., it includes academia, non-governmental organizations, and labor unions.

Introduction

Objective

We conducted this inspection to determine the status of the United States' implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) standard.

Appendix 1 contains the scope and methodology, as well as sites visited.

Background

EITI is a global initiative that aims to promote revenue transparency and accountability for natural resource extraction (e.g. oil, natural gas, coal, non-energy minerals such as gold, and renewable energy). The initiative grew out of concern about corruption and mismanagement of these resources worldwide. Many EITI participating countries are in developing parts of the world, and the initiative seeks to strengthen these government and company systems. The U.S. Government, however, has long had a management system featuring numerous controls and protections to oversee natural resource extraction, which helps reduce the risk of corruption.

As a leading extractive producer of such natural resources as oil, natural gas, and coal, the U.S. announced its intention to join EITI in September 2011. The Secretary of the Interior serves as the Administration's senior official responsible for EITI implementation. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) within DOI serves as the Government's lead representative on the multi-stakeholder group (MSG). The U.S. has been working toward achieving compliant status, and validation is scheduled to begin in April 2018.

To date, DOI expenditures for EITI have totaled approximately \$6.5 million, of which the Government spent \$2.8 million in fiscal year 2016. The largest expenditures included Government labor and contracts for outside services. Current estimates of expenditures for reconciliation of Government receipts to company payments total \$519,000 per year.

The EITI standard has eight primary requirements and multiple subparts that countries must follow when implementing EITI. A synopsis of the eight EITI standard requirements is detailed in Figure 1 below.

EITI Standard Requirements

I: Multi-stakeholder group oversight. Government, industry, and civil society engagement.

EITI Standard Requirements	
2: Legal and institutional framework.	Disclosure of legal framework and fiscal regime governing extractive industries.
3: Exploration and production.	Disclosure of exploration and production activities, as well as export data.
4: Revenue collection.	Disclosure and reconciliation of company payments and Government revenues.
5: Revenue allocations.	Disclosure of revenue distribution, revenue management, and expenditures.
6: Social and economic spending.	Disclosure of social expenditures and the extractive sector's impact on the economy.
7: Outcomes and impact.	Disclosure of discrepancies identified in EITI reports, as well as lessons learned during implementation.
8: Compliance and deadlines for implementing countries.	Outlines timeframes established by the EITI international board and consequences of noncompliance with the deadlines and requirements for EITI implementation.

Figure 1. A full explanation of EITI requirements is available at <https://eiti.org/eiti-requirements>.

The initiative is implemented by governments, in collaboration with the MSG, which includes industry and civil society, the latter defined as community and citizenry involvement (e.g. academia and non-governmental organizations). In the U.S., MSG formation in 2012 brought together these three sectors for the first time to achieve a common goal. Initially skeptical, MSG members found that genuine cooperation could generate appreciation for differing viewpoints.

EITI has 56 participating countries. Each country that chooses to implement the EITI standard must establish an MSG that oversees implementation. In addition, most countries, including the U.S., create a national secretariat with a full-time staff to administer the program. The EITI international board, headquartered in Oslo, Norway, is the governing body. Countries implementing the standard publish an annual report in which governments publicly disclose payments received from companies obtaining extractive resources, which an independent administrator reconciles with payments disclosed by those companies.

Countries join EITI with the goal of achieving compliance with the EITI standard. To achieve compliant status, a country must go through the EITI validation process. This includes a comprehensive evaluation of the country's progress toward achieving the eight requirements, as determined by the EITI international board. A country must make satisfactory progress on each requirement in the standard in order to achieve compliant status.

Results

Progress in Complying with EITI

The U.S. has been working on EITI implementation since 2011. It has made significant progress meeting the individual requirements necessary to achieve the highest level of EITI implementation, known as compliant status. Based on our analysis, the U.S. has met seven of the eight requirements and partially met Requirement 4, which necessitates that all Government revenue receipts be reported and subjected to reconciliation. Reconciliation involves comparison of Government receipts to company payments, and explains significant discrepancies between the two. This activity is performed by a third party, known as the independent administrator. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) independently assessed the status of DOI's EITI implementation, as shown in Figure 2.²

OIG Assessment of DOI EITI Implementation		
Requirement	Status	Comments
I – MSG oversight.	Met	MSG formed, with equal representation by government, industry, and civil society. All required meetings and work products achieved.

² The EITI international board is the body that officially determines whether a country has fulfilled the standard, and sets four categories of progress for assessing a country's compliance with each requirement: satisfactory, meaningful, inadequate, and no progress. Our determination of the status does not directly align with those categories identified in the standard. Our assessment was not intended to mirror the board or duplicate any effort. For simplicity, we established our own categories: met, partially met, and not met.

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2 – Legal and institutional framework.	Met	<p>Collaborating with the General Services Administration, DOI produced a public website known as the portal, which houses natural resource data along with the electronic version of the annual EITI report. We found that the portal, which went online in December 2015, presents natural resource-related information in a user-friendly format. The international board has recognized the portal as a model for other countries to emulate.</p> <p>Online data portal provides details on allocation of contracts and licenses, with links to Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management websites.</p>
3 – Exploration and production.	Met	Online data portal provides details on fossil fuels, renewable energy, and non-energy minerals, as well as exports of various commodities.
4 – Revenue collection.	Partially Met	Low disclosure of nontax and tax revenues by companies prevent required comprehensive reconciliation of Government revenue receipts to company payments.
5 – Revenue allocations.	Met	Online data portal provides details on all revenue streams, distribution of revenues, and recipients.
6 – Social and economic spending.	Met	Online data portal provides details on extractive sector contributions to the economy.

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7 – Outcomes and impact.	Met	<p>Online data portal contains recommendations for addressing reconciliation discrepancies and improving the EITI process.</p> <p>To illustrate extractive industry impacts on local communities, the annual report includes 12 county case studies from across the country, as well as data from 18 states, in an effort to increase public awareness.</p> <p>MSG has actively solicited input from the general public concerning U.S. involvement in EITI. Public interest in EITI is not yet strong, but MSG efforts to obtain outside input and to publish meeting minutes promote EITI's principles of openness and transparency.</p>
8 – Compliance and deadlines for implementing countries.	Met	Deadlines for annual progress reports met, and deadlines for EITI reports surpassed.

Figure 2: OIG's assessment of DOI implementation of EITI requirements.

Challenges in Complying with EITI Revenue Collection Requirement

DOI faces numerous difficulties in trying to meet Requirement 4. Some are less challenging than others, providing opportunities for solutions, while others may offer no alternative course of action.

Voluntary initiative

The voluntary nature of EITI makes full company participation in nontax and tax revenue disclosures difficult to obtain. Companies are not compelled to report revenue and tax data, and do not see the benefit of participation. Consequently, a significant number have chosen not to participate.

U.S. privacy laws

Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.) provides for the confidentiality of tax returns and return information. It prevents the U.S. Internal

Revenue Service (IRS) from disclosing returns and return information unless the taxpayer authorizes the release or one of several exceptions are met.

Low company participation

EITI Requirement 4 calls for comprehensive disclosure and reconciliation of company payments and Government revenues from extractive industries. Companies make payments to the U.S., and the payments are considered revenues when collected.

In the U.S., revenues associated with extractive industries consist of two categories—nontax and tax. Nontax revenues are comprised of 11 revenue streams (e.g., royalties, bonuses, rents, inspection and permit fees, and civil penalties), whereas tax revenues represent corporate income tax payments reported to the IRS.

Requirement 4 presents a major challenge for the U.S. because of the numerous companies that operate on Federal lands and large sums of revenue involved. Specifically, more than 3,000 companies paid the Federal Government \$12.64 billion and \$7.80 billion in nontax extractive revenue for the 2015 and 2016 reports, respectively. Since full company participation in the initiative would have been too time consuming and costly to accomplish, the MSG decided to select a manageable sample of companies. This required establishing materiality thresholds, as the standard allows, for company reporting and subsequent reconciliation. The MSG found that a significant and achievable sample of companies could be selected by setting the threshold at \$50 million and \$37.5 million of total annual revenue reported to ONRR by a parent company, including its subsidiaries, for 2015 and 2016. The threshold amount varies yearly due to changes in commodity prices, which in turn affects the amount of payments made to ONRR. For nontax revenues, this reduced the 3,000 company universe to 45 companies for the 2015 annual report, and 41 companies for the 2016 report. For tax revenues, the sample became 41 companies for the 2015 report, and 38 companies for the 2016 report. The number of companies can change from year to year due to factors such as mergers, acquisitions, and bankruptcies.³

Unfortunately, a significant number of companies that were asked to participate declined the request, and so the amount of revenues actually reported and reconciled were far less than the 80 percent target (see Figure 3).⁴ We determined the U.S. has only partially met Requirement 4. Since the EITI standard requires comprehensive company disclosure, this low level of company participation is of concern as the U.S. seeks validation.

³ Companies chosen for participation represent the largest producers of oil, gas, coal, and hard rock in the U.S., including, among others, ExxonMobil Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Shell E&P Company, Arch Coal, Inc., and Peabody Energy Corporation.

⁴ Although the target for reconciling tax revenue was all the companies asked to participate in EITI, the U.S. did not report the total amount of tax revenue because companies are not required to disclose this information.

Results From Companies Subject To Reconciliation (Dollars in Billions)				
Report Year	Nontax		Tax	
	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved
2015				
Number of Companies Disclosed	45	31 (69%)	41	12 (29%)
Number of Companies Reconciled	45	31 (69%)	41	5 (12%)
Revenues Reconciled	\$10.44	\$8.50 (81%)		
2016				
Number of Companies Disclosed	41	25 (61%)	38	12 (32%)
Number of Companies Reconciled	41	25 (61%)	38	7 (18%)
Revenues Reconciled	\$6.11	\$4.83 (79%)		

Figure 3. Information about companies not disclosing their payments. In the tax column, the target for revenues reconciled could not be established and reconciled because most companies did not report tax data. The independent administrator reconciled all of the revenue that companies reported, but the reconciliation did not reflect the target revenues.

Subnational reporting

The EITI standard requires that MSG establish whether or not direct payments from companies to subnational government entities (states and tribes in the U.S.) are significant.⁴ If significant, then disclosure and reconciliation of payments to these entities are included in the EITI report. Given significant practical barriers to collecting data from all 50 states, the MSG focused its efforts on 18 states with the most extractive revenue.

To date, only three of these 18 states have chosen to disclose data about their extractive industries. These three still have not agreed to reconcile company payments to Government receipts. Further, since U.S. law recognizes tribes as

⁴ Subnational is defined as below the national Government level—in the U.S. this refers primarily to state and tribal governments.

sovereign nations, they are not bound to participate in EITI, and no tribes have volunteered for this purpose.

Although the U.S. received approval from the EITI international board to deviate from full subnational reporting for past reports, it has no guarantee that this approval will continue in the future. The U.S. EITI MSG endorsed a renewed request to deviate from subnational reporting, which it submitted to the international board in December 2016.

Beneficial ownership

As of January 2020, the standard requires disclosure of beneficial ownership information in the EITI report. Beneficial ownership refers to individuals who directly or indirectly own or control a corporate entity.

In December 2016, the U.S. published its “roadmap” or plan for meeting the future beneficial ownership disclosure requirement. Collection and disclosure of this information may prove problematic, however, since the U.S. does not have an institutional structure for public disclosure of beneficial ownership, and voluntary participation may produce limited results. For example, DOI does not have any mechanism to collect beneficial ownership information when conducting lease sales related to extractive industry operating rights on U.S. Federal lands or for regulating extractive operations, as well as collecting production related fees and royalties.

Mainstreaming

Mainstreaming is a mechanism through which countries disclose revenue collection, accounting, and disbursement as part of routine Government operations. It is advantageous for two reasons – first, it highlights countries that make transparency an integral and routine feature of their management systems. Second, countries that achieve mainstreaming do not have to undergo the reconciliation process. To achieve mainstreaming, the U.S. must submit to a rigorous application process, which is subject to approval by the international board.

We found the U.S. is actively pursuing mainstreaming to satisfy Requirement 4 by reporting that it routinely discloses 100 percent of all nontax revenue streams. In addition, the U.S. is preparing a thorough description of its robust audit processes and procedures for the 2017 annual report. Among these are the following—

- ONRR and its State and tribal partners help ensure that companies pay correctly through the use of audits, compliance reviews, data mining, and an enforcement program;
- ONRR accounts for nontax revenues using company-submitted royalty reports—more than 150 up-front automated edits of these reports help detect irregularities;
- Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement conduct physical inspections of lease operations;

- An independent accounting firm annually audits DOI's financial statements, which include extractive revenue;
- DOI and DOI's bureaus are independently audited by the Office of Inspector General, and IRS receives audit oversight from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and
- IRS verifies tax payments made by companies.

These processes and procedures ensure accountability for 100 percent of natural resource revenues. Accordingly, the U.S. could be in compliance with Requirement 4, even if full reporting and reconciliation from the EITI international board is considered questionable. Although mainstreaming could be a possible solution to demonstrate that the U.S. has complied with Requirement 4, the request has not yet been approved by the international board. Further, it is questionable whether or not the international board would grant such approval. Also, the U.S. still has work left to accomplish in order to develop the contextual narrative of its audit processes and procedures in a manner that fully demonstrates compliance with Requirement 4.

At the close of our field work, Government senior officials disclosed that the U.S. is considering all options regarding validation. It expects to produce its third annual report in December 2017 and undergo validation in April 2018. Although it has met 7 out of 8 requirements it expects not to be found in compliance with the EITI standard until companies follow through on EITI reporting requirements outlined in Requirement 4. Instead, the U.S. will move from being an implementing country to only a supporting country of EITI. Nevertheless, the U.S. intends to continue its efforts to disclose revenue and maintain the online data portal, thus institutionalizing EITI processes.

Appendix I: Scope and Methodology

Scope

Our inspection examined the activities of the United States' implementation of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) since 2011.

Methodology

We conducted this review from June 2016 through March 2017. During our inspection, we—

- reviewed relevant laws, regulations, policies and procedures concerning U.S. EITI implementation;
- reviewed and analyzed data and documents, both hardcopy and electronic;
- reviewed the EITI standard and requirements;
- attended two multi-stakeholder group meetings;
- interviewed representatives from the EITI international board's secretariat and U.S. Department of State;
- interviewed key members of Government, industry, and civil society sectors;
- interviewed the Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) and key agency staff with EITI responsibilities; and
- interviewed key representatives from the independent administrator, Deloitte Touche, LLP.

We visited—

- ONRR offices in Washington, D.C., and Lakewood, CO; and
- Deloitte Touche, LLP, in Arlington, VA.

We did not test operation and reliability of internal controls related to U.S. EITI. We were provided with computer-generated data related to EITI expenditures, which we used but did not test for completeness and accuracy.

We conducted this inspection in accordance with the Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation as put forth by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. We believe that the work performed provides a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

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Not yet, when I get to my D.C. Office in the morning I'll check with them.

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To: barbara.brohl@state.co.us
CC: Chris Mentasti <chris.mentasti@onrr.gov>, Mia Steinle <msteinle@pogo.org>, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>, Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>
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Sent: Thu Apr 06 2017 20:24:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler

To: <VKohler@nma.org>

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Subject: Re: Collaboration with the Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

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To: Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Is this us?

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/08/politics/interior-department-ryan-zinke-science/index.html>

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It includes us as well as every other FACA that is operating at DOI. As I have been saying, postponing the meetings was part of a much broader review, it wasn't focused on USEITI. We can talk more on Thursday. On a related note, I hope to have the final OIG Investigative Report to talk about on Thursday as well.

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CC: RE: US EITI next steps

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PS -- and btw there are still five weeks before then...

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I think the key question is if we all think this meeting is valuable? If so, then we should have it and find a way that will be most successful and positive moving forward. I think calling it a cochair meeting and then reporting out to the MSG what was discussed and how the cochairs have decided we should be moving forward is absolutely respectful of our process. Thoughts?

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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:07 PM, Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

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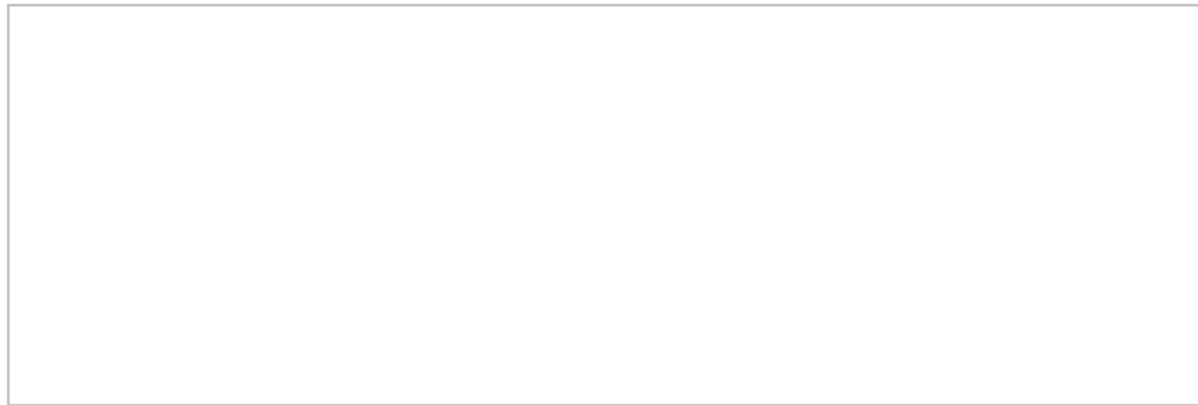
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18:30 Planning

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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:07 PM, Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

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Many thanks for this note.

This is helpful to understand the purpose of this meeting, and your proposals for a strategy discussion. Upon reflection, these are precisely the issues that would ideally need to be discussed openly in a formal MSG meeting with all members present in order to have the same collective understanding of where we are, as well as the necessary buy-in for next steps.

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Any formal presentation at the May board meeting will be undermined if the MSG is not bought in to what is presented, or bought in to the procedure by which next steps were determined.

I welcome other views and thoughts on the above.

All the best,
Isabel

From: Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:55:55 AM
To: Danielle Brian; Kohler, Veronika

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Thanks for your message and I am sorry that I have not been faster with providing details. My suggestion is that we meet at the [Grand Hyatt Hotel](#) at 9:00 am on 11 May. We will confirm the location of the dinner on 10 May and the meeting room details shortly.

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I believe we would all benefit from understanding what has been agreed by the MSG and what USG plans in terms of next steps. With that in mind, I suggest we keep the agenda simple, covering:

1. Options under consideration for government and company disclosures
2. Options under consideration for compilation of the next EITI Report
3. Options for convening the MSG
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I am of course also happy to explain the relevant requirements of the Standard. Based on this clarity of the situation, I hope that we indeed can constructively explore options.

Best wishes,

Jonas

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Sent: onsdag 26. april 2017 17.58

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Best,
Danielle

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Sounds good to me and I look forward to seeing you then.

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Respectfully,

Greg

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Best,
Danielle

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 6:23 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Sounds good to me and I look forward to seeing you then.

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On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:09 AM, Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org> wrote:

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Hello Everyone,

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 3:57 AM, Tuttle, Johanna Nesseth <Johanna.Nesseth@chevron.com> wrote:

Jonas,

Thank you for the invitation.

I am available all day on May 11 but have a conflict the evening of May 10. Other days that week would work for me as well.

Thanks,

Johanna

On Apr 3, 2017, at 4:48 AM, Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org> wrote:

Dear Dani, Danielle, Isabel, Joanna, Greg and Judith, Mary and Veronika,

US implementation of the EITI has obviously hit difficulties. I invite you to a dinner and meeting at somewhere to be determined but likely just outside Washington DC to explore what we do next. Can US EITI implementation continue, from the perspective of the EITI Standard and given political realities?

I am inviting you because you are all important to the process and you represent different interests. I would prefer that the group remains small, but if you are not able to join and/or prefer someone else to do so, please let me know.

I foresee the following programme

10 May 18:00 Arrival and check-in

 18:30 Planning

discussion

11 May 19:30 Dinner
09:00 Meeting
12:00 Lunch and ends

I assume that the following questions can be used to assist us in our discussions:

1. Reporting – possibilities identified by the government
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4. What stakeholders say

We surely have a duty to explore possibilities. You have all put in enormous amount of effort into US EITI. Regardless of what happens next, I really hope that you will join and contribute towards these discussions. I know that Greg and Judith are available and they have seen this invitation. The meeting would be chaired by me.

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Best wishes,

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On May 2, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

Co-Chairs;

For the upcoming Co-chair meeting, would you be interested in Tushar Kansal attending the meeting for the purpose of taking the notes? He is trusted and this could facilitate communicating a summary of points to the MSG. I can check on his availability if you are interested.

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 11:50 AM, Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

Congrats Veronika!

I support your proposal, and agree that it will be important to communicate and document this effort to the rest of the MSG to be sure everyone is on the same page.

Many thanks and looking forward to the discussion.

Best,
Isabel

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On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:50 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

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Understanding everyone's concerns I wonder if we should call this a cochair meeting to get advice from international board. That is actually what it is to me. I do not believe that there is anything that precludes the cochair from inviting other individuals from their sector if agreed upon, to cochair meetings. The cochair have often met when there is an impasse to discuss and agree the appropriate and realistic steps forward. We could also make let the MSG know the purpose and agenda, even though we have not been so deliberate in the past. We could also take a step further and make the summary public information if we think that will appease heightened sensitivities right now, something we have never done at the cochair level.

I think the key question is if we all think this meeting is valuable? If so, then we should have it and find a way that will be most successful and positive moving forward. I think calling it a cochair meeting and then reporting out to the MSG what was discussed and how the cochair have decided we should be moving forward is absolutely respectful of our process. Thoughts?

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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:07 PM, Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

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Many thanks for this note.

This is helpful to understand the purpose of this meeting, and your proposals for a strategy discussion. Upon reflection, these are precisely the issues that would ideally need to be discussed openly in a formal MSG meeting with all members present in order to have the same collective understanding of where we are, as well as the necessary buy-in for next steps.

While I'm thankful for the invitation to participate, I am concerned that given the governance context in which we find ourselves, a small, exclusive meeting such as what is being proposed will be counterproductive to building trust within the MSG. To get back on track and re-establish the credibility of this process, it is crucial that EITI governance requirements are broadly perceived as being respected.

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Thanks for arranging Judy. Also it would be good to know if Mary Warlick will be joining us? Since Dani isn't available on the 11th I am hoping Mary can attend so that there is some Board presence.
Danielle

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202-347-1122

On May 2, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

Co-Chairs;
For the upcoming Co-chair meeting, would you be interested in Tushar Kansal attending the meeting for the purpose of taking the notes? He is trusted and this could facilitate communicating a summary of points to the MSG. I can check on his availability if you are interested.

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 11:50 AM, Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

Congrats Veronika!

I support your proposal, and agree that it will be important to communicate and document this effort to the rest of the MSG to be sure everyone is on the same page.

Many thanks and looking forward to the discussion.

Best,
Isabel

From: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 11:21:05 AM
To: Kohler, Veronika
Cc: Gould, Greg; Jonas Moberg; Tuttle, Johanna Nesseth; Daniel Kaufmann (dkaufmann@resourcegovernance.org); Wilson, Judith; Warlick, Mary B (WarlickMB@state.gov); Sam Bartlett; Leah Krogsund; Isabel Munilla
Subject: Re: US EITI next steps

First of all CONGRATS Mrs. Shime!

And yes I agree making this a co-chair meeting where co-chairs can choose to invite a colleague from their sector works. I don't feel authorized to be able to make any decisions at this meeting without consultation with the CSO sector after it, but perhaps we can at least report out agreed upon options for the sectors to consider?

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:50 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Dear All,

Understanding everyone's concerns I wonder if we should call this a cochair meeting to get advice from international board. That is actually what it is to me. I do not believe that there is anything that precludes the cochairs from inviting other individuals from their sector if agreed upon, to chochair meetings. The cochairs have often met when there is an impasse to discuss and agree the appropriate and realistic steps forward. We could also make let the MSG know the purpose and agenda, even though we have not been so deliberate in the past. We could also take a step further and make the summary public information if we think that will appease heightened sensitivities right now, something we have never done at the cochair level.

I think the key question is if we all think this meeting is valuable? If so, then we should have it and find a way that will be most successful and positive moving forward. I think calling it a cochair meeting and then reporting out to the MSG what was discussed and how the cochairs have decided we should be moving forward is absolutely respectful of our process. Thoughts?

Veronika Kohler Shime

From: Danielle Brian [mailto:dbrian@pogo.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org>
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Subject: Re: US EITI next steps

Thank you Jonas and Isabel. Now that we have a better understanding of your plans Jonas, I agree with Isabel that the process here is essential for it to be legitimate.

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 11:07 PM, Isabel Munilla
<Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org> wrote:

Dear Jonas,

Many thanks for this note.

This is helpful to understand the purpose of this meeting, and your proposals for a strategy discussion. Upon reflection, these are precisely the issues that would ideally need to be discussed openly in a formal MSG meeting with all members present in order to have the same collective understanding of where we are, as well as the necessary buy-in for next steps.

While I'm thankful for the invitation to participate, I am concerned that given the governance context in which we find ourselves, a small, exclusive meeting such as what is being proposed will be counterproductive to building trust within the MSG. To get back on track and re-establish the credibility of this process, it is crucial that EITI governance requirements are broadly perceived as being respected.

At this point, I see two main options for holding such a strategy discussion:

- It should be had at a full MSG meeting;
- The chairs should appoint a subcommittee to explore these questions with the Secretariat for presentation at a full MSG meeting. Co-chairs select members, appoint the subcommittee, share the TOR and communicate this process and any decision points to all MSG in one email, rather than separately to each constituency.

Any formal presentation at the May board meeting will be undermined if the MSG is not bought in to what is presented, or bought in to the procedure by which next steps were determined.

I welcome other views and thoughts on the above.

All the best,
Isabel

From: Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:55:55 AM
To: Danielle Brian; Kohler, Veronika
Cc: Gould, Greg; Tuttle, Johanna Nesseth; Daniel Kaufmann (dkaufmann@resourcegovernance.org); Isabel Munilla; Wilson, Judith; Warlick, Mary B (WarlickMB@state.gov); Sam Bartlett; Leah Krogsund

Subject: RE: US EITI next steps

Dear Danielle and everyone,

Thanks for your message and I am sorry that I have not been faster with providing details. My suggestion is that we meet at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at 9:00 am on 11 May. We will confirm the location of the dinner on 10 May and the meeting room details shortly.

As I wrote earlier, you have all put an enormous amount of effort into US EITI. It is the international secretariat's job to support implementation in whatever way we can.

I believe we would all benefit from understanding what has been agreed by the MSG and what USG plans in terms of next steps. With that in mind, I suggest we keep the agenda simple, covering:

1. Options under consideration for government and company disclosures
2. Options under consideration for compilation of the next EITI Report
3. Options for convening the MSG
4. Clarification of the EITI Standard vis-à-vis mainstreaming and adapted implementation.
5. Stakeholder views on next steps, including briefing the EITI Board in late May.

I am of course also happy to explain the relevant requirements of the Standard. Based on this clarity of the situation, I hope that we indeed can constructively explore options.

Best wishes,

Jonas

From: Danielle Brian [mailto:dbrian@pogo.org]
Sent: onsdag 26. april 2017 17.58
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
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Subject: Re: US EITI next steps

Jonas -

Could you please explain the agenda and purpose for this meeting? In order to be prepared, and be sure that the right people are at the table, I need to understand your goals.

Best,
Danielle

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 6:23 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Sounds good to me and I look forward to seeing you then.

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On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:09 AM, Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org> wrote:

Dear all,

Thanks for all the replies I have had and I am sorry not to have followed up earlier.

My suggestion that we meet on 11 May 9-12, followed by lunch, still stands and I will provide location etc nearer the time. I am afraid that I am probably not available for dinner on 11 May, but I am still available for dinner on 10 May, in case some of you are able to join. Again, I will provide details soon.

Best wishes,

Jonas

From: Kohler, Veronika [<mailto:VKohler@nma.org>]
Sent: tirsdag 18. april 2017 20.00
To: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>; Gould, Greg <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>
Cc: Tuttle, Johanna Nesseth <Johanna.Nesseth@chevron.com>; Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org>; Daniel Kaufmann <dkaufmann@resourcegovernance.org>; Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Warlick, Mary B <WarlickMB@state.gov>; Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org>; Leah Krogsund <LKrogsund@eiti.org>
Subject: RE: US EITI next steps

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to follow up since I had not heard anything since this email. Please advise what the status is.

Veronika

From: Danielle Brian [<mailto:dbrian@pogo.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:05 PM
To: Gould, Greg <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>
Cc: Tuttle, Johanna Nesseth <Johanna.Nesseth@chevron.com>; Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org>; Daniel Kaufmann <dkaufmann@resourcegovernance.org>; Isabel Munilla <Isabel.Munilla@oxfam.org>; Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Warlick, Mary B <WarlickMB@state.gov>; Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>; Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org>; Leah Krogsund <LKrogsund@eiti.org>
Subject: Re: US EITI next steps

Jonas - It really doesn't make sense to have a dinner on the 10th if Greg can't attend. I agree with Greg it would be more efficient to simply meet on the 11th, if that day works

for others.
Danielle

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On Apr 4, 2017, at 9:33 AM, Gould, Greg
<Greg.Gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Jonas,

I too have a conflict on the 10th, can we meet
on the 11th and end the meeting with dinner
that day?

Thanks,

Greg

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 3:57 AM, Tuttle,
Johanna Nesseseth
<Johanna.Nesseseth@chevron.com> wrote:

Jonas,

Thank you for the invitation.

I am available all day on May 11 but have a
conflict the evening of May 10. Other days
that week would work for me as well.

Thanks,

Johanna

On Apr 3, 2017, at 4:48 AM, Jonas Moberg
<JMoberg@eiti.org> wrote:

Dear Dani, Danielle, Isabel,
Joanna, Greg and Judith, Mary
and Veronika,

US implementation of the EITI
has obviously hit difficulties. I
invite you to a dinner and
meeting at somewhere to be
determined but likely just
outside Washington DC to

explore what we do next. Can US EITI implementation continue, from the perspective of the EITI Standard and given political realities?

I am inviting you because you are all important to the process and you represent different interests. I would prefer that the group remains small, but if you are not able to join and/or prefer someone else to do so, please let me know.

I foresee the following programme

10 May 18:00 Arrival
and check-in

18:30

Planning discussion

19:30 Dinner

11 May 09:00 Meeting
12:00 Lunch

and ends

I assume that the following questions can be used to assist us in our discussions:

1. Reporting – possibilities identified by the government
2. MSG – possibilities identified by the government
3. What the Standard says
4. What stakeholders say

We surely have a duty to explore possibilities. You have all put in enormous amount of effort into US EITI. Regardless of what happens next, I really hope that you will join and contribute towards these discussions.

I know that Greg and Judith are available and they have seen this invitation. The meeting would be chaired by me.

Please let me know if you are able to join. We will send more detailed information nearer the time.

Best wishes,

Jonas

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When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

"Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Thu Apr 27 2017 07:56:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

Please give me a call at 303-231-3058.

Thanks,

Greg

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From: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Sent: Fri Apr 28 2017 05:24:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

Is it too early to call now? I think so. Or you could call me anytime before 1:30 my time.

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Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

From: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Fri Apr 28 2017 06:39:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Re: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

All set, I talked to Katie.

Congrats on your wedding, we can talk more next week.

Greg

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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Fri Apr 28 2017 05:24:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: vkohler@nma.org
Subject: Out of the Office Re: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

I am out of the office and will return on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. I will have limited access to my email. Jim Steward will be the Acting Director during this period, please contact Jim by email at jim.steward@onrr.gov or phone at 303-231-3715 if you need immediate assistance.

Thanks,

Greg

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Sent: Thu Apr 27 2017 07:57:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: Automatic reply: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

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Have a wonderful day,
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"Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Thu Apr 27 2017 08:06:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

Woohoo, congratulations!

Greg

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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Thu Apr 27 2017 08:07:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Katie Sweeney <KSweeney@nma.org>
Subject: Fwd: Automatic reply: When you have a minute and not related to EITI :)

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Update from CSOs

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From: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Sent: Fri Apr 21 2017 08:43:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Update from CSOs

I was finally able to gather the CSO sector for a call. Before we can properly weigh options for moving forward, we need to understand procedurally how the MSG is able to deliberate. Are the MSG meetings no longer cancelled? It appears the CSOs are inclined to push forward towards trying for validation, but we need clarity on how that is even possible if the MSG can't deliberate. Please advise in writing so there is no misunderstanding. Without certainty that the government has reinstated the MSG meetings, we don't understand how we are credibly being given any options for moving forward.

Thanks,
Danielle

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From: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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CC: Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>
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To: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 26 2017 09:34:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Steward, Jim" <Jim.Steward@onrr.gov>, Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Update from CSOs

Jim/Judy,

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Fwd: Royalty Policy Committee

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From: "Oliver, Kimiko" <kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 05 2017 03:30:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Judith Wilson
<judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, Jennifer Malcolm
To: <jennifer.malcolm@onrr.gov>, Chris Mentasti
<chris.mentasti@onrr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Royalty Policy Committee

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Date: Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Royalty Policy Committee
To: "Kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov" <Kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov>
Cc: "David Romig yahoo (b) (6) @yahoo.com" <(b) (6) @yahoo.com>

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Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

From: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 05 2017 05:08:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Oliver, Kimiko" <kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov>
Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, Jennifer Malcolm
CC: <jennifer.malcolm@onrr.gov>, Chris Mentasti
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From: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Sent: Tue Apr 11 2017 12:38:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
CC: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: RE: Royalty Policy Committee

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From: Wilson, Judith [mailto:judith.wilson@onrr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Royalty Policy Committee

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Greg genuinely believes we deliberately misrepresented the steps he has taken. The only way we could move on is to agree that we are seeing the same set of facts through different filters. He is hoping to move forward with the current MSG pulling together options for a path forward now that there is no implementation of the 1504 rule. He hopes we can create a document outlining options and reach a consensus on that path. The options can range from applying for validation to deciding to withdraw or some variation in the middle of asking for a pause or extension until the rule is implemented. We can work through the co-chairs to pull together suggestions from the sectors. He definitely recognizes we have to reach consensus on this question with the current MSG. He is also standing up a new Royalty Policy FACA and is hoping some of you will be interested in serving on it. Can we have a call next week to talk this through? Danielle Brian Executive Director Project On Government Oversight (POGO) 202-347-1122

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To: Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Draft

Danielle has drafted an email to send to her sector related to our meeting yesterday, see below. Edit away as you see fit.

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Sent: Wed Apr 05 2017 07:09:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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Thanks,

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Gregory J. Gould

*Director
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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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Subject: Out of the Office Re: Accepted: Updated Invitation: Co-Chairs Meeting @ Tue Apr 4, 2017 2pm - 3pm (MDT) (vkohler@nma.org)

I am out of the office and will be returning on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. I will have limited access to my email. Jim Steward will be the Acting Director during this period, please contact Jim by email at jim.steward@onrr.gov or phone at 303-231-3715 if you need immediate assistance.

Thanks,

Greg

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Sent: Wed Mar 29 2017 12:51:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To:
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke Takes Immediate Action to Advance American Energy Independence

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To: frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov



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Date: March 29, 2017

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 - The Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 U.S.C. 2101 *et seq.*); and
 - The U.S. National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership and other related authorities.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Secretary seeks to ensure the public receives the full value of the natural resources produced from Federal lands. The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management (ASLM), Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (ASIA), and the Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), on the fair market value of and on the collection of revenues derived from, the development of energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands.
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6. **Support.** The ONRR will provide administrative and logistical support for the Committee.
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8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The DFO is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO or alternate DFO will approve or call all Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair Committee meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee will meet at least once each calendar year, and at such other times as determined necessary by the DFO.
10. **Duration.** Continuing.
11. **Termination.** The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the Charter is filed, unless prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA. The Committee will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
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- A representative of the Secretary's Immediate Office
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 - (i) the Act of May 11, 1938 (commonly known as the "Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938") (25 U.S.C. 396a *et seq.*);
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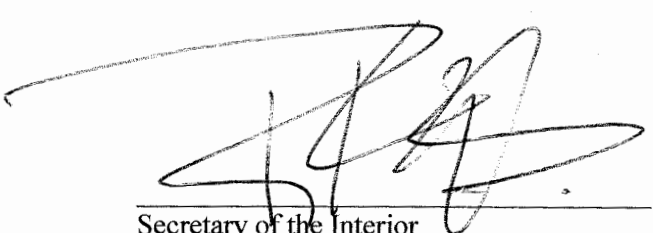
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Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee and subcommittee members engaged in Committee or subcommittee business approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

Any vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

13. **Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information, conducting research, and/or drafting recommendations. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the Committee and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
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Secretary of the Interior

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Royalty Policy Committee Establishment; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of, and the collection of revenues derived from, the development of energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands.

DATES: Comments regarding the establishment of this Committee must be submitted no later than [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Nominations for the Committee must be submitted by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Ms. Kim Oliver, Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 5134, Washington, DC 20240; or

- Email nominations to: Kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue; telephone (202) 208-4410; e-mail: judith.wilson@onrr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The Secretary seeks to ensure that the public receives the full value of the natural resources produced from Federal lands. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. The Committee will, at the request of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), advise on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value, and the collection of revenue from energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee also will advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform.

We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members. The Committee will not exceed 28 members and will be composed of Federal and non-Federal members in order to ensure fair and balanced representation. The Secretary will appoint non-Federal members and their alternates to the Committee to serve up to a three-year term. The Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management and the Director of ONRR, or their designee(s), shall serve as co-Chairs of the Committee.

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Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

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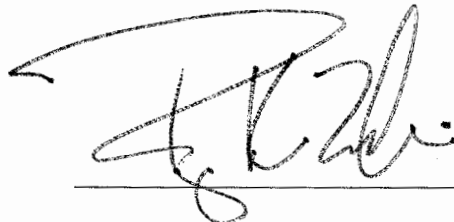
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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I hereby certify that the Royalty Policy Committee is necessary, is in the public interest, and is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, in support of greater transparency in creating royalty and leasing policy for mineral production on Federal and Tribal lands.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

MAR 29 2017

Date

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Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary, Department of the Interior

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Re: USEITI For Review: Non-Energy Mineral Draft Addition

At the last MSG meeting we approved the 3 additions as concepts that the IA would work on. The discussion at that meeting focused on the need for more information before a final decision would be made about including each of them. This is the draft for the sector's to review and comment on, and then the co-chairs will make the final decision on including them in our 3rd report at the end of the year.

I'll be in DC next week and invited both of you to a Co-Chairs meeting so that we can sort things out and discuss next steps.

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**Non-Energy Minerals
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March 2017



Non-Energy Minerals Addition (1/4)

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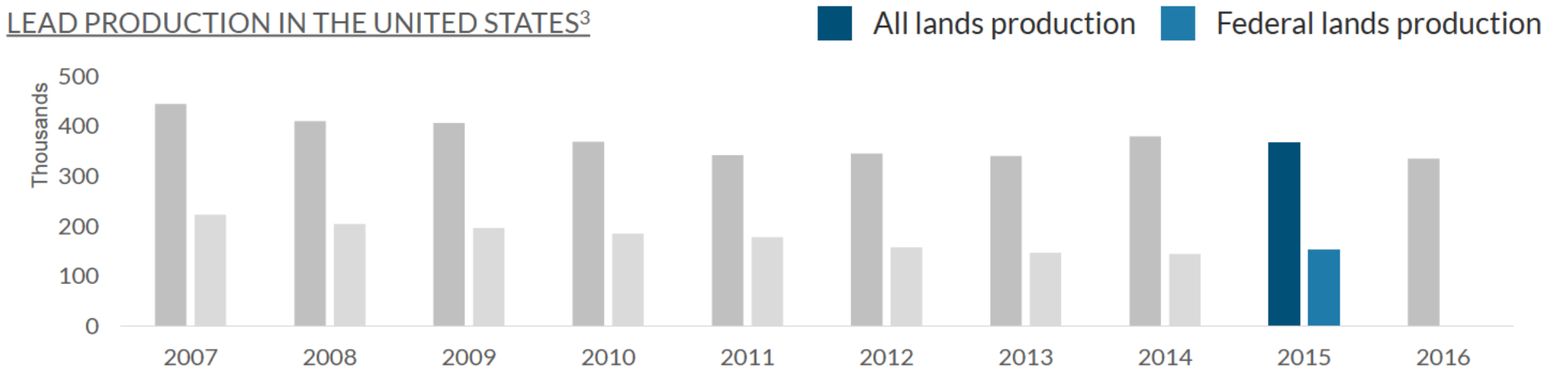
Lead

Overview

Lead is a corrosion,-resistant, dense, ductile, and malleable metal. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimates that over 2 billion tons of unmined lead exists in the world. Used by humans for at least the last 5,000 years, environmental and health concerns surrounding its use led to environmental regulations that have reduced or eliminated the use of lead in almost all non-battery products. Today, industry predominantly uses lead for lead-acid storage products. In 2016, these batters accounted for 85% of lead consumption. You can [read about lead at the USGS lead page](#).¹

Production

In 2016, the U.S. produced an estimated 335,000 metric tons of lead, the third most in the world behind China and Australia. The U.S. accounted for 7.0% of the world’s 2016 production. Eleven mines produce lead in the United States, 6 in Missouri and 5 spread between Alaska, Idaho, and Washington.²



In 2015, the U.S. produced **367,000 tons of lead on all lands**. Of that, **152,928 tons (42%) of production occurred on federal lands**.

Industry Overview

2016 production was valued at \$665 million and the price per pound averaged \$0.90 on the North American market and \$0.81 on the London Metal Exchange. Producers and consumers maintained stocks of 50,000 tons and consumed 1,540,000 tons in 2016.⁴

Economic Impact

Imports & Exports: U.S. lead producers export almost all of their lead as the U.S. no longer has any primary refineries. In 2016, the U.S. exported 320,000 tons of lead, 96% of overall production. The U.S. imported minimal to zero lead the last five years.⁵

Jobs & Wages: In 2016, the USGS estimated that lead mines employed 1,800 people. This includes both lead and lead-zinc mines where lead was either a principal product or a significant byproduct. The Bureau of Labor Statistics tracks lead and zinc mining together and estimated that in 2015 mining for the two metals occurred at 15 establishments nationwide employing 2,724 people. Zinc and lead mining averaged \$211,949,660 in total annual wages and \$77,799 in annual wages per employee. ⁶

Costs: Water: Lead mining and waste from lead mining can pose risks to human health and the environment through water contamination. In Missouri, the largest producer of lead in the United States, sixty counties have been identified by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as having possible impacts from lead mining, milling, smelting, and transportation. Lead in drinking water primarily comes from pipes and service lines, but in [Missouri groundwater has also been found to have lead contamination due to natural lead deposits and past and present mining](#).⁷

Reclamation: States regulate hardrock mining reclamation. Generally, states require current mines to be reclaimed as mining operations occur and for mine operators to post a bond to secure that reclamation. At the federal level, four agencies work to reclaim previously abandoned hardrock mines: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, the EPA, and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. [Read more about hardrock mine reclamation on federal lands from the GAO](#). EPA’s work includes [the Annapolis Lead Mine site](#) and [the Big River Mine Tailing/St. Joe Minerals Corp. site](#), both in Missouri.⁸

No information could be found on costs related to transportation and emergency medical services specific to lead mining.

Non-Energy Minerals Addition (2/4)

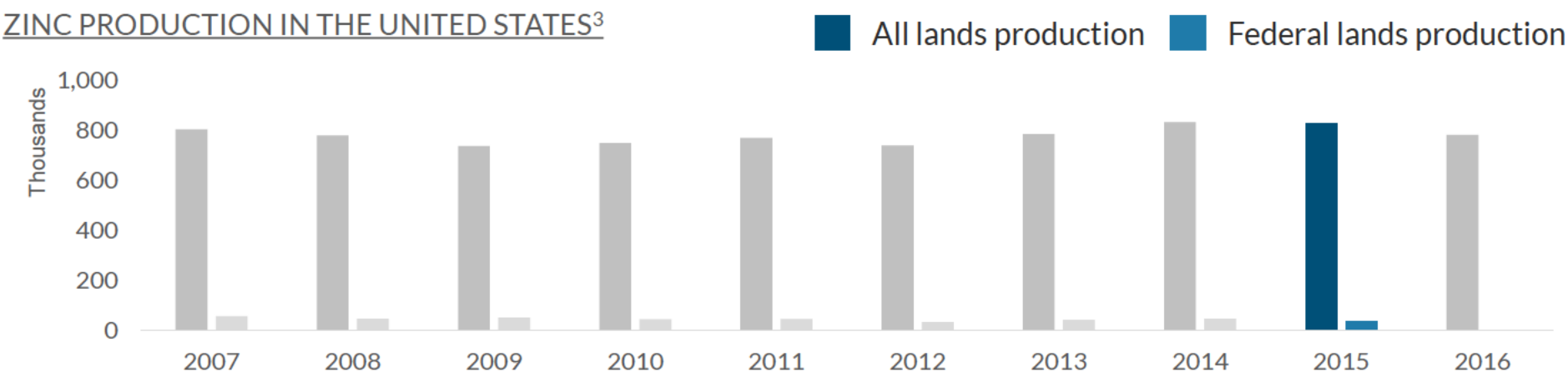
Zinc

Overview

Lead is the principal ore mineral in the world and the 23rd most abundant element in the earth’s crust. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimates that 1.9 billion tons of unmined zinc exists in the world. Integral to modern living, zinc can be found in a range of items from metal products to rubber and medicines. Three quarters of zinc consumed goes into metal products. This is largely to protect iron and steel from corrosion, but also to make bronze and brass. The other quarter is used by the rubber, chemical, paint, and agricultural industries. You can [read about zinc at the USGS zinc page](#).¹

Production

Zinc is the fourth most-produced metal in the world. In 2016, the U.S. produced an estimated 780,000 metric tons of lead, the fourth most in the world behind China, Peru, and Australia. The U.S. accounted for 6.6% of the world’s 2016 production. Twelve mines in 5 different states produced zinc in the United States.²



In 2015, the U.S. produced **780,000 tons of zinc on all lands**. Of that, **37,193 tons (5%) of production occurred on federal lands**.

Industry Overview

The price per pound for zinc averaged \$0.99 on the North American market and \$0.99 on the London Metal Exchange. Stocks and total value of production for zinc was not reported.⁴

Economic Impact

Imports & Exports: U.S. demand for zinc consumed almost all domestic production in 2016. In 2016, the U.S. exported roughly 500 metric tons and has imported minimal to zero lead the last five years.⁵

Jobs & Wages: In 2016, the USGS estimated that zinc mines employed 2,320 people. The Bureau of Labor Statistics tracks lead and zinc mining together and estimated that in 2015 mining for the two metals occurred at 15 establishments nationwide employing 2,724 people. Zinc and lead mining averaged \$211,949,660 in total annual wages and \$77,799 in annual wages per employee.⁶

Costs: Water: Zinc mining, particularly the effluents from the mining, can contaminate water quality. As such mines go through permitting, water quality may be monitored, and violations may be subject to remedial action. For example, the [State of Washington provides information about the permitting and clean up for the Pend Oreille Zinc Mine](#) in their state. In Alaska, [the Alaska Department of Fish and Game conducts biomonitoring studies of streams as part of the wastewater discharge permit for the Red Dog Zinc Mine](#).⁷

Reclamation: States regulate hardrock mining reclamation. Generally, states require current mines to be reclaimed as mining operations occur and for mine operators to post a bond to secure that reclamation. For example, the [Red Dog Zinc Mine](#) in Alaska posted a \$558M reclamation bond with the State of Alaska. At the federal level, four agencies work to reclaim previously abandoned hardrock mines: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, the EPA, and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. [Read more about hardrock mine reclamation on federal lands from the GAO](#). EPA’s work includes Superfund sites related to zinc such as the [Eagle Mine site in Colorado](#) and the [Callahan Mining Corp site in Maine](#).⁸

No information could be found on costs associated with transportation and emergency medical services related to zinc mining.

Non-Energy Minerals Addition (3/4)

Silver

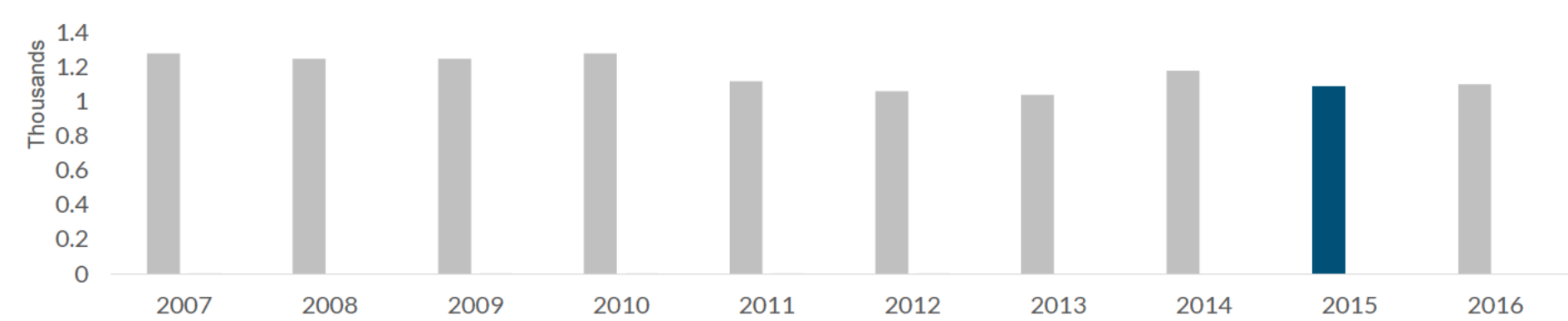
Overview

Silver is a metal that has been used for thousands of years. Today industry uses it in a variety of applications since it has the highest optical reflectivity, highest thermal and electrical conductivity, and whitest color of all metals. This makes it particularly useful in the production of mirrors, electrical and electronic products, and photography. Its estimated domestic uses today break into 30% electrical and electronics, 27% coins and medals, 7% jewelry and silverware, 6% photography, and 30% other. It The amount of silver still existing in the world is unknown given that miners predominantly recover it as a byproduct. You can [read more about silver at USGS silver page](#).¹

Production

In 2016, the U.S. produced an estimated 1,100 tons of zinc with an estimated \$570M in value. The U.S. produced the 9th most silver in the world, though only 400 tons less than the third largest producer. Mexico and China produced the first and second largest amounts of silver, respectively. The U.S. accounted for 4% of the world’s 2016 production. U.S. production occurred at 3 dedicated silver mines and at 37 mines where silver is recovered as a byproduct or coproduct. Alaska led states in production and Nevada produced the second largest amount.²

SILVER PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES³ ■ All lands production ■ Federal lands production



In 2015, the U.S. produced **1,100 tons of silver on all lands**. No data exists for production of gold and silver on federal lands.

Industry Overview

The price per troy ounce for silver averaged \$19.62. 2016 saw the price of silver increase due to industrial demand, investment demand from economic and political uncertainty, and the rising price of gold. Industry held 150 metric tons in stock, the Treasury Department 498 metric tons, and the NY Commodity Exchange (COMEX) 5,600 tons.⁴

Economic Impact

Imports & Exports: The U.S. imported 6,300 metric tons of silver in 2016, predominantly from Mexico (48%) and Canada (32%). It exported 850 metric tons.⁵

Jobs & Wages: In 2016, the USGS estimated that zinc mines employed 785 people. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that in 2015 mining for silver occurred at 24 establishments nationwide employing 1,634 people. Silver mining averaged \$154,856,177 in total annual wages and \$94,776 in annual wages per employee.⁶

Costs: Water: Silver mining and its effluents and tailings can pose risk to water quality and requires permitting, monitoring, and occasionally remediation. For example, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company [conduct fresh water monitoring and biomonitoring at the Greens Creek Mine in Alaska](#).⁷

Reclamation: States regulate hardrock mining reclamation. Generally, states require current mines to be reclaimed as mining operations occur and for mine operators to post a bond to secure that reclamation. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources [provides information on reclamation bonds for the Greens Creek Mine](#), a large silver mine on Admiralty Island National Monument. The [Nevada Division of Environmental Protection maintains information on reclamation permits for silver mines in the Comstock Mining District](#). At the federal level, four agencies work to reclaim previously abandoned hardrock mines: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, the EPA, and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. [Read more about hardrock mine reclamation on federal lands from the GAO](#). The BLM’s work includes partnering with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to reclaim the [Bayhorse Mine in Idaho](#). EPA’s work includes Superfund sites related to silver such as the [Silver Mountain Mine site in Washington](#) and the [Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical site in Idaho](#).⁸

No information could be found on costs associated with transportation and emergency medical services related to silver mining.

Non-Energy Minerals Addition (4/4)

Molybdenum

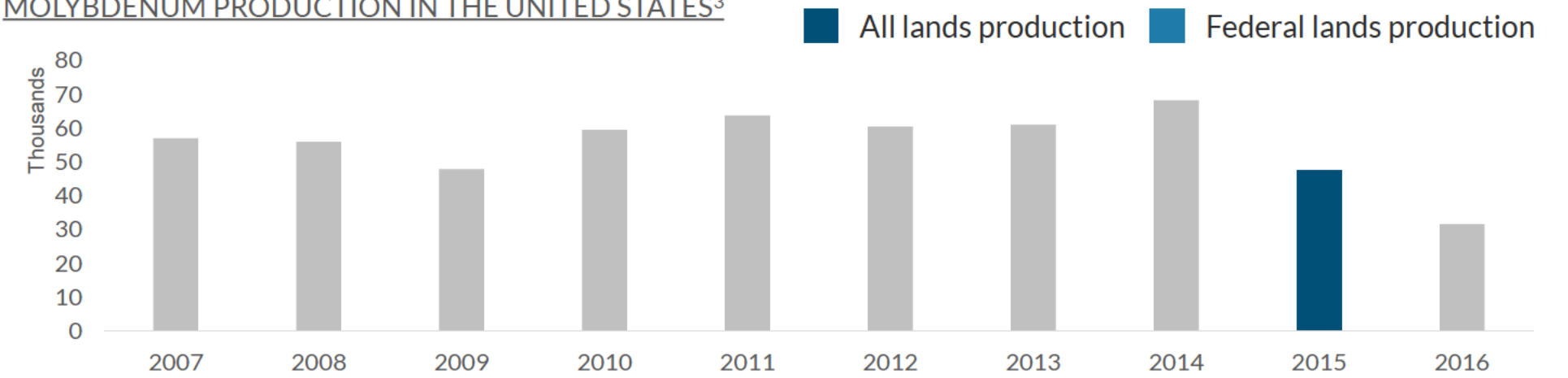
Overview

Molybdenum is a refractory metallic element used as an alloying agent in steel, cast iron, and superalloys to enhance hardenability, strength, toughness, and wear and corrosion resistance. It plays a versatile and significant role in industrial technology and is also used in chemical applications such as catalysts, lubricants, and pigments. An estimated 5.4 million unmined tons exist in the U.S. and 14 million tons in the rest of the whole world. You can [read more about molybdenum at the USGS molybdenum page](#).¹

Production

In 2016, the U.S. produced 31,600 tons of molybdenum valued at about \$458M. The current decline in production has been attributed to weak prices currently. Two mines in Colorado produce molybdenum as a primary product and 7 copper mines produce molybdenum as a byproduct (4 in Arizona, 1 each in Montana, Nevada, and Utah). The U.S. produced the third most molybdenum in the world, after China and Chile, and accounted for 14% of global production.²

MOLYBDENUM PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES³



In 2015, the U.S. produced **31,600 tons of molybdenum on all lands**. No data exists for production of molybdenum on federal lands.

Industry Overview

The price per kilogram for molybdenum averages \$15.01 in 2015 and an estimated \$14.00 in 2016. 1,800 metric tons were held in stock in the United States.⁴

Economic Impact

Imports & Exports: The U.S. imported 20,800 metric tons in 2016, 77% of them from Chile. It exported 35,000 metric tons.⁵

Jobs & Wages: In 2016, the USGS estimated that zinc mines employed 920 people. The Bureau of Labor Statistics does not track employment data related to molybdenum production in the United States.⁶

Costs: Reclamation: States regulate hardrock mining reclamation. Generally, states require current mines to be reclaimed as mining operations occur and for mine operators to post a bond to secure that reclamation. At the federal level, four agencies work to reclaim previously abandoned hardrock mines: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, the EPA, and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. [Read more about hardrock mine reclamation on federal lands from the GAO](#). EPA’s work includes Superfund sites related to molybdenum such as the [Chevron Questa Mine site in New Mexico](#).⁷

No information could be found on costs associated with water, transportation, and emergency medical services related to molybdenum mining.

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I feel like I am literally going insane. Greg thinks I threw him under the bus for saying what he said on a recorded call and now you are saying we as an MSG agreed that companies don't have to report anything? So even companies that want to report taxes don't have to? I honestly can't handle this anymore.

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Thanks,

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: MARCH 2017**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Judy Wilson presiding as acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), convened the nineteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on February 1, 2017, in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2017 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; receive updates on the work of the Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes and the inclusion of project-level reporting in USEITI Reports. The MSG opted not to cover all of these items after the Co-Chairs agreed to accelerate the MSG's work and adjourn the meeting after one day rather than hold a two-day meeting, as originally planned. Please see the "Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda" section on page 6 for additional information.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG decided to move forward with the Implementing Subcommittee’s recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 9)*
- The MSG decided to use and move forward with the proposed reporting template for 2017. *(see page 10)*
- The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the November 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 14)*.

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Review and distribute meeting summary from the February 2017 MSG meeting to MSG members.
 - Develop agenda for the June 2017 MSG meeting.
- **Implementation Subcommittee**

- Decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- Decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 14)*
- **USEITI Secretariat:**
 - Work to create supplemental material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures. *(see page 14)*
 - Make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*
 - MSG decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat. *(see page 16)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Integrate the beneficial ownership reporting template into the main reporting form. *(see page 10)*
 - Flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making regarding which visualizations to include in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*
- **Acting Designated Federal Office**
 - Review the MSG terms of reference and consider how to ensure adherence to those in future MSG meetings. *(see page 16)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the February 2017 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Judy Wilson, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), presiding as acting Designated Federal Official for the USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 16.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Wilson provided opening remarks by noting that the transition to the new presidential administration had begun. Congressional consideration of the nomination for the new Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, is underway. She also noted that, although there has been discussion and media coverage about possible Congressional action on regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, at the time of the MSG meeting, the regulations are still in effect.

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight and civil society organization (CSO) sector co-chair, also read out an opening statement on behalf of the CSO sector. In that

statement, Ms. Brian called on the industry and government sector representatives on the MSG to speak out publicly in favor of the Section 1504 rule in order to help persuade Congress to retain the rule. The CSO statement also formally requested that the DFO remove the American Petroleum Institute from holding a seat on the USEITI MSG. The full text of Ms. Brian's comments is provided in Appendix A, available on page 19 of this meeting summary.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- "Decisions" will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- "Approvals" will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- "Confirmations" will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the November 2016 MSG meeting, with some corrections provided by MSG members. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_nov_2016_mtg_summary_0.pdf

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the November 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Preview of March 2017 International EITI Board Meeting

Greg Gould, government sector co-chair, explained that the March 8-9 meeting of the EITI Board would cover a number of topics important for USEITI, including mainstreaming, the beneficial ownership roadmap that USEITI submitted in December 2016, and an open data policy for EITI. Mr. Gould invited Micah Watson of Department of State to provide additional comments about the upcoming EITI board meeting.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Gould about how mainstreaming would work without regulations in place under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, by which companies would be required to disclose their corporate income tax payments.

Micah Watson, US Department of State, introduced himself and noted that he works under Ambassador Mary Warlick, a member of the EITI International Board. He explained that the EITI Board has spent much of the past year focusing on internal

governance and finances and that it would shift its focus to validation of EITI countries in 2017. Almost half of the implementing countries will be undergoing validation during the next 18 months. He added that a number of new countries would also be submitting their applications to join EITI during coming months.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Watson about the implications of the resource curse for US foreign policy as well as the reaction in other countries when the United States opts not to follow international norms. In response, Mr. Watson offered that the State Department does believe in the efficacy of EITI and other transparency initiatives in combating the resource curse in many countries. He also noted that there was broad support internationally for the regulations promulgated under Section 1504 and that there appears to be much concern globally about the direction that the US may be taking in the possible rescission of those regulations.

3. Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda

During the lunch break on February 1, the Co-Chairs and acting DFO conferred and agreed that the deliberations in Congress around the Section 1504 regulations and the prospect that these would be disapproved had introduced significant uncertainty and upheaval into the MSG meeting. Following lunch, Ms. Wilson, the acting DFO, announced that the remainder of the meeting on February 1 would focus on critical-path decisions that are required by the MSG for production of the 2017 USEITI Report. Additional agenda items, such as updates from the Communications and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees, would be postponed and the second day of the MSG meeting would not be needed given the truncated agenda per unanimous decision of the Co-Chairs.

In response to a request from MSG members representing the CSO sector that MSG members from their sector who had called into the meeting be allowed to participate in MSG discussions, Ms. Wilson, acting DFO, clarified that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that MSG members be physically present at the MSG meeting in order to be considered MSG members. Members of the MSG who call into the meeting over the phone are considered members of the public.

Ms. Wilson also announced that public comments would be accepted in writing in lieu of holding an open, verbal public comment period, as is permissible under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. She requested that commenters send their comments to the following email address: useiti@ios.doi.gov. The reason behind this decision was the agenda for the two day meeting was compressed to one day and because MSG discussion and decision making in the second half of the day would occur after the previously scheduled mid-day public comment period.

C. MSG Discussions Regarding Congressional Recission of Regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act

MSG members discussed a variety of issues related to the Section 1504 regulations, their role in USEITI, and the implications for USEITI if Congress disapproves the regulations.

1. Relevance of Section 1504 Regulations for USEITI

CSO representatives stated that the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 1504 are fundamental to the future of the USEITI. Without this rule, there will be no possibility of corporate tax reporting and therefore no possibility for validation under the international EITI Standard. The MSG needs to address this issue head on.

An industry sector representative stated that the industry sector has worked very hard to help implement USEITI, resulting in the creation of a very useful website [the USEITI report]. The MSG's role is to provide information to the American public, not to litigate policy questions over which its members have no control. If the CSO sector feels that there is no value to USEITI beyond corporate tax reporting, then the MSG should discuss that.

Members of the CSO sector agreed that the USEITI website is an advancement and success, and that USEITI has important work together, but that USEITI will be far short of meeting the purpose of EITI, which is revenue transparency, without inclusion of information about corporate income tax payments and project-level reporting.

2. The Role of USEITI MSG Members in Decision-Making Around Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives suggested that there are serious questions and concerns about whether members of the industry sector are participating in USEITI in good faith around this particular issue of tax reporting. CSO members asked that members of the industry sector on the MSG need to speak up about whether they support Congressional efforts to repeal rulemaking under Section 1504. CSO members noted that they are frustrated that there are members of the industry sector who have been taking credit for corporate social responsibility and transparency efforts by virtue of their participation in USEITI while, in the CSO's view, behind the scenes they have been lobbying and litigating to undermine the Section 1504 rules.

Both industry and government sector representative voiced that USEITI MSG members could not influence Congressional decision-making around the Section 1504 regulations and that the USEITI MSG should focus on implementing USEITI. CSO representatives pushed back against this assertion. The CSO representatives noted that many of the largest oil and gas companies in the US and the world have representatives on the MSG and that these companies hold significant influence in Congress.

A member of the industry sector noted that his company has supported the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504, but that the current regulations under that section are overly burdensome. This member's company supports fixing those regulations to make them easier for companies to comply with. Additional representatives of the industry sector also articulated support for transparency as long as it does not place undue burden on companies.

Civil society members urged their colleagues in the industry and government sectors to join them in speaking in a united voice, as the USEITI MSG, in support of retaining the current Section 1504 rules. The united voice of the MSG could persuade Congress to retain the rules. The Government sector reminded members that the executive branch and its functions, like FACAs, are prohibited from lobbying Congress.

Industry sector representatives articulated their understanding that the Congressional Review Act (CRA, through which Congress is considering rescinding the Section 1504 regulations) would not eliminate the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504. Rather, the SEC would have to come up with new regulations under Section 1504. An industry sector representative suggested that it would have been beneficial if the SEC had taken industry comments and suggestions more fully into account during the rule-making process.

In response to the industry sector representatives, a civil society representative explained that the CRA prohibits the introduction of another rule that is "substantially similar" to the disapproved regulation. She also noted that President Trump has released an executive order mandating that each agency eliminate two regulations for each new regulation they put in place. She suggested that, as a result, there will not be meaningful regulations enacted under Section 1504 if the CRA action is signed by the President.

3. Implications for USEITI of Congressional Disapproval of Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives requested that the government sector speak about whether the government sees a future for USEITI without the Section 1504 rules.

A government sector representative explained that the US Department of the Interior (DOI) works with other federal departments and agencies to implement laws and regulations that are in place. At the present moment, the rules under Section 1504 are still in place. The speaker also noted that USEITI began its efforts well before the Section 1504 regulations were put in place and that there would continue to be policy and regulatory uncertainty as part of the larger context in which USEITI exists. As such, USEITI's role is to continue to try to enhance transparency, regardless of the larger policy context.

Government sector representatives noted that there have been significant changes in the EITI Standard in the years since the United States decided to join EITI and that the EITI Board continues to examine whether the requirements are reasonable and feasible for countries to comply with. The EITI International Board increasingly seems to be moving towards a model of “meaningful improvement,” rather than a strict pass-fail metric, for countries seeking validation of their EITI reports. Considering this, USEITI has an excellent case for “mainstreaming” of its reporting under the EITI framework and also has good prospects for validation.

A CSO representative responded that USEITI will not have a path to “meaningful improvement” on corporate income tax reporting without the Section 1504 regulations.

D. Implementation Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

The MSG considered a proposed approach for company revenue reporting and reconciliation for the 2017 report brought forward by the Implementation Subcommittee.

1. Reporting and Reconciliation of Company Revenues

Judy Wilson and Bob Kronebusch of ONRR presented information about the work of the Reporting Improvement Workgroup. Ms. Wilson focused her comments on a day-long workshop that the workgroup held on January 11 in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Wilson reviewed the workshop participants, objectives, and agenda, and presented the workgroup’s recommendations to the MSG about how to proceed with company revenue reporting and reconciliation in 2017 and beyond. Additional detail about the workshop is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/improving_reporting_workshop_1_11_2017_final.pdf.

Additionally, Bob Kronebusch, ONRR, provided an update on the workgroup’s analysis of the gaps between existing controls and verification of extractives industries revenue payments to the US federal government and EITI requirements for reconciliation. Mr. Kronebusch reviewed the approach taken by the workgroup, the gaps identified, and the ways in which federal and company audit and assurance standards surpass EITI standards. Additional detail about the workgroup’s work is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/rptg_imp_wg_presentation_final_1-30-17.pdf.

Following the presentations, Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, thanked Ms. Wilson and expressed support for the workgroup’s proposed approach of conducting reconciliation via “mainstreaming of EITI reporting” rather than performing an independent reconciliation of revenues for USEITI by the Independent Administrator as this would avoid duplication of work. Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that states and

tribes also conduct compliance reviews in addition to the federal and company audits and reviews surveyed by the workgroup.

In response to a question from Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, Mr. Kronebusch suggested that the gaps identified by the workgroup are likely a combination of procedural gaps and more substantive gaps in the controls.

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, and Paul Bugala, George Washington University, noted that Section 4.9 of the EITI Standard specifies that auditing and reconciliation must either be performed by the independent administrator or the independent administrator must be convinced that the process is sufficiently robust. They suggested that the trustworthiness of the auditing processes undertaken by governments and companies will need to be demonstrated to the EITI Board for these to meet the EITI Standard.

Mr. Padilla suggested that USEITI also compare US auditing processes to emerging standards from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other similar standards.

The MSG decided to move forward with the Reporting Improvement Workgroup's and Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report.

- **Decisions: The MSG decided to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report to avoid duplication and increase efficiency.**

E. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte provided updates on the reporting template for the 2017 USEITI Report and on the topics that could be included as visualizations in the 2017 report.

These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Reporting Template for 2017 USEITI Report

Alex Klepacz, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented a proposed reporting template for company revenue reporting for the 2017 USEITI Report. The proposed reporting template is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_-_20170117_-_draft.xlsx and draft reporting guidelines are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_guidelines_-_20170117_-_draft_1.pdf. A draft template for declaring beneficial ownership information is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft-model-beneficial-ownership-declaration-form_1.xlsx.

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association and Industry Sector Co-Chair, noted that the MSG has already approved a roadmap for disclosing information about beneficial ownership of publicly traded companies and inquired as to how this would be reported by companies. Mr. Gould suggested that the reporting template around beneficial ownership be included in the main reporting form even though it would only apply to publicly traded companies.

In response to a question from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Klepacz clarified that the reporting template would also ask companies to report payor codes, as they have in previous years of USEITI.

Mr. Padilla commented that the industry sector anticipates that there may be a high degree of variability in companies' approach to reporting for the 2017 report in terms of the degree to which companies aggregate or break out information and classify revenue streams. Some companies may provide very detailed information due to having compiled it for other reporting requirements, such as the EU directive.

The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.

➤ **Decisions: The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.**

2. 2017 Topics and Visualizations

Luke Hawbaker, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented about possible additions that the MSG could choose to make to the contextual narrative portion of the 2017 USEITI Report. Mr. Hawbaker's slides are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017_useiti_contextual_narrative_topics_msg_presentation_updated_1.pdf.

Responding to questions from MSG members, Ms. Wilson explained that USEITI has included three additional visualizations in its scope of work with the Independent Administrator for 2017. Based on the MSG's prior discussions, the Independent Administrator is anticipating that one visualization will focus on employment by commodity, a second on US audit and assurance procedures, and a third topic is to be determined by the MSG. These additional visualizations would be included in the report in 2017 and in future years. Ms. Kohler added that the Co-Chairs had proposed adding a "special highlight," either on forestry or on renewable energy, based on past MSG discussions.

MSG members discussed the criteria by which to make a decision about which topics and visualizations to add to the 2017 report. John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, noted that the two criteria that the IA has been considering are: 1) increasing public engagement and interest in USEITI and 2) strengthening the case for USEITI validation with the International EITI Board. Ms. Kohler cautioned that the MSG does

not have a strong sense of what would interest the public since there has been limited public engagement with USEITI.

Following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation, the MSG discussed a variety of different options for additional content to include in the 2017 Report. The MSG's discussion is summarized below and organized by the different options considered with a final section focusing on the decisions made by the MSG to move forward.

a) *Employment by Commodity*

In response to requests by Mr. Hawbaker and Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, to decide on whether to use data sets from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or from the US Census Bureau to present information about employment by commodity, Ms. Brian thanked Deloitte for their work and requested that CSO sector member Betsy Taylor be given more time to examine both data sets. Mr. Padilla requested that a note be included in the report indicating that the employment data only includes salaried and hourly employees not pass-through entities, sole proprietorships, and others.

The MSG opted to move forward with Mr. Gould's suggestion that the Implementation Committee consider and decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.**

b) *Audit & Assurances*

Mr. Hawbaker provided an overview of existing content about the US audit and assurance process and of potential new content that could be added with the intention of strengthening USEITI's case for mainstreaming and foregoing independent reconciliation by the Independent Administrator. Mr. Bugala suggested that USEITI use an alternate term for "foregoing reconciliation," such as "not reconciling twice."

Ms. Brian raised the possibility of including the information that Mr. Kronebusch has developed about US audit and assurance processes in lieu of having the Independent Administrator create new content about this topic. Mr. Cassidy asked whether Mr. Kronebusch's material may be too complex for many members of the public to understand. In response, Ms. Brian suggested that information about audit and assurance procedures would likely be difficult for many members of the public to understand in any format.

Ms. Kohler suggested that including clear information about the US audit and assurance process in the USEITI report would also help to give the public more confidence in the audit process. Ms. Brian and Mr. Gould raised a concern that a visualization about the

audit and assurance process would not prove to be useful to the general public while also not providing the detailed information that well-informed parties would need to develop that additional confidence in the audit process.

Mr. Gould suggested that the USEITI Secretariat could put together information explaining US audit and assurance procedures for making the case to the EITI Board that USEITI does not need to reconcile revenues separately and redundantly through a Independent Administrator. Pursuing this path, the IA would not need to create additional content about this topic for the USEITI report nor a separate visualization from the one that was created last year.

c) Additional Metals

Keith Romig, United Steelworkers, suggested adding a “special highlight on additional metals” (such as silver, aluminum, lead, and zinc) because some MSG members are already knowledgeable about these commodities, in contrast to two other proposed “special highlights” – on forestry and on renewable energy. He also suggested that USEITI would likely need to expand its scope over time to include these additional metals, and possibly non-metal minerals.

Mr. Matthews suggested adding other commodities, such as trona, that are subject to federal royalty payments.

d) The Life of a Lease

Mr. Bugala suggested that additional information about the “life of a lease” be added to the contextual narrative, either in the form of a new visualization created by the Independent Administrator or by including material created by Mr. Kronebusch about federal leasing.

Ms. Wilson stated that the USEITI Secretariat and GSA 18F can try to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report but that this may be a challenge given limited time and resources. Mr. Bugala responded that if the Secretariat could make a good faith effort to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report then he does not need this topic to be considered for inclusion as an IA-produced visualization.

e) Forestry

Mr. Gould observed that USEITI has been discussing forestry for some time and has had challenges adding forestry representatives to the MSG. He suggested that adding a special highlight on forestry could provide information about forestry for relatively little effort while also stoking interest in including forestry in the scope of USEITI in a fuller way in the future.

f) Renewable Energy

Ms. Brian suggested that there exists much interest in the general public about renewable energy and the jobs being created in that industry, and so it may be beneficial to add a special highlight on renewable energy to the 2017 USEITI Report.

g) The MSG's Decision-Making About Topics and Visualizations to Include

Given the wide range of discussion and many topics under consideration for inclusion in the 2017 report, Ms. Kohler emphasized that rational criteria should be used to determine which topics would be included and that, if topics such as “additional metals” or the “life of a lease” are included, then the MSG would need to understand better what these topics would entail, as they have not been discussed much by the MSG in the past.

Mr. Bugala noted that having the Implementation Subcommittee consider issues of this nature before they come to the full MSG could streamline discussions during MSG meetings.

The MSG agreed to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about the US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the IA could further flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making.

- **Decision: The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.**
- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.**

F. Project Level Reporting

Mr. Kronebusch and Nathan Brannberg, DOI, presented information about project-level data disclosure and the process of requesting project-level data from the US Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). They also presented about the types of data requested received by ONRR during FY2016. Additional information is available in Mr. Kronebusch's and Mr. Brannberg's presentation, available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/obtaining_project_level_info_from_onrr_final_1-30-17.pdf.

In response to their presentation, an MSG member from the CSO sector pushed back on the assertion from Mr. Kronebusch and Mr. Brannberg that not many members of the public are interested in detailed data. She suggested, instead, that the public has lost

faith in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process and the difficulty in obtaining information.

IV. Public Comments

Public comments were accepted in written form for this MSG meeting, as described in the “Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda” section, on page 6 of this summary. Written public comments received are provided below.

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The resource extraction transparency rule is critical to ensuring an informed and empowered electorate that is what President Trump has pledged to deliver. This cannot happen if we do not have this rule and we do not have a transparent government that does not marginalize individual voters in favor of the oil and gas industry.

If Trump is serious about giving power back to the people, then he must stop doing the bidding of the Chamber I oppose Republican efforts to undo critical rules protecting the environment and public welfare. In his inaugural address, Trump famously declared that alleged “American carnage stops right here and right now.” The resource extraction transparency rule would be of significant aid in stopping the all too real carnage taking place in countries afflicted by the resource curse, countries like Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan. It’s time that Trump gets serious about putting people – all people – first, and corporate special interests like the Chamber, API and Big Oil companies second.

Thank you for making my comment part of the record.

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Extractive Industries Transparency should mean what it says. Unfortunately, by supporting the elimination of section 1504 of the Dodd Frank Act, even as it is being discussed over in the House of Representatives today, it is clear the MSG does not universally share the value of using financial transparency to eliminate corruption and promote best practices.

API's lobbying in support of 1504's repeal is a clear violation of our Terms of Reference. I want to express support for the statement made by CSO co-chair this morning calling for the removal of API from USEITI, a view we would hold with regard to any MSG members who oppose Section 1504. Any member company of API that has not publicly broken with API's position on 1504 should also not be part of USEITI.

Finally, it is inappropriate and disappointing to cancel public comments and unhealthy to limit public debate at today's MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting. Decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the USEITI Secretariat.

Keith Romig asked to read out a statement on behalf of the CSO sector. The facilitator noted that the co-chairs had determined to move forward beyond the 1504 discussion the late morning. Mr. Romig read the note expressing disappointment about the MSG eliminating the verbal public comment period during the MSG meeting and also about the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation on the USEITI MSG. The text of Romig's comments are provided in Appendix B, available on page 20 of this meeting summary.

Following Mr. Romig's comments, Ms. Kohler stated that the public comment period was not eliminated and requested that the DFO adhere strictly to FACA protocols in the future. She suggested that the MSG had been too easy going in allowing people to speak on behalf of MSG members, allowing for interruptions, and the like, but that this approach was being abused by certain sectors. In response, the Acting DFO offered to review the MSG terms of reference and adhere to those.

Several members of the CSO sector raised their placards and requested to respond to Ms. Kohler's comments. The Acting DFO adjourned the meeting at this time.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the February 1, 2017 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Judy Wilson, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Primary Committee Members

Civil Society

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Paul Bugala, American University

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition

Keith Romig Jr., United Steelworkers

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Industry

Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum

Michael Blank, Peabody Energy

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Johanna Nesseth, Chevron

B. Committee Alternates in Attendance

Civil Society

Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas

Nick Welch, Noble Energy Inc.

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

John Cassidy, Deloitte

Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte

Alex Klepacz, Deloitte

Sarah Platts, Deloitte

D. Government, MSG Members or Alternates via Phone, and Members of the Public in Attendance

Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide

Avery, Concerned Citizen

Joyce Aober, USGS

Sam Bartlett, EITI

Neil Brown, Lugar Center

David Chambers, Center for Science in Public Participation

Spencer King

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Mike LeVine, Oceana

Nicole Levine, Oceana

Laura Logan

Julie Maldonado, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Networks

Waseem Mardini, Publish What You Pay US

Aaron Mintzes, Earthworks

Sara Porter, Private Citizen

P. Rucker
Rosalie Satta, University of CA Santa Barbara
Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight
Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Catherine Traywick, Bloomberg News
Micah Watson, Department of State
Claire Ware, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes
Joseph Williams, Metro Resource Governance Institute

E. Facilitation Team

Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute
Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute

F. DOI MSG Support Team

Nathan Brannberg, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
A. Evans, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
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Jennifer Goldblatt, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
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Opening comments provided by Daniel Brian on behalf of the CSO sector:

Today the House and possibly the Senate are preparing to vote on whether to disapprove the Cardin-Lugar 1504 rule. As all of you who have been working on USEITI know, we have been waiting for months, years, for that rule to be finalized so that we could move forward with our work. 1504 is the cornerstone of USEITI and civil society vociferously objects to its gutting.

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We know that Aaron has been working hard on USEITI and he is not personally responsible for the positions of his employer, but it is simply unacceptable for API to continue to benefit from the goodwill generated from their boasting of their participation in USEITI while at the same time actively working to directly undermine our success. As a result, civil society is formally requesting that the DFO remove API from the MSG.

IX. Appendix B

Comment made by Keith Romig:

Just before I do [make a comment on behalf of the CSO sector] I'm going to make a statement on my own behalf as it's a shame that we ended up eliminating the verbal public comment period and the irony of that is that quite often when we open up the microphones for public comment there's a dead silence for ten minutes. This is one of the very few when we might've had fairly extensive public comment and it's a shame we didn't get to hear it. But that's just my statement, my personal statement. The formal statement follows.

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On Mar 20, 2017, at 5:42 PM, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org> wrote:

Ok you need to know this was not a deliberate misrepresentation. We even had our final co-chair dinner! I will make this right tomorrow if we were wrong in our understanding.

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On Mar 20, 2017, at 6:09 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

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I will absolutely send out a clarification if we were wrong. But given we don't have a path forward are you saying we are pausing? or waiting for the standard to evolve? or reassessing?

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From: Treci Johnson <treci.johnson@onrr.gov>
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CC: Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, "jim.steward@onrr.gov" <jim.steward@onrr.gov>, Jerold Gidner <jerold.gidner@onrr.gov>
Re: HEADS UP Fwd: Trump Admin Sounds Death Knell for

Subject: Transparency Initiative

Just thinking ahead, would Veronika be willing to provide a statement from industry if needed?

If a reporter contacts us, I think we have everything we need in the tough Q&A document. However, it would be nice if I could refer the individual to Veronika as well.

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Public Affairs Specialist
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On Mar 20, 2017, at 10:16 AM, Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

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What would you want me to say to the press?

I am supposed to let our comms department hold my hand with any press interaction.

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Looping in Heather - we're getting inquiries on this.

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On Mon, Mar 20, 2017 at 2:35 PM, Bloomgren, Megan
<megan_bloomgren@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Looping in Heather - we're getting inquiries on this.
Treci, do you have a statement drafted on this? Reporters are on deadline.
thanks.

On Mon, Mar 20, 2017 at 11:43 AM, Treci Johnson <treci.johnson@onrr.gov>
wrote:
Hi Megan,

Today, the civil society sector of USEITI released the statement below. I don't believe it will get traction since they waited so long to put it out (better timing would have been either near the Dodd Frank announcement, the meeting we had a few weeks ago or the international EITI meeting at the beginning of the month).

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To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Re: HEADS UP Fwd: Trump Admin Sounds Death Knell for Transparency Initiative

We will be working together on next steps over the next few months, seeking input from all of the sectors.

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but how do I say that is going to happen since the MSG meetings have been cancelled? Also who is going to make the decision on next steps? I have already been asked these questions.

From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 2:44 PM
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All the accomplishments to date and that there have been no decisions made on next steps, etc. for USEITI, we need to finish the work we stated this year.

How does that sound?

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What would you want me to say to the press?

I am supposed to let our comms department hold my hand with any press interaction.

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I feel like the domestic angle is not the grim message articulated below. What do we care domestically if we are validated or not???? All of the domestic benefits that we have realized will continue. The website, all of the disclosures, the reconciliation, etc. And as laws and the culture changes there will be more information at the governments hands to incorporate on the site. And the government will not be wasting money and duplicating efforts. Why isn't that the message? It is accurate and focuses on the people of the US.

Please don't let your message get hijacked by the people who care about the international implications.

This is USEITI

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To: Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>

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USEITI Proposed Beneficial Ownership Definition
March 7, 2017

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IRS			
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Voluntary Disclosure - All summary information provided on the reporting template shall be treated as public information. No detail information, if provided, shall be disclosed to any third party other than ONRR without the reporting entity's written consent, unless disclosure is required by law.

Tax Payment Reconciliation

(Box 4)

We are willing to participate in reconciliation of our corporate tax payments. (please indicate Yes, No, or N/A)

Yes

No

N/A

Additional Supporting Information

(Box 5)

We have attached further information to assist you in reconciling the payments made to the records of the relevant government agencies (please indicate Yes or No)

Yes

No

Company Contact Information

(Box 6)

Please provide contact information for someone within your company who we can contact with follow-up questions about the information you have provided. You can provide more than one name.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Management Sign Off

(Box 7)

I acknowledge for and on behalf of the companies listed that the completed reporting form is a complete and accurate record to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title/Position: _____

Date: _____

(Box 8)

Company Name

Government Unique Identification Number (Example: ONRR's Payor Code)

ONRR

BLM

OSM

BOEM/BSEE

Company identification

	Entry	Comments
Full legal name of the company (including legal form of legal entity)	<legal name> <legal form>	
Country of registration	<country>	
Unique identification number (i.e. registration number)	<number>	
Contact address (registered office for legal entities)	<address>	
Ownership		
	Publicly listed company	<choose option>
	Name of stock exchange	<text>
	Link to stock exchange filings	<URL>
	Wholly owned subsidiary of publicly listed company	<choose option>
	Name of publicly listed owner	<text>
	Privately listed company	<choose option>
	Full name of direct shareholder(s) (i.e. legal owners of company)	<text>
	Is this shareholder a natural person (NP), a legal person (LP) or a state entity (S)?	<choose option>
	Country of registration (or nationality of a natural person)	<text>
Declaration form prepared by	% interest	<number>
	(add rows as necessary)	
	Name	<text>
	Position	<text>
	Telephone number	<text>
	Email address	<text>
Attestation		

I, undersigned, for and on behalf of the reporting entity confirm that all information provided above and in the attached beneficial ownership declaration(s) is accurate and reliable.

Date	<YYYY-MM-DD>
Name	<text>
Position	<text>
Signature	<text>
Please find attached the following supporting documents verifying the accuracy of the beneficial ownership information submitted:	
	<text>
	<text>

Beneficial ownership declaration

In accordance with the EITI Standard, Requirement 2.i5.f.i, “a beneficial owner in respect of a company means the natural person(s) who directly or indirectly ultimately owns or controls the corporate entity”. Further to Requirement 2.5.f.ii and in accordance with the decision of the MSG, a beneficial owner is defined as:

A beneficial owner in respect of a company means the natural person(s) who directly or indirectly ultimately owns or controls the corporate entity. For purposes of this definition: “Owns” means holding 5% or more of the shares and/or voting rights in the corporate entity, disregarding any shares or voting rights held by the entity itself. “Controls” includes but is not limited to influencing the company via controlling ownership interests, voting rights, agreement or otherwise. Those whose control over a corporate entity arises solely from their position as a paid employee of the entity are not beneficial owners for the purposes of this definition. Those with legal agency to control interests held by minor children are the beneficial owners for the purpose of this definition. For the avoidance of doubt, nominees, agents or other forms of proxy cannot be identified in the place of the actual beneficial owner(s).

The term ‘politically exposed person’ means a natural person who is or who has been entrusted with prominent public functions and includes the following:

- (a) heads of State, heads of government, secretaries and deputy or assistant secretaries;
- (b) members of Congress or of similar legislative bodies;
- (c) members of the governing bodies of political parties;
- (d) members of supreme courts, of constitutional courts or of other high-level judicial bodies, the decisions of which are not subject to further appeal, except in exceptional circumstances;
- (e) members of courts of auditors or of the boards of central banks;
- (f) ambassadors, chargés d’affaires and high-ranking officers in the armed forces;
- (g) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of State-owned enterprises;
- (h) directors, deputy directors and members of the board or equivalent function of an international organization.
- (i) family members of politically exposed persons as determined by this definition.

In accordance with this beneficial ownership definition, as per January 1, 2017 the beneficial owner/s of the company are:

Entry		Entry		Entry		Entry			
Identity of the Beneficial Owner									
Full name as it appears on national identify card	<text>								
Politically exposed person (PEP)	<choose option>								
Reason for PEP designation	<text>								
Applicable from	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
Applicable to	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
Date of Birth	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
National identity number	<number>								
Nationality	<text>								
Country of residence	<text>								
Residential address	<text>								
Service address	<text>								
Other means of contact	<text>								
Information about how ownership is held or control over the company is exercised									
By direct shares	<choose option>	Number of shares	<number>	% of shares	<number>				
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By indirect shares	<choose option>	Number of indirect shares	<number>	% of indirect shares	<number>	Legal name of intermediate company 1	<text>	Unique identification number	<number>
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Date when beneficial interest was aquired	<YYYY-MM-DD>								

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Kind regards,
Hal Quinn

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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Re: Presidential Memorandum– Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing

Dear Secretary Ross:

Congratulations on your confirmation as the Secretary of Commerce. The National Mining Association (NMA) stands ready to assist you in advancing President Trump's pro-growth economic agenda.

The president's recent memorandum on *Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Domestic Manufacturing* addresses a central obstacle to re-shoring manufacturing and bringing good, high-wage jobs back to the United States. As you proceed, we strongly urge you to include within the scope of review and recommendations the front-end of the manufacturing supply chain beginning with U.S. mining. Domestic minerals and metals are critical to ensuring that U.S. manufacturers have access to the raw materials they need to efficiently and securely produce American-made products and technologies. The value added to America's gross domestic product (GDP) by major industries consuming mineral materials is \$2.78 trillion – nearly 15 percent of U.S. GDP.¹

Our import reliance for key metal and mineral commodities has doubled over the past two decades, and today less than half of the mineral needs of U.S. manufacturing are met from domestically mined resources. As a result, there is a gross structural mismatch between domestic mineral supply and demand.² Manufacturing executives have expressed serious concerns about supply chain management and its risks.

¹ USGS, *Mineral Commodity Summaries* (2017).

² SNL Metals and Mining, *U.S. Mines to Market* (2014); USGS, *Mineral Commodity Summaries* (2017).

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According to a survey of 400 manufacturing executives, more than 90 percent of them are concerned about supply disruptions citing geopolitics and increasing global demand as the most pressing factors. In addition, 80 percent of U.S. manufacturing leaders recognize the importance of sourcing domestic minerals and metals, noting decreased dependence on foreign minerals and metals and strengthened national security as reasons for doing so. Nearly 85 percent believe a strong domestic supply chain of critical minerals and metals will ensure job creation and economic growth in America.³ With the largest and most diverse mineral resource base in the world—valued at \$6.2 trillion—we can reverse these alarming trends with policies that allow U.S. mining to perform to its full potential. Restricted access to mineralized lands and a broken permitting system pose two substantial obstacles to the responsible development of our nation's first class mineral endowment.

The federal government controls more than 40 percent of the land area in 12 Western states that account much of our nation's mineral resource base. Already half of the federal mineral estate is either off-limits or under restrictions for mineral development. Many of these restrictions have not been reviewed to ascertain whether they remain necessary. To make matters worse, a proposal pending at the Department of the Interior would remove 10 million additional acres of mineral-rich lands from future development.

The U.S. has one of the longest permitting processes in the world. It now takes seven to 10 years to secure the necessary government authorizations for finding and developing mineral resources. The length, complexity and uncertainty of the permitting process are primary reasons investors give for not investing in U.S. mineral projects.⁴ These delays and attendant uncertainty can reduce the value of a project by one-third and sometimes by half.⁵ Too often we confuse the length of the process with the rigor of review. However, our competitors like Canada and Australia, where permitting takes two to three years on average, have demonstrated that permit review and decisions can be both thorough and timely. They understand that we are in a global competition for mining investment, and that an effective and efficient permitting process provides a competitive advantage.

There are many best practices to reduce the duplication, complexity, and uncertainty among the federal and state agencies that have permitting responsibilities. These best

³ Edelman Berland, Survey of U.S. Manufacturing Executives (September 2014).

⁴ SNL Metals and Mining, *The Impact of Permit Delays on the United States Mining Industry* (2015); Behre Dolbear, *Where Not to Invest* (2012); U.S. Department of Energy, *Critical Minerals Strategy* (Dec. 2010); National Resources Council, *Hardrock Mining on Federal Lands*, National Academy Press (1999).

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practices include better coordination among state and federal agencies, clarifying responsibilities, minimizing duplication, setting goals and timeframes and introducing more accountability among agencies. All of them are available options under existing law, but rarely used.

We also recommend for your consideration including the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Labor in your consultations and coordination efforts under Sec. 2 of the presidential memorandum. The Department of the Interior is responsible for 260 million acres of land in western states with enormous mineral potential and, along with the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, administers an authorization and permitting program for the exploration and development of mineral resources on those lands. The Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration administers the nation's mine safety laws including the review and approval of plans designed to meet the safety objectives of those laws.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and recommendations on the scope of review and consultation under the president's memorandum for *Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing*. We look forward to working with you and the other members of the president's cabinet to establish a permitting and regulatory system that positions our manufacturing, technology and mining industries to compete successfully with the world's fastest growing economies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hal Quinn', with a stylized, cursive script.

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To: "greg.gould@onrr.gov" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>, "dbrian@pogo.org" <dbrian@pogo.org>
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To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
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Subject: Re: [Update] Co-Chair Check-in

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Sent: Wed Mar 01 2017 09:48:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
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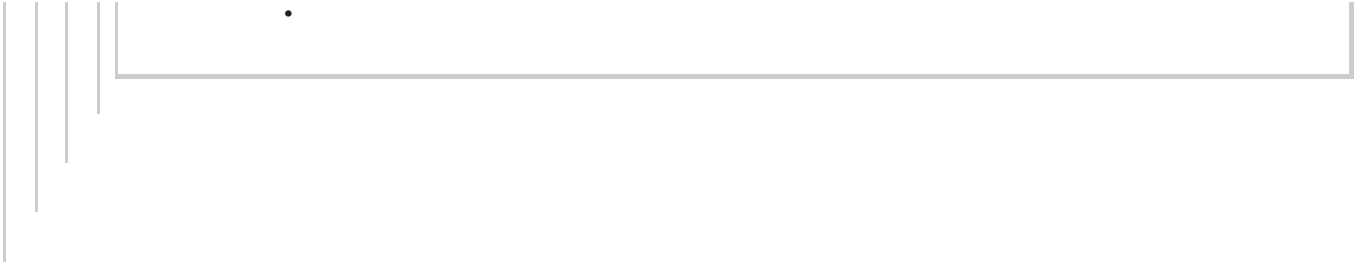
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From: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Sent: Mon Feb 27 2017 17:10:56 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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From: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Tue Feb 28 2017 07:15:08 GMT-0700 (MST)
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Sent: Fri Feb 17 2017 14:31:41 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Greg.Gould@onrr.gov" <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>
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Subject: Request to Postpone Implementation of ONRR Oil, Gas, and Coal Valuation Rule
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"Nick.Vassallo@usdoj.gov" <Nick.Vassallo@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Request to Postpone Implementation of ONRR Oil, Gas, and Coal
Valuation Rule

Peter,

I'm acknowledging receipt and will work with our team on next steps.

Respectfully,

Greg

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Sent: Fri Feb 17 2017 14:39:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
onrrelt@onrr.gov, bonnie.robson@onrr.gov,

To: matthew.wheeler@sol.doi.gov, Matthew McKeown
<Matthew.McKeown@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Request to Postpone Implementation of ONRR Oil, Gas, and
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Will do!

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Subject: Re: Request to Postpone Implementation of ONRR Oil, Gas, and Coal Valuation Rule

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Thanks Greg. We did receive a copy from Bonnie Robson late this morning. We appreciate your attention to this issue.

Peter

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Dear Director Gould:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 705, the National Mining Association, the Wyoming Mining Association, and the American Petroleum Institute, each on behalf of their respective members, and Cloud Peak Energy Inc., Black Hills Corporation, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Western Fuels-Wyoming, Inc. (collectively, “Petitioners”) respectfully request that the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue (“ONRR”), postpone implementation of the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform Final Rule, 81 Fed. Reg. 43,338 (July 1, 2016) (the “Final Rule”). The Petitioners have sought judicial review of the Final Rule through multiple Petitions filed in the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming.¹ The Final Rule is first effective as to royalty reporting due February 28, 2017 for oil, gas, and coal production in January 2017. For the reasons set forth below and in the Petitioners’ court filings and submitted comments on ONRR’s proposed rule, which mirrors the Final Rule, postponement of the Final Rule’s implementation is necessary in the interests of justice.

Petitioners initiated the challenge to the Final Rule because it adopts new royalty reporting and payment requirements that are impracticable, and in some cases impossible, for Petitioners and many other federal and Indian lessees to comply with by the February 28, 2017 royalty reporting due date. A federal or Indian lessee’s failure to properly report and pay its royalties exposes the lessee to potential knowing or willful civil penalties. In contrast, by its own analysis in the Final Rule, ONRR’s delayed implementation of the Final Rule would have no significant revenue impact to the lessors, and in the interim would continue regulations that have functioned adequately for more than 25 years.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), “[w]hen an agency finds that justice so requires, it may postpone the effective date of an action taken by it, pending judicial review.” This provision gives federal agencies broad discretion to postpone the effect of agency action

¹ *Cloud Peak Energy Inc., et al. v. USDOl*, Case No. 16-cv-315 (filed Dec. 29, 2016); *American Petroleum Institute v. USDOl*, Case No. 16-cv-316 (filed Dec. 29, 2016); *Tri-State Generation and Transmission Ass’n, Inc., et al. v. USDOl*, Case No. 16-cv-319 (filed Dec. 29, 2016).

while litigation is ongoing. This temporary postponement under 5 U.S.C. § 705 to preserve the status quo will afford ONRR sufficient time and opportunity to determine how to proceed regarding the Final Rule. At the same time, it would avoid the expenditure of further resources of the Petitioners and ONRR on implementing a rule under which compliance is infeasible or impossible, and which may be declared invalid by the Court or modified by ONRR.

The Final Rule features a number of fundamental problems that gave rise to the regulated community's detailed rulemaking comments and currently pending litigation. The three Petitions filed against the Final Rule, as well as the detailed sets of comments submitted on the nearly identical proposed rule (available on the rulemaking docket at regulations.gov), are incorporated by reference in this letter. As more fully explained therein, the Final Rule in its current form is unlikely to survive judicial review because it exceeds ONRR's authority under applicable statutes, including the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and applicable lease terms, and is arbitrary and capricious under the APA. Some Final Rule provisions demand the impossible from lessees; others manufacture arbitrary and unconstrained "discretion" by ONRR. The problematic provisions in the Final Rule include, but are not limited to:

- A new "default" valuation provision whereby ONRR may unilaterally establish royalty value in the first instance under numerous, broadly defined circumstances, undermining the certainty of even a lessee's arm's-length sales prices as value, and creating the risk that ONRR may impose a higher royalty value many years after production and initial payment;
- Mandatory valuation of coal production via an inherently unreliable "netback" method that courts and the Department have historically used only as a "last resort" if no other methodology, such as comparable sales, is available to establish a reasonable value at or near the mine;
- Inadequately defined transportation allowances particularly for coal sold for ultimate delivery at distant locations;
- Requirement that coal cooperatives and vertically integrated lessees use a novel and untested method to value coal based on the sales price of electricity generated by the coal, an entirely different commodity, and apply generation and transmission allowances summarily imported from geothermal resource valuation with no analysis of their applicability to coal-fired electric generation. This ignores the value added by all activities converting coal to electricity between the mine and the end use customer's switch, the multiple resale tiers prior to end use, the variety of retail prices paid by end use customers, and the fact that the fuel component of a retail electricity price includes non-coal energy sources from the

royalty payors' complete portfolios of natural gas, hydro, wind and solar, effectively making the Final Rule's required valuation impossible to calculate;

- For all coal not sold by the lessee at arm's length, failure to provide any index or other option to use reliable alternative valuation methods established near the lease like those available for oil and gas valuation;
- Blanket denial, artificial limitation, and termination of allowances to which lessees are legally entitled, undermining ONRR's longstanding recognition of valuation at or near the lease;
- Unsupported singling out of coal cooperatives for special treatment, including royalty valuation calculations that are impossible to perform, and disregard of well-established legal principles governing "affiliated" entities;
- Sudden reversal of longstanding subsea transportation allowances for offshore oil and gas;
- Refusal to recognize for valuation purposes any contract for the sale of oil, gas, or coal that is legally enforceable yet may be unwritten or unsigned by all parties; and
- Requirement to pay royalty on unattainable index prices for federal gas.

The Final Rule proffered no evidence or compelling justification for promulgating the wholesale changes to ONRR's well-established royalty valuation regulations. Rather, ONRR ignored the many comments pointing out the multiple shortcomings in the rule ONRR proposed and then finalized the rule essentially unchanged. Moreover, ONRR failed to sufficiently analyze and disclose the overall negative economic impacts of its Final Rule.

Federal and Indian coal lessees and federal oil and gas lessees face significant hardship and uncertainty in the face of their upcoming first reporting deadline under the Final Rule. As noted above and previously, many lessees simply cannot conform to the terms of the Final Rule, which requires calculations that are infeasible to perform and information that is impossible to obtain. Industry efforts to obtain adequate guidance from ONRR thus far have been unsuccessful, as the agency has provided no substantive responses to several inquiries over multiple months. Exacerbating the harms to lessees is their exposure to enforcement actions, including significant knowing or willful civil penalties, if they are unable to report and pay their royalties in accordance with the Final Rule's stated requirements. The Final Rule also allows ONRR to impermissibly recoup more financial consideration from federal and Indian lessees than ONRR is entitled to receive. Yet, if the Final Rule challenge is successful, ONRR has no authority to compensate lessees for their substantial costs of compliance (including their creation

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Dear Mr. Schaumberg and Mr. Auslander:

Thank you for your letter dated February 17, 2017, requesting that the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) postpone implementation of the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule (Rule) under Section 705 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). As you know, the Rule was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2016 and took effect on January 1, 2017. The first reports under the Rule are due by February 28, 2017.

While we do not agree with all legal conclusions in your letter, in light of the pending litigation and for the following reasons, ONRR will postpone the effective date of the Rule until the issues raised in the judicial actions challenging it have been definitively resolved.

First, while ONRR believes that the Rule was properly promulgated, we agree that you have raised serious questions concerning the validity of certain provisions in the Rule. Given this legal uncertainty, we believe that it is critical to maintain the status quo until the litigation is resolved.

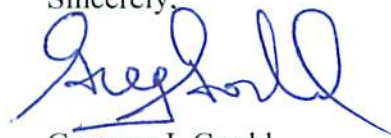
Second, we believe that the stay will enhance the lessees' ability to timely and accurately report and pay royalties. Many lessees, including the petitioners, have raised legitimate questions concerning how to properly report and pay royalties under the Rule. Given these judicial and administrative uncertainties, relying on the previous regulatory system will reduce uncertainty and enhance ONRR's ability to collect and verify natural resource revenues while the litigation is pending, which is in the best interest of the States, Tribes, individual Indian lessors, and the general public.

Third, a postponement will avoid the substantial cost to both the regulated community and ONRR of retroactively correcting and verifying all revenue reports if the Rule is invalidated as a result of the pending litigation. We realize that those lessees that have already updated their accounting systems to report and pay royalties under the Rule will incur a cost to reconvert the systems to report and pay royalties under the previous rule. But the cost of reconverting those systems now is less than what that cost would be if the Rule is invalidated and lessees must reconvert their accounting systems and correct all royalty reports submitted under the invalidated Rule.

Finally, the United States will suffer no significant harm from postponing the effective date of the Rule while the litigation is pending. As you noted, the Rule is not expected to have a significant impact on the economy. 81 FR 43338, 43368 (July 1, 2016). Thus, postponing the effective date of the Rule will not cause any appreciable economic harm to the general public. In fact, we believe the regulatory certainty provided by the postponement will enhance ONRR's mission to collect and verify natural resource revenues, which is in the best interest of the royalty beneficiaries and the United States.

ONRR will publish a Federal Register notice postponing the effective of the Rule under Section 705 of the APA as soon as possible. ONRR will also issue a Dear Reporter that notifies lessees of the postponement and provides guidance on how to report.

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For the call today, we would like to compile a set of final comments that we can either reach consensus on today on the call or refer quickly to the co-chairs afterward. We will use that to come back with a final version of the reporting template and supporting documents.

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Thanks for pointing that out, David.

Paul

On Feb 21, 2017, at 1:45 PM, Romig, David <dromig@fmi.com> wrote:

Greg,

The template needs to be adjusted to remove the subtotals. We did not have consensus for this addition so if Deloitte could make the adjustment and resubmit before the meeting it might help move this forward.

Thanks
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USEITI Implementation Subcommittee:

Welcome back from a nice long weekend. Our next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, February 22nd, at 11 00 am, which will focus primarily on IA updates, three proposed contextual narrative additions, and the revised reporting template and guidelines. The Reporting Improvement Workgroup will give an update on the work they are doing to complete their gap analysis, and as we agreed to last week there is a standing validation discussion added to the agenda.

Last week you all should have received from the IA outlines for the proposed contextual narrative additions, and an updated reporting template and guidelines document. The goal of the Subcommittee this week is to agree on the final template and guidelines and recommend it to Co-chairs for final review and approval. We will also discuss the contextual narrative additions and recommend two additions to the Co-chairs for final approval.

Attached to this email are the three contextual narrative addition outlines and the updated reporting template and guidelines. Please review in advance and be prepared to discuss these materials tomorrow. I'll be traveling to DC for meetings tomorrow, so Judy Wilson will run the meeting again this week.

Thanks,

Greg

USEITI Implementation Subcommittee

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11 00am-12:00pm

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Proposed Meeting Agenda

11:00 Welcome and Introductions

11:05 IA Update (mainstreaming, employment by commodity addition, tribal overview)

11:10 Revised Reporting Template and Guidelines

11:20 Contextual Narrative Additions

11:40 Reconciliation Improvement Workgroup Update (gap analysis)

11:45 Validation Discussion

11:55 Walk-ons/Next Steps

12:00 End

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Contextual Narrative Addition Outlines February 2017



Criteria for Selecting Topics

In considering the potential topics for 2017, the IA recommends two criteria for evaluating options. We believe the additions should:

- 1 Increase public engagement and interest in USEITI.** The AML addition provides a good example of this type of addition in that it covers a contentious and complex topic of importance to many parts of the country.
- 2 Strengthen the U.S. case for validation.** The audit and assurance controls addition provides a strong example of this from 2016 in providing explanations on the strength of U.S. data and building the case for mainstreaming.

Three Potential Addition Topics

At the February MSG meeting, the MSG identified three potential topics for new additions; the Subcommittee can select two to move forward.



Forestry

A special highlight on the forestry industry in the U.S., building on presentations to the MSG from BLM Forestry officials



Renewables

A special highlight on the renewables industry in the U.S. building on the current scope of USEITI & past MSG discussions



Non-Energy Minerals

A special highlight on four additional metals expanding on current non-energy minerals

The Implementation Subcommittee can select two to be included as additions in this year's report.

General Outline

As each addition would be an overview of new commodities or industries, the types of information collected for each would be broadly similar.

Topic	Questions Answered
Overview & Landscape	What is this commodity? Where does it exist? Where is it extracted? On what type of lands? Who owns it?
Production	Where does production occur? How much production occurs annually and has occurred historically?
Industry Overview	How big is the industry? What are the key processes in the extraction of the commodity?
Revenues	How does extraction of the commodity result in federal revenues? What are the chief revenue streams? How much money is collected? Where are those revenues disbursed? What is the broad understanding of revenue sustainability for this commodity?
Economic Impact	What is the economic impact of the commodity's extraction in terms of both benefits (GDP, jobs, wages, exports) and costs (water, emergency services, transportation, reclamation)?
Regulation	Who regulates extraction on federal lands? What are the major laws and regulations governing that extraction?

All Contextual Narrative additions will aim to follow a similar format as previous years – striking a balance between content additions and complementary visualizations

Forestry Overview



In keeping with USEITI's current success, forestry provides another opportunity to consolidate U.S. government information across multiple agencies for ease of public consumption with an economically-important commodity. It also makes USEITI relevant to new geographies in the United States.

Topic	Current Coverage	Description
Overview & Landscape	New Content	There are 521 million acres of timber land in the United States. Adding forestry would increase USEITI's relevance to new parts of the United States (such as the Pacific Northwest and a greater portion of the American South).
Production	New Content	In 2013, 13.6 billion cubic feet of roundwood was harvested in the United States, making it the largest producer of roundwood in the world. The distinctions between types of wood, their centers of production, and the fluctuations in that production as a result of the broader economy of the United States would provide new information for the public.
Industry Overview	New Content	"Forestry, fishing, and related activities" provided \$38.5 billion in GDP in 2015 or roughly half of the total value of all mining. Forestry provides a number of different subsectors and industries that, while opaque, are of importance to understanding management of public lands and revenues.
Revenues	New Content	With revenue collected separately by U.S. Forest Service and BLM, USEITI has an opportunity to provide a complete picture of forestry-related revenues in the United States as well as their disbursement. USFS received \$112M in timber management receipts. BLM took in roughly \$50M in revenues in 2015 and has relatively unique disbursements for secure rural schools.
Economic Impact	New Content	Forestry and logging provided 57,800 jobs and paid \$2.5B in wages in 2015. Exports information can also be included. It also promises interesting information on reclamation and sustainable forestry, with 76% of BLM revenues from public domain lands going to reclamation.
Regulation	New Content	Similar to revenues, USEITI can include in one place an overview of the regulation of the timber industry across multiple agencies (BLM and USFS in particular) as it has with other commodities. It provides an opportunity for the public to better understand the full range of BLM management as well as provides an intro to understanding more of the National Forest system.

Renewables Overview



Including a highlight on renewables expands on an industry already included in much of the data portal's infrastructure and provides necessary context for users seeking to understand the nature of production and other data presented on the data portal. **Larger additions of data will occur if hydropower and/or nuclear energy is included as a renewable.**

Topic	Current Coverage	Description
Overview & Landscape	New Content	An overview of the renewables sector provides an opportunity to explain the distinctions between different renewables currently in-scope, such as wind, solar, and geothermal, while covering new portions of renewables such as hydropower and biomass.
Production	How it Works section of data portal (onshore and offshore) https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/onshore-renewables/	Production data for renewables are currently included in the overall production data at a national and state level as with other in-scope commodities. The highlight can consolidate this information on one page, provide additional information from DOE on renewable energy potential in the United States, and cover the geography of renewables development.
Industry Overview	New Content	A renewables overview provides an opportunity to overview the different subsectors of the industry and how they fit together into a whole. It can also attempt to size the industries based on existent data since BEA does not currently size the renewables energy sector specifically.
Revenues	How it Works section of data portal (onshore and offshore) https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/onshore-renewables/	Federal revenues from renewables are currently included in the data portal in the same format as other in-scope commodities when they are collected by the Department of Interior. Revenue streams from hydropower and nuclear energy would be new additions.
Economic Impact	New Content	The data portal currently includes no information on the economic impact of the renewables industry. BLS data for solar, wind, and geothermal could be added. (Wind energy, for example, created 4,245 jobs and paid \$205M in total wages in 2015.) The Department of Energy's recent report on energy-related jobs also provides extensive information on jobs created by the renewables sector that could be added. Costs of the industries could be researched and included where sources exist.
Regulation	How it Works section of data portal (onshore and offshore) https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/onshore-renewables/	The <i>How it Works</i> section currently explains the regulatory process for renewables onshore (BLM) and offshore (BOEM/BSEE). A special highlight on renewables can consolidate the roles of these agencies and expand on hydropower, nuclear, and geothermal regulation including organizations such as the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Energy.

Non-Energy Minerals Overview



Based on discussion at the February MSG, this non-energy minerals overview includes the four metals highlighted by Keith Romig at the March 2016 MSG: molybdenum, zinc, lead, and silver. Information for these metals will largely be based on current USGS mineral reports.

Topic	Current Coverage	Description
Overview & Landscape	New Content	An overview can introduce the public to the four metals as well as their uses, their geographic location, and the estimated quantities that exist in the United States. For example, molybdenum was produced as a primary product at two mines in Colorado and a by-product at eight copper mines.
Production	How it Works section of the data portal https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/minerals/	Production data for zinc and lead concentrate on federal land is already included on the data portal, while silver is reported with gold by DOI. Production data for all lands could be added for these metals, though that does not currently occur for the in-scope non-energy minerals gold, copper, and iron. The U.S. produced 850,000 metric tons of zinc in 2015, the fifth most of any nation.
Industry Overview	New Content	An industry overview of non-energy mineral can discuss the price per unit, stocks, and imports and exports of the four metals and the trends in their production.
Revenues	New Content	Based on production, zinc and lead likely generated federal revenues. They are not, however, disaggregated in the current unilateral disclosure. It is unclear if silver did or not and unlikely that molybdenum did given its lack of inclusion in production.
Economic Impact	New Content	Employment statistics can be included from USGS reports and BLS data. For example, lead mines employed 1,730 people at 11 mines in the United States. BLS data groups lead and zinc together, but collectively they paid on average \$77,799 in annual pay in 2015 while silver paid \$94,776. Inclusion would provide an opportunity to discuss non-coal reclamation among other costs where sources exist. Exports information can also be included.
Regulation	How it Works section of the data portal https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/minerals/	The regulation of these four metals as it pertains to federal land is well covered by current information on the data portal.

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A. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for companies to complete the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Reporting Template. As a part of the USEITI process, the US will publish a report that discloses the payments made by extractive industry companies for extractive related activities, including royalties, rents, bonuses, taxes, and other payments. This primarily refers to payments listed on page 2 of this document, made to government entities for extractive activities occurring on Federal leases and properties, with few exceptions. More information on USEITI is included at <http://www.doi.gov/eiti>.

A Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) oversees the USEITI process. An Independent Administrator (IA) is appointed by the MSG; Deloitte & Touche LLP serves as the IA for this report. The IA's role for the 2017 USEITI report is to collect and report the revenue data submitted by companies. Data submitted will not be subject to any audit or reconciliation procedures by the IA, ~~and no reconciliation procedures will be performed on the data submitted by companies for the 2017 Report.~~

Appendix A: *Terms and Definitions Reference Guide* contains a listing of definitions of terms included in this document and on the 2017 USEITI Reporting Template.

What's new for 2017 Reporting?

There are a number of changes that have been made to the reporting process for the 2017 report. These are detailed at a high-level below:

- **No Reconciliation for 2017** – Unlike in the 2 prior year reports (2015 and 2016), the reporting process for 2017 will NOT include a reconciliation of company reported payments with government reported revenues. The approach for 2017 is a voluntary company reporting process. No reconciliation procedures will be performed on the data submitted by companies for the 2017 report.
- **Changes to in scope revenue streams** – There have been a couple minor changes to the revenue streams included in the reporting request and template. These changes have been made to help simplify reporting for companies as a result of challenges identified in previous reporting periods. The changes include combining the categories of rents and bonuses for ONRR, combining the categories of civil penalties, offshore inspection fees, and other revenues for ONRR, and replacing a category of renewables with other revenues for BLM.
- **Addition of Beneficial Ownership request** – The recently revised 2016 EITI Standard directs all implementing countries to implement in their reporting process by 2020 a disclosure by reporting companies of their beneficial owners. As a first step, the 2017 reporting process will include a request for all publicly traded companies to complete an addendum template requesting information around beneficial owners. Additional details on how to complete this request can be found in the below **Section G**.

B. General Template Instructions

Please utilize the information included in this document to complete the 2017 USEITI Reporting Template.

An electronic version of the Reporting Template has been provided. If there are questions about the template or the information needed to complete the template, please send questions to:

USEITIDataCollection@Deloitte.com

General Information (Box 1)

Corporate Entity Name: Indicate the name of your corporate entity.

Entity Type: We request that you identify the type of incorporation for your company (S Corporation, C Corporation, Limited Partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.).

Period for Reporting: Companies should provide payment data only for the period of CY 2016, which is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Only the payments made or reported during CY 2016 should be included in the amounts reported on the template.

The period in which the fees were incurred is not relevant; reporting should be based on the period in

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which the actual transaction to pay or report the fees occurred.

The reporting currency for the USEITI report is US dollars (USD); all amounts reported in the Reporting Template should be in USD.

Table B-1 provides a summary of the government revenue streams determined in-scope for USEITI reporting for CY 2016 by the USEITI MSG. The table lists these streams by the government entity that collects the revenue along with a brief description of each revenue stream. Companies only need to report payments made for these specific revenue streams. Please report payment amounts in Box 2, Reported Payments, in the column titled "Amount Paid (USD \$)" on the template.

This request is only for total payment amount data for each revenue stream.

Table B-1 In-Scope Revenue Streams

Government Payee	Revenue Stream	Description
ONRR	Royalties	All Royalties reported to ONRR on Form ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014, the Production and Royalty (P&R) Reporting System, or through direct billing activity (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-1)
ONRR	Rents and Bonuses	All Rents and Bonuses reported to ONRR on Form ONRR-2014, the Production and Royalty (P&R) Reporting System, or through direct billing activity (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-2)
ONRR	Other Revenues	All non-royalty, rent, or bonus revenues reported to ONRR on the Form ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014, Production and Royalty (P&R) Reporting System, or through direct billing activity; and Fees for annual inspections performed by BSEE on each offshore permanent structure and drilling rig that conducts drilling, completion, or workover operations; and Civil Penalties collected by ONRR on behalf of ONRR, BOEM, and BSEE (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-3)
BLM	Bonus and First Year Rentals	Payments made by the winning bidder of an onshore lease at a BLM lease sale (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-4)
BLM	Permit Fees	All Permit Fees paid such as Application for Permit to Drill Fees, Mining Claim and Holding Fees, any Fees paid pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act, etc. (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-5)
BLM	Other Revenues	Wind, Solar, and Biomass Projects (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-6)
OSMRE	AML Fees	Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Fees including AML Fees assessed from audits as well as any late charges paid (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-7)
OSMRE	Civil Penalties	Civil Penalties assessed on violations of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act including any late charges paid (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-8)
IRS	Taxes	Corporate Tax Payments to IRS (see Reporting Guidelines: Table C-9)

Additional details and guidance for each of the revenue streams listed in table B-1 *In-Scope Revenue Streams* are included in the respective tables within section C. These details provide explanation for how companies should determine the amounts to report for each revenue stream. The additional guidance includes information on the specific transaction types on government reporting forms that are included in the amounts companies should report.

There may also be instances where companies make payments to government entities based on direct billing activity, or other means such as only a check with a lease number referenced, rather than through a specific government reporting form. In these instances, the "Report Type" column in the table will show "Direct Billing" rather than the name of a standard reporting form with a related transaction code.

C. Reporting Guidelines

Payments to Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)

Royalties Paid to ONRR

Table C-1 outlines the transactions that make up the Royalties revenue stream. These include amounts reported or paid to ONRR on the Form ONRR-2014, Form CMP-2014, Form ONRR-4430, or through direct billing activity from ONRR. The amount reported for royalties should equal the amounts your company reported to ONRR on the respective forms during CY 2016 in addition to any invoices actually paid during CY 2016.

Table C-1 Royalties Paid to ONRR

Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	01	Royalty Due —Report royalties due in value on producing Federal leases
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	08	Royalty In Kind (Other) —Report non-Strategic Petroleum Reserve transactions for RIK oil and gas leases
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	10	Compensatory Royalty Payment —Report royalty value due on oil and gas that has been drained from Federal land by a well on ano her property
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	11	Transportation Allowance —Report a transportation allowance against the royalty due
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	15	Processing Allowance —Report a processing allowance against the royalty due
ONRR-2014 or CMP-2014	40	Net Profit Share - Profitable —Report sales and royalties on NPS leases for profitable months
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	ADJ	Royalty Due —Report royalties due in value on producing Federal leases - adjust volume and/or value
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	PR	Royalty Due —Report royalties due in value on producing Federal leases - original submission
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest on Royalties —Report payor reported interest due to ONRR

Rents and Bonuses Paid to ONRR

Table C-2 outlines the transactions that make up the Rents and Bonuses revenue stream. These include amounts reported or paid to ONRR on the Form ONRR-2014, Form ONRR-4430, or through direct billing activity from ONRR. The amount reported for rents and bonuses should equal the amounts your company reported to ONRR on the respective forms during CY 2016 in addition to any invoices actually paid during CY 2016. In the case of any duplicate rent payments made during the period, please do not include the duplicate rent amount paid.

Table C-2 Rents and Bonuses Paid to ONRR

Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
ONRR-2014	04	Rental Payment —Report the payment of un-recoupable rent for a lease
ONRR-2014	05	Advance Rental Credit —Report the payment of recoupable rent for a lease
ONRR-2014	25	Recoup Advance Rental Credit —Report a recoupment of a previously paid recoupable rent against net royalties paid
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	RENT	Rental Payment —Report the payment of un-recoupable rent for a lease
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	RCPRN	Advance Rental Credit —Report the payment of recoupable rent for a lease
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	RERNT	Recoup Advance Rental Credit —Report a recoupment of a previously paid recoupable rent against net royalties paid
Direct Billing	N/A	Nominally-Deficient Rent —Report deficient rental payments
Direct Billing	N/A	Rental Payment —Report the payment of un-recoupable rent for a lease
Direct Billing	N/A	Rental Recoupment —Report a recoupment of a previously paid recoupable rent against net royalties paid
Direct Billing	N/A	Right of Way/Use Rent Assessment —Report annual right of way/use payments for offshore properties
ONRR-2014	67	Bonus Rentals —Deferred
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	DBONS	Bonus Rentals —Deferred
Direct Billing	N/A	Bonus Payment (Winning Bidder Only)
Direct Billing	N/A	Underpaid Deferred Bonus

Other Revenues Paid to ONRR

Table C-3 outlines the transactions that make up the Other Revenues revenue stream. These include amounts reported or paid to ONRR on the Form ONRR-2014, Form ONRR-4430, or through direct billing activity from ONRR, fees for annual inspections performed by BSEE which ONRR collects on behalf of BSEE through direct billing activity, and civil penalties issued by ONRR, BOEM, or BSEE collected by ONRR through direct billing activity. The amount reported for other revenues should equal the amounts your company reported to ONRR on the respective forms during CY 2016 in addition to any invoices actually paid during CY 2016.

Table C-3 Other Revenues Paid to ONRR

Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
ONRR-2014	02	Minimum Royalty Payment —Report the minimum royalty payment for a lease
ONRR-2014	03	Estimated Royalty Payment —Report an estimated royalty payment
ONRR-2014	07	ONRR Settlement Agreement —Report royalty due on a contract settlement with ONRR
ONRR-2014	09	Production Fee Incentive —Report incentives paid for production
ONRR-2014	13	Quality Bank and Gravity Bank Adjustment —Report adjustments that reflect the difference in quality (gravity and/or sulfur) between the oil measured at the approved point of royalty settlement and the common stream quality of the pipeline
ONRR-2014	14	Tax Reimbursement Payment —Report the royalty on a tax reimbursement
ONRR-2014	16	Well Fees —Report a flat fee payable periodically as specified in the lease agreement
ONRR-2014	17	Gas Storage Agreement - Flat Fee —Pay for storage of gas when the fee is a fixed amount or is based on the number of acres used to store gas
ONRR-2014	18	Gas Storage Agreement - Injection Fee —Report the fee for gas injected into a gas storage formation
ONRR-2014	19	Gas Storage Agreement - Withdrawal Fee —Report the fee for gas that was injected into and then withdrawn from a gas storage formation
ONRR-2014	21	Interest Amount Due ONRR —Report payor-calculated interest owed to ONRR

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Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
ONRR-2014	22	Interest Amount Owed To Payor —Report payor-calculated interest ONRR owes payor (for Federal leases only)
ONRR-2014	31	Contract Settlements Payment —Report royalty due on contract settlement payments between you and a third party
ONRR-2014	32	Advance Royalty —Report advance royalty amount due for specific products (all coal and non-coal)
ONRR-2014	33	Recoup Advance Royalty —Report a recoupment of a previously paid advance royalty (all coal and non-coal products)
ONRR-2014	37	Royalties Due In Lieu Of Severance Tax —Report royalties due for leases subject to Section 6(a)(9) of the OCS Lands Act of 1953, as amended
ONRR-2014	38	Additional Royalty Due For OCSLA, Section (6)(A)(9) Leases —Report additional royalties of 1/32, 1/48 and 1/64 due under Section 6(a)(9) leases
ONRR-2014	39	Net Profit Share – Unprofitable —Report incentive for drilling in areas that otherwise wouldn't be profitable
ONRR-2014	52	Recoup Minimum Royalty Paid in Advance (MRPIA) —Report a recoupment of a previously paid minimum royalty recoupable amount.
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	ADVRY	Advance Royalty —Report advance royalty amount due for specific products (non-coal only)
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	CONSP	Contract Settlements Payment —Report royalty due on contract settlement payments between you and a third party
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	MNROY	Minimum Royalty Payment —Report the minimum royalty payment for a lease
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	MRPIA	Minimum Royalty Payment —Report the minimum royalty payable in advance for a lease (non-coal only)
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	RADRY	Recoup Advance Royalty —Report a recoupment of a previously paid advance royalty (all coal & non-coal products)
ONRR-4430 (P&R)	RCPMR	Recoup Minimum Royalty Paid In Advance —Report the recoupment of a previously paid advance minimum royalty (non-coal only)
Direct Billing	N/A	Gas Storage Fee —Fee for the storage of natural gas

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Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
Direct Billing	N/A	In Lieu of Production —Report payments in lieu of production
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest Amount Due ONRR —Report difference between payor-calculated interest and ONRR calculated interest results in underpayment to ONRR
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest Amount Owed To Payor —Report difference between payor-calculated interest and ONRR calculated interest results in overpayment to ONRR
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest Amount Due ONRR —Report difference between payor-calculated interest and ONRR calculated interest results in underpayment to ONRR
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest Amount Owed To Payor —Report difference between payor-calculated interest and ONRR calculated interest results in overpayment to ONRR
Direct Billing	N/A	Interest on Invoices —Report interest billed for any invoice paid late
Direct Billing	N/A	Liquidated Damages —Report charges for providing incorrect or no payment information
Direct Billing	N/A	Minimum Royalty —Report the minimum royalty for a lease
Direct Billing	N/A	Oil and Gas Adjustment —Report oil and gas adjustments
Direct Billing	N/A	On Account —Report payments on account to ONRR
Direct Billing	N/A	Payor Calculated Interest —Report payor-calculated interest
Direct Billing	N/A	Storage Fee —Report fees for storage
Direct Billing	N/A	Underpaid Advance Royalty (Solids)
Direct Billing	N/A	Underpaid Minimum Royalty —Report additional minimum royalties due
Direct Billing	N/A	Underpaid Rent —Report additional rental payments due
Direct Billing	N/A	Well Fees —Report a flat fee payable periodically as specified in the lease agreement
Direct Billing	N/A	Fees for annual inspections performed by BSEE on each offshore permanent structure and drilling rig that conducts drilling, completion, or workover operations

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Report Type	Transaction Code (ONRR-2014) or Submit Type Code (P&R)	Transaction Description
Direct Billing	N/A	ONRR Civil Penalties
Direct Billing	N/A	BOEM Civil Penalties
Direct Billing	N/A	BSEE Civil Penalties

Payments to Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Bonus and First Year Rentals Paid to BLM

Table C-4 outlines the transactions that make up the BLM Bonus and First Year Rentals revenue stream. We understand that companies generally make and record a payment to BLM of the bid amount (bonus) and the first year rental amount when awarded the winning bid on a lease. Companies should report payments made only where the bid submitted was the winning bid. **Companies should exclude payments made for deposits where their bid did not win and BLM returned the deposit amount.**

Although BLM subsequently transfers these payments of bonus and rent to ONRR, they are a separate revenue stream for USEITI. This separation better reflects how companies make and record these payments to government agencies.

Table C-4 Bonus and First Year Rentals Paid to BLM

Report Type	Transaction Code	Transaction Description
Form 3000-002	N/A	Payments made by the winning bidder of an onshore lease at a BLM lease sale

Permit Fees Paid to BLM

Table C-5 outlines the transactions that make up the BLM Permit Fees revenue stream. These include amounts reported or paid to BLM on various forms. These fees include all types of permit fees paid to BLM, such as Application for Permit to Drill Fees, Mining Claim and Holding Fees, and any fees paid pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act.

Table C-5 Permit Fees Paid to BLM

Report Type	Transaction Code	Transaction Description
Form 3160-003	N/A	Application for Permit to Drill Fee - APD (O&G)
Form 3000-002, Form 3000-003, Form 3000-003a, or Form 3160-008	N/A	Processing Fees for Assignments/Record Title, Competitive/Non-Competitive Leases, Name Changes/Mergers, On Railroad R/W, Overriding Royalty Assignment, Reinstatements, Transfer Operating Rights, Closed Cases (O&G)
Notice of Intent to Abandon (NIA) or Subsequent Report Plug and Abandon (SRA) using: Form 3160-005 or Form 3160-009	N/A	Incidents of Non-Compliance related to Abandonment, Drilling, Environmental, and Production Penalties (O&G)
Form 3400-012 or Form 3440-001	N/A	Processing Fees for Competitive Lease, Exploration License, Lease Modification, Logical Mining Unit Formation/Modification (Coal)
Form 3520-007 or Form 3600-009	N/A	Processing Fee and Bonds for Competitive/Non-Competitive Lease Sale (Mineral Materials)
Form 3520-007 or Form 3600-009	N/A	Sand and Gravel Sales (Mineral Materials)
Form 3830 or Form 3860	N/A	Mining Claim Fee—Not New \$155 (Locatable Minerals)
Form 3830 or Form 3861	N/A	New Mining Claim Location Fee \$37(Locatable Minerals)
Form 3830 or Form 3862	N/A	New Mining Claim Maintenance Fee \$155 (Locatable Minerals)
Form 3830 or Form 3863	N/A	New Mining Claim Processing Fee \$20 (Locatable Minerals)
Form 3150-004 or Form 3150-008a	N/A	Oil Shale R&D Nominations Processing Fee (Locatable Minerals)

Other Revenues Paid to BLM

Table C-6 outlines the transactions that make up the BLM Other Revenues revenue stream. The BLM collects these fees for various renewable projects through direct billing activities.

Table C-6 Other Revenues Paid to BLM

ReportType	Transaction Code	Transaction Description
Direct Billing	N/A	Wind, Solar, and Biomass Project Fees

Payments to Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

AML Fees Paid to OSMRE

Table C-7 outlines the transactions that make up the OSMRE AML Fees revenue stream. These include fees paid or reported to OSMRE quarterly on the OSM-1 Form. This also includes amounts paid for fees assessed from audits and any late charges incurred. Payments made to OSMRE may relate to activities on all land categories (Federal, Indian, State, and Fee/Private).

Table C-10 AML Fees Paid to OSMRE

ReportType	Transaction Code	Transaction Description
OSM-1	N/A	Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Fees paid quarterly on coal tonnage reported on the Coal Reclamation Fee Report (OSM-1 Form) including AML Fees assessed from audits, as well as any late charges paid

Civil Penalties Paid to OSMRE

Table C-8 outlines the transactions that make up the OSMRE Civil Penalties revenue stream. These include amounts paid directly to OSMRE from civil penalties assessed by OSMRE through direct billing activity. Payments made to OSMRE may relate to activities on all land categories (Federal, Indian, State, and Fee/Private).

Table C-8 Civil Penalties Paid to OSMRE

ReportType	Transaction Code	Transaction Description
Direct Billing	N/A	Civil Penalties assessed on violations of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act where OSMRE is the regulatory authority (Tennessee, Washington, and certain tribal lands) including any late charges paid

Payments to Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Taxes Paid to the IRS

Table C-9 outlines the IRS transaction codes that make up the Taxes revenue stream. These include all corporate income tax payments made to the IRS by C Corporations during CY 2016 and any tax refunds paid out. Companies should report a net amount of actual tax payments and tax refunds made or received during CY 2016, regardless of the period of activity to which the taxes relate. **For companies that are not C Corporations and do not pay consolidated federal corporate income taxes, this section of the template is not applicable.**

Table C-9 Taxes paid to the IRS

IRS Transaction Codes Tax Payments	Transaction Description
610	Remittance with Return
620	Initial Installment Payment, Form 7004
640	Advanced Payment of Determined Deficiency or <u>Underreported Proposal</u>
660	Estimated Tax - Federal Tax Deposit
670	Subsequent Payment
680	Designated Payment of Interest
690	Designated Payment of Penalty
720	Refund Payment
IRS Transaction Codes Tax Refunds	Transaction Description
840	Manual Refund
841	Cancelled Refund Check Deposited
846	Refund of Overpayment

D. Company Contact Information

On the template in Box 4, Company Contact Information, we request that your company provide contact information; including name, title/position, phone number, and email address, for an appropriate individual that the IA can reach out to directly if additional communication is required.

E. Reliability of Data – Management Sign-off

The EITI Standard requires that the IA and the MSG obtain a sign-off from a senior company official to attest that the completed reporting template is a complete and accurate record. We are requesting that your company identify an appropriate senior level official according to your organizational structure to provide the necessary assurance and sign the completed template in Box 5, Management Sign Off.

F. Company and Subsidiary Identification

In the event your company is a parent company with subsidiary and affiliate companies, please report all figures in the template at a consolidated parent company level, meaning that the reported amounts should reflect total payments made by each consolidated company.

We ask that you please also complete Box 6 of the reporting template, List of Parent Company Subsidiaries, in order to help us identify all subsidiary or affiliate companies included in your consolidated payment amount. Please list each of the subsidiaries that make payments to each DOI bureau and any related payor or customer identification codes used for each of those companies for each respective bureau.

G. Beneficial Ownership Identification and Declaration

The 2017 reporting process includes a request for all publicly traded companies to complete an addendum template requesting information around beneficial owners. For 2017, this request does NOT apply to privately held companies that are not publicly listed on a stock exchange. The Beneficial Ownership request included as an addendum to the reporting template includes two sections: Beneficial Ownership Company Identification and Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form.

Part 1: Beneficial Ownership Company Identification: In this section of the template, companies should provide details about their beneficial owner(s). Where there is more than one beneficial owner identified for a company, please complete a separate worksheet for each owner. Fields highlighted in green are requested to be completed by the reporting company. Fields in gray are considered optional.

Part 2: Beneficial Ownership Declaration form: In this section of the template, companies should provide details about their beneficial owner(s). Where there is more than one beneficial owner identified for a company, please complete a separate worksheet for each owner. Fields highlighted in green are requested to be completed by the reporting company. Fields in gray are considered optional.

Additional guidance on how to complete required fields on the Beneficial Ownership sections of the reporting template are included within the respective sections of the template.

G.H. Submission

We request all companies submit completed Reporting Templates to the USEITI IA no later than ~~XXX,~~ **2017**. Companies can submit completed Reporting Templates through email (including digitally signed PDF or a signed and scanned document) or through a mailed, physical hard copy.

Address templates submitted by mail to:

USEITI Independent Administrator
C/O Deloitte & Touche, LLPF
1919 North Lynn Street
Arlington, VA 22209

Send electronic copies to the USEITIDataCollection@Deloitte.com mailbox.

Commented [AJM1]: Pending agreement from the MSG on the reporting period timeline.

H.I. Data Security Measures

The IA will take precautions to safeguard the data as follows:

IA Responsibilities

- The IA will provide password protected reporting templates to companies when distributed electronically.
- The IA will destroy or delete non-relevant information inadvertently provided.
- The IA will work on security-encrypted laptops and email communications will be through secure email servers.
- Each template will have a different password that addresses current government encryption standards.

Reconciling Company Responsibilities

Companies submitting the reporting template via electronic submission should utilize the following guidelines:

- Submit completed templates directly to the IA.
- The reporting templates should be password encrypted when submitted to the IA.
- If the template password has changed from the password sent with the template, please provide a separate communication to the IA to notify of the new template password.

H.J. Questions and guidance regarding completion of template

Should any questions arise while completing the reporting template, you should contact the Independent Administrator at:

USEITDataCollection@Deloitte.com

We will reply to any such queries as soon as possible.

Appendix A: Terms and Definitions Reference Guide

This document uses the following acronyms and abbreviations:

Abbreviation	Definition
AML	Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BSEE	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
CY	Calendar Year
DOI	Department of the Interior
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Form ONRR-2014	Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance
Form ONRR-4430	Solid Minerals Production and Royalty Report
Form CMP-2014	Compliance Activity Specific Report
Form OSM-1	Coal Reclamation Fee Report
IA	Independent Administrator
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
OCSLA	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
O&G	Oil and Gas
ONRR	The Office of Natural Resources Revenue
OSM	The Office of Surface Mining
OSMRE	The Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement
P&R	Production and Royalty Reporting System (see Form ONRR-4430)
USEITI	United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative



The United States Extractive Industries
Transparency Initiative

Reporting Template

General Information (Box 1)	
Corporate Entity Name	
Entity Type	
Period for Reporting	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

Reported Payments (Box 2)				
Government Payee	Revenue Streams		Reference to Reporting Guidelines	Amount Paid (USD \$)
ONRR				
	Royalties		Table C-1	
	Rents and Bonuses		Table C-2	
	Other Revenues		Table C-3	
	Total ONRR			
BLM				
	Bonus and First Year Rentals		Table C-4	
	Permit Fees		Table C-5	
	Other Revenues		Table C-6	
	Total BLM			
OSMRE				
	AML Fees including Audits and Late Charges		Table C-7	
	Civil Penalties including Late Charges		Table C-8	
	Total OSMRE			
IRS				
	Corporate Tax Payments to Internal Revenue Service (IRS)		Table C-9	

Voluntary Disclosure (Box 3)

Voluntary Disclosure - All summary information provided on the reporting template shall be treated as public information. No detail information, if provided, shall be disclosed to any third party other than ONRR without the reporting entity's written consent, unless disclosure is required by law.

Company Contact Information (Box 4)	
Please provide contact information for someone within your company who we can contact with follow-up information about the reporting process. More than one name can be provided.	
Name: _____	Phone Number: _____
Title/Position: _____	Email Address: _____

Management Sign Off (Box 5)	
I acknowledge for and on behalf of the companies listed that the completed reporting form is a complete and accurate record to the best of my knowledge.	
Name: _____	Signature: _____
Title/Position: _____	Date: _____
Is this position at the Executive Level? (This information is for data collection purposes only)	Yes No

List of Parent Company Subsidiaries (Box 6)				
Company Name	Government Unique Identification Number (Example: ONRR's Payor Code)			
	ONRR	BLM	OSM	BOEM/BSEE



The United States Extractive Industries
Transparency Initiative

Reporting Template

General Information

(Box 1)

Corporate Entity Name

Entity Type

Period for Reporting

1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

Reported Payments

(Box 2)

Government Payee	Revenue Streams	Reference to Reporting Guidelines	Amount Paid (USD \$)
ONRR			
	Royalties	Table C-1	
	Rents	Table C-2	
	Bonuses	Table C-3	
	Other Revenues	Table C-4	
	Offshore Inspection Fees	Table C-5	
	Civil Penalties	Table C-6	
BLM			
	Bonus and First Year Rentals	Table C-7	
	Permit Fees	Table C-8	
	Renewables	Table C-9	
OSMRE			
	AML Fees including Audits and Late Charges	Table C-10	
	Civil Penalties including Late Charges	Table C-11	
IRS			
	Corporate Tax Payments to Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	Table C-12	

Voluntary Disclosure

(Box 3)

Voluntary Disclosure - All summary information provided on the reporting template shall be treated as public information. No detail information, if provided, shall be disclosed to any third party other than ONRR without the reporting entity's written consent, unless disclosure is required by law.

Tax Payment Reconciliation

(Box 4)

We are willing to participate in reconciliation of our corporate tax payments. (please indicate Yes, No, or N/A)

Yes

No

N/A

Additional Supporting Information

(Box 5)

We have attached further information to assist you in reconciling the payments made to the records of the relevant government agencies (please indicate Yes or No)

Yes

No

Company Contact Information

(Box 6)

Please provide contact information for someone within your company who we can contact with follow-up questions about the information you have provided. You can provide more than one name.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Management Sign Off

(Box 7)

I acknowledge for and on behalf of the companies listed that the completed reporting form is a complete and accurate record to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title/Position: _____

Date: _____

(Box 8)

Company Name

Government Unique Identification Number (Example: ONRR's Payor Code)

ONRR

BLM

OSM

BOEM/BSEE

Template EITI Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form

Draft as of 21 April 2016

This beneficial ownership declaration form has been issued by the EITI International Secretariat as a model template to countries that wish to collect beneficial ownership information as part of the EITI reporting process. The MSG may wish to attach this form to the reporting templates distributed to extractive companies. The MSG may wish to modify the template depending on local circumstances.

The form has 2 parts (worksheets):

Part 1 covers the company identification details

Part 2 is a beneficial ownership declaration form to be filled in for each beneficial owner. If there is more than one beneficial owner, please complete one worksheet per beneficial owner

It is required that fields marked in orange are completed by the company

It is optional that fields marked in green are completed by the company, unless the MSG decides otherwise. The MSG should decide on this and adjust the colours accordingly prior to distributing the template.

Fields **[bracketed and in red]** should be completed by the MSG prior to distributing the template.

The template includes comment boxes that provide guidance on how to complete each section. These comment boxes should be removed by the company prior to submitting the declaration form.

Company identification

	Entry	Comments
Full legal name of the company (including legal form of legal entity)	<legal name> <legal form>	
Country of registration	<country>	
Unique identification number (i.e. registration number)	<number>	
Contact address (registered office for legal entities)	<address>	
Ownership		
Publicly listed company	<choose option>	
Name of stock exchange	<text>	
Link to stock exchange filings	<URL>	
Wholly owned subsidiary of publicly listed company	<choose option>	
Name of publicly listed owner	<text>	
Privately listed company	<choose option>	
Full name of direct shareholder(s) (i.e. legal owners of company)	<text>	
Is this shareholder a natural person (NP), a legal person (LP) or a state entity (S)?	<choose option>	
Country of registration (or nationality of a natural person)	<text>	
% interest	<number>	
(add rows as necessary)		
Declaration form prepared by		
Name	<text>	
Position	<text>	
Telephone number	<text>	
Email address	<text>	

Attestation

I, undersigned, for and on behalf of the reporting entity confirm that all information provided above and in the attached beneficial ownership declaration(s) is accurate and reliable.

Date	<YYYY-MM-DD>
Name	<text>
Position	<text>
Signature	<text>

Please find attached the following supporting documents verifying the accuracy of the beneficial ownership information submitted:	<text>
	<text>

Beneficial ownership declaration

In accordance with the EITI Standard, Requirement 2.i5.f.i, “a beneficial owner in respect of a company means the natural person(s) who directly or indirectly ultimately owns or controls the corporate entity”. Further to Requirement 2.5.f.ii and in accordance with the decision of the MSG, a beneficial owner is defined as:

<add definition agreed by the MSG, including specifying reporting obligations for PEPs>

In accordance with this beneficial ownership definition, as per [date] the beneficial owner/s of the company are:

Entry		Entry		Entry		Entry			
Identity of the Beneficial Owner									
Full name as it appears on national identify card	<text>								
Politically exposed person (PEP)	<choose option>								
Reason for PEP designation	<text>								
Applicable from	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
Applicable to	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
Date of Birth	<YYYY-MM-DD>								
National identity number	<number>								
Nationality	<text>								
Country of residence	<text>								
Residential address	<text>								
Service address	<text>								
Other means of contact	<text>								
Information about how ownership is held or control over the company is exercised									
By direct shares	<choose option>	Number of shares	<number>	% of shares	<number>				
By direct voting rights	<choose option>	Number of votes	<number>	% of voting rights	<number>				
By indirect shares	<choose option>	Number of indirect shares	<number>	% of indirect shares	<number>	Legal name of intermediate company 1	<text>	Unique identification number	<number>
						Legal name of intermediate company 2 (Add rows as necessary)	<text>	Unique identification number (Add rows as necessary)	<number>
By indirect voting rights	<choose option>	Number of indirect votes	<number>	% of indirect voting rights	<number>	Legal name of intermediate company 1	<text>	Unique identification number	<number>
						Legal name of intermediate company 2 (Add rows as necessary)	<text>	Unique identification number (Add rows as necessary)	<number>
By other means	<choose option>	Explanation of how ownership is exercised	<text>						
Date when beneficial interest was aquired	<YYYY-MM-DD>								

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From: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Sent: Thu Feb 16 2017 09:24:46 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
CC: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Subject: Re: Updated Invitation: USEITI Implementation Subcommittee @ Weekly from 11am to 12:30pm on Wednesday (greg.gould@onrr.gov)
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During the Implementation Subcommittee meeting I asked the IA to make sure to run by the Outreach and Communication Subcommittee any communication that went out to companies this year regarding reporting because we are using a different approach this year. There will be new companies that are unaware of the initiative and voluntary reporting and there will be companies that have reported before that will not be the same as the reporting this year.

I thought the Outreach and Communications Subcommittee would have something to offer regarding messaging to companies.

On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Ok thanks! I just wanted to understand the process to make sure this wasn't something that I should be including in my subcommittee agenda. I think the your subcommittee is a good place for he discussion because it is an important one especially given the timing.

V

From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
Cc: Maxwell, A.J. (US - Denver) <amaxwell@deloitte.com>; Judith Wilson (judith.wilson@onrr.gov) <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Subject: Re: Updated Invitation: USEITI Implementation Subcommittee @ Weekly from 11am to 12:30pm on Wednesday (greg.gould@onrr.gov)

We need to work this all out in the Subcommittee and then the Subcommittee will make a recommendation to the full MSG at the June meeting. Still a lot of work to do, as well as the need to have our Secretary confirmed.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 8:27 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

So what does that mean for 2017? Or specifically what does this mean for outreach to the companies for 2017? When is that happening? How? And with what template? I heard you say before that it will be a federal register notice. Who is discussing this? Who should be discussing this? Because I assume that the IA is not doing outreach to companies anymore correct?

From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
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I agree, we will need to continue our discussions with the CSO's, no need to collect the non-tax information for a second time since it is already collected, reconciled and reported, only the tax and beneficial ownership information needs to be collected and reported.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 7:39 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Is this the CY2017 form now? I thought to avoid confusion about different numbers and to make things more simple for companies to respond we were going to simplify this form. Since taxes and beneficial ownership is the information that we don't have and still need we were just going to ask for that.....not all the other revenue streams already disclosed at 100% on the UDW.

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From: Maxwell, A.J. (US - Denver) [mailto:amaxwell@deloitte.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 5:56 AM
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Hello All,

Please find attached the updated draft Reporting Template and Reporting Guidelines document incorporating the changes requested and discussed during the call. These include:

Reporting Template

1. Change was made to the CY2016 Reporting Template tab to include sub-total lines for the revenue streams for ONRR, BLM, and OSMRE.
2. The CY2015 template tab is highlighted yellow. This is included solely for reference purposes and will be removed before distribution to companies.
3. The Instructions tab for the International Secretariat's Beneficial Ownership template is highlighted yellow. This is included solely for reference purposes. This information has been included in the reporting guidelines document and this tab will be removed.
4. The Beneficial Ownership tabs for Company Identification and Declaration have been left as is (as provided by Paul Bugala) for now pending additional discussion and direction from the MSG on any changes required to these templates or how they are incorporated to the existing reporting template. There remain open notes from the International Secretariat on these tabs with points of consideration for the MSG on modifications to make to the templates.

Reporting Guidelines

1. A new section has been added to the Introduction section of the document to indicate specifically the new changes for the 2017 reporting process. These include the elimination of the reconciliation process, the changes to revenue streams, and the addition of the beneficial ownership request.
2. A new section G has been added to the document to provide information on the Beneficial Ownership parts of the template. This section is subject to further updates pending any further revisions to the Beneficial Ownership templates, as indicated above.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: Platts, Sarah (US - Arlington)

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:47 PM

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All –

I hope you are having a nice week. Attached please find the updated reporting template and guidelines document we will discuss tomorrow. The most notable change to this is that the template now includes the Beneficial Ownership information for reporting, as requested during the February MSG.

Thanks,
Sarah

<< File: USEITI Reporting Template - 20170213 - Draft.xlsx >> << File: USEITI Reporting Template Guidelines - 20170213 - Draft.docx >>

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From: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 01 2017 14:19:56 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Aaron Padilla <padillaa@api.org>
Subject: Thank you!

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From: "Aaron P. Padilla" <PadillaA@api.org>
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To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: Thank you!

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Sent: Wed Feb 01 2017 15:02:12 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Aaron P. Padilla" <PadillaA@api.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you!

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this process, we will figure out a path forward, it may look a little different after today.

Thanks again!

Greg

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Judy,

Great work, I had a few minor edits in red on the attached slides and noted below:

Slide 4 Changed "be consistent" to "reconcile"

Slide 5 Added a bullet at the top "Reconciliation via Government Mainstreaming"

Slide 5 Added "a second time" to what was the first bullet, now the second bullet.

I also added Danielle and Veronika as an FYI.

Thanks,

Greg

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Thanks Judy - no comments.

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Dear Chair Reinfeldt:

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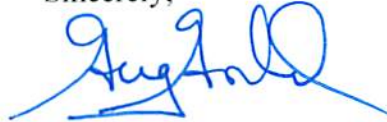
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years has been second to none. In conjunction with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the State Department will continue to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance, as well as to support country-level EITI implementation. We continue to value the EITI as a critical tool to promote transparency, increase competitiveness, and combat corruption around the world.

Despite the fact that the U. S. laws prevent us from meeting specific provisions of the EITI Standard, we look forward to working together to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Gould', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory J. Gould
Director

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Sent: Fri Jun 30 2017 08:36:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

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Sent: Mon Aug 14 2017 08:02:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI 2016 Annual Activity Report

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Sent: Mon Aug 14 2017 08:03:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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United States EITI Annual Progress Report 2016

1. General assessment of year's performance:

In accordance with requirement 7.4(a)(i), provide a short summary of EITI activities undertaken in the previous year. The multi-stakeholder group may wish to outline how these activities relate to the objectives in the work plan.

In December 2016, the United States submitted the second USEITI report to the EITI International Board. This highlights the U.S.' commitment to implementing EITI and enhancing transparency and good governance of extractive sector revenues, both domestically and globally.

As part of the ongoing effort, the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) met three times in 2016, and conducted ongoing work through the USEITI subcommittees: Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-In, along with the various working groups of these subcommittees. The MSG meetings were open to the public, with meeting materials posted online two weeks in advance of each meeting, and meeting summary materials posted following each meeting. In addition, members of the public were able to observe and participate in meetings remotely via video presentation and telephone, and they were given opportunities on each day of the meetings to provide public comment to MSG members. Summaries from subcommittee meetings are also posted online.

The MSG and the Independent Administrator (IA) worked closely throughout 2016 to produce the second USEITI report. The IA created project plans for both the reporting and reconciliation and the contextual information portions of the report and helped the USEITI MSG produce its second report. The IA also updated content from the 2015 USEITI Report; created new content for the 2016 Report; and coordinated with the team from the U.S. Government's digital services consultancy, GSA (General Services Administration) 18F, to design and create the 2016 USEITI Report.

The MSG and other members of the USEITI team also conducted public outreach to diverse constituencies, as outlined in the USEITI Communications and Outreach Plan. USEITI's key outreach goals for 2016 included conducting outreach to industry to encourage their involvement in the USEITI process, conducting outreach to states and tribal governments to encourage their participation in USEITI, keeping Congress informed on U.S. implementation efforts, and educating all stakeholders about the benefits of U.S. implementation of EITI.

Building upon its first report in 2015, the USEITI MSG prioritized several key activities in 2016 to strengthen the information presented, further participation in EITI, and increase transparency and public awareness.

In 2016, the USEITI MSG prioritized:

- Encouraging state and tribal participation
- Improving public engagement and outreach
- Increasing industry reporting and reconciliation

The MSG tasked the completion of these goals to its three subcommittees: Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-In. The Implementation Subcommittee focused on industry reporting and reconciliation and explored how the U.S. can comply with changes to the EITI Standard in 2016, notably beneficial ownership and mainstreaming revenue reporting. The State & Tribal Subcommittee worked to increase state and tribal participation in USEITI. The Outreach & Communications Subcommittee sought to increase public awareness of, and engagement with, USEITI.

The MSG identified increasing state and tribal participation in USEITI as a goal for 2016 and tasked the State & Tribal Subcommittee with spearheading those efforts. The subcommittee conducted conversations and worked with state and tribal officials, some of whom are members of the MSG and the subcommittee, to encourage them to “opt in” to USEITI. Three additional states chose to opt in: Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming. All three states are among the 18 that the MSG prioritized in 2015 as centers of extractive industries activity in the U.S. The three states provided data on revenues, distribution of those revenues, and legal and fiscal governance of extractive industries, as well as the economic impact of extraction in their states. Additionally, on the 18 prioritized state pages on the USEITI data portal, we increased disclosure of publically available state information. The MSG also furthered local accountability and transparency in this year’s report by updating 12 county case studies that depict the impact of specific extractive industries on local communities.

In an effort to improve public understanding and inform discussions around extractive industries in the United States, USEITI developed new contextual narrative sections for the 2016 USEITI report. In addition to the state opt-in section, the report covers the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program, U.S. audit and assurance practices and controls, and the Coal Excise Tax.

During 2016, the US Department of the Interior’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an independent review of the USEITI program. The report was released in May 2017 and can be accessed at: <https://www.doioig.gov/reports/united-states-implementation-extractive-industries-transparency-initiative>.

2016 concluded with submission to the EITI International Board and the public release of the 2016 USEITI Report, available at: <https://useiti.doi.gov/>. The report provides a valuable resource for data and contextual information about extractives industry in the U.S. In addition to the reporting, reconciliation, and contextual aspects of the report, the U.S. government unilaterally disclosed calendar year 2014-2015 revenues paid to and collected by U.S. Department of the Interior bureaus by company, revenue type, and commodity. The online report’s user-friendly, interactive design allows members of the public to easily navigate and access information and data. The report website is also a premier resource for credible data and information on extractive resources published by other federal agencies, such as the Energy Information Administration (EIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau. The report’s data sets and visualizations can also be reused for strategic reporting, re-posting, and sending through social media, thus further informing the debate on the extractives industry.

In 2015, 31 companies reported revenues and 12 companies reported taxes. In 2016, 25 companies reported revenues and 12 companies reported taxes. For 2016, the MSG set 80% of ONRR's revenues as in-scope for reconciliation, the same level as 2015. For the 2016 USEITI report, the MSG decided on a materiality threshold of ~\$37.5 million total annual revenues reported to ONRR by a parent company, including its subsidiaries. The MSG agreed on this threshold because it would allow 80% of ONRR's revenues to be in-scope for the reconciliation. This threshold lowered the number of in-scope companies from 45 to 41. The number of in-scope revenue streams did not change. The period of the reconciliation was calendar year (CY) 2015 (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015). While last year's report covered CY 2013, the MSG decided to use CY 2015 data for reporting and reconciliation in the 2016 USEITI report because CY 2014 and CY 2015 data will be unilaterally disclosed on the data portal, and CY 2015 data is closer to the current time period.

The various activities and accomplishments outlined above take important steps to further the U.S. national objectives for implementing the EITI standard, as stated in the 2016 USEITI Work Plan:

- Increase citizen participation;
- Increase collaboration;
- Increase government transparency;
- Enhance public access to information;
- Improve management of public resources; and
- Give the public a more informed voice in U.S. government policymaking.

For example, the MSG's collaborative decision-making process and efforts to bring more stakeholders and state and tribal jurisdictions into USEITI increased collaboration and citizen participation in government policymaking. The launch of the second USEITI report as a user-friendly, easily accessible website is a prime example of how USEITI is increasing government transparency and public access to information. Each step that USEITI takes is a step forward in improving the management of public resources in the United States.

2. Assessment of performance against targets and activities set out in the work plan:

Provide an assessment of progress with achieving the objectives set out in its work plan (Requirement 1.5), including the impact and outcomes of the stated objectives (requirement 7.4(a)(iv)).

The multi-stakeholder group may wish to

- *List the objectives and targets set out in the work plan, and indicate progress in achieving these.*
- *Outline the activities in the work plan, including a description of whether these activities were fulfilled. Include any further activities that were not foreseen in the work plan but contributed to the wider targets.*

The goals of the USEITI 2016 Work plan are listed below, followed by steps that we have taken toward completing each goal:

Goal: Review, discuss and decide upon 2015 IA recommendations on the 2016 report's materiality threshold, reconciliation approach, revenue streams, margins of variance, and reporting template.

Towards the end of 2015, the IA provided the following recommendations around revenue reporting and reconciliation to the USEITI MSG for consideration during 2016:

- As part of defining scoping for the 2016 Report, the MSG could consider defining the timeframe for reporting as the previous calendar year, as opposed to two years back (in other words, the 2016 Report would include calendar year 2015 revenue data instead of 2014 revenue data, as is currently planned). This would make it easier for companies to participate in reporting because older transactions become harder for them to track.
- Lengthen the revenue reporting period and increase outreach to, and communication with, tax professionals in reporting companies in order to increase the likelihood of company participation in corporate income tax reporting.
- Consider alternative options for reconciliation that could satisfy requirements of the EITI Standard with a lower investment of time and cost in the reconciliation process such as using a sample-based reconciliation approach or developing a portal in which reporting companies can confirm whether revenue reported as part of the unilateral disclosure match company records.
- Identify strategies to enhance the likelihood of company reporting, through enhanced communication with companies and other strategies developed jointly by the IA and the MSG.

During 2016, the USEITI MSG made the following decisions with regards to the IA's recommendations:

Project-level reporting: The USEITI MSG decided that reconciled payment reporting in the 2016 USEITI Report should follow the first part of Section 5.2e of the EITI Standard that states: "It is required that EITI data is presented by individual company, government entity and revenue stream." The MSG was unable to reach a consensus on a project-level reporting definition consistent with Section 5.2e in the necessary timeframe. Please see pages 1-2 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding project-level reporting:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Revenue streams: The MSG considered the revenue streams to include in the 2016 USEITI Report. The discussion covered the revenue streams included in the 2015 USEITI Report, revenue streams that were intentionally excluded from the 2015 USEITI Report, as well as potential new revenue streams (e.g. forestry revenue). Based on this discussion, the MSG decided that the same revenue streams be included in the 2016 Report as were included in the 2015 Report. Please see pages 3-4 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding revenue streams:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Reporting template and guidelines: The MSG discussed possible paths to streamline the burden associated with reporting and reconciling revenue streams, particularly the "ONRR Other Revenues" revenue stream. The MSG ultimately could not determine whether any changes would lower the reporting and reconciling burden without reducing the quality of these activities. As such, for the 2016 USEITI Report, no content changes were made to the reporting template and guidelines that were submitted in the 2015 USEITI Report. Please see page 5 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding the reporting template and guidelines:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Company materiality: The USEITI MSG made three decisions with regards to materiality:

- 1.) The MSG considered the relevant year of data for reconciliation purposes, CY 2014 or CY 2015, and considered the advantages and disadvantages to both, and decided to use CY 2015 data in the 2016 report because it could increase company data availability and diminish the effect of company mergers, acquisitions, and divestures (e.g., which company is responsible for reporting the revenue for reconciliation). CY 2014 data would still be reported by ONRR via unilateral disclosure.
- 2.) The MSG decided to continue using the same method of company determination, specifically by using only ONRR reported revenues (as opposed to considering other revenue streams), as was used for the 2015 report.
- 3.) The MSG decided maintaining the 2015 reporting and reconciliation threshold is an important step to achieve for the 2016 USEITI Report. An 80% threshold was used for the 2015 USEITI report; the MSG decided, based on the company composition of 2015, the decisions of the MSG, and the outcomes of the 2015 report, that an 80% revenue threshold would be appropriate for the 2016 USEITI report, given that in any year the actual dollar threshold in absolute dollars will vary based on market conditions and other factors.

Please see pages 6-8 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding company materiality:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Sampling: The USEITI MSG considered the use of statistical sampling as a way to streamline the reconciliation process. Based on its exploration of the issue, the MSG decided not to use sampling as the basis for reconciliation in the 2016 report. The MSG directed the IA to use 2016 data to explore the benefits and methodology of sampling that may be used in subsequent USEITI Reports and share those results with the MSG. Please see page 9 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding sampling:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Margin of variance: The MSG's discussions explored raising the margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds. Through evaluation of actual 2015 USEITI Report reporting and reconciliation data, however, the MSG concluded that reconciliation volume is not very sensitive to changes in the margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds and that order of magnitude adjustments would need to be imposed to have a material effect. As a result, the MSG decided that not to change the margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds for the 2016 USEITI Report. Please see pages 10-11 of the following document for a detailed rationale for the MSG's decision regarding margin of variance:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Goal: Explore means to increase 2016 tax reporting and consider implications of SEC 1504 regulations issued for final public comment in December 2015.

The MSG took the following key steps to encourage and increase corporate income tax reporting in its 2016 report:

- The Treasury Department and the IA led meeting/webinars with in-scope firms' tax staff (in Houston and Denver, spring 2016). The goal of these meetings was to ensure greater understanding, encourage companies' tax staff to participate in USEITI tax reporting/reconciliation, and reduce the burden on the IA and industry by answering as many questions as possible before reporting and reconciliation began.
- Discussions between industry members and within trade associations following the EITI Conference in Lima were continued. Specifically, trade associations and companies discussed the benefits of participating in USEITI with other in-scope companies, with a focus on participating in income tax reporting.
- The MSG decided to allow companies that were not formally in-scope for USEITI 2016 reporting to voluntarily report and/or reconcile federal corporate income taxes and DOI revenue as part of their corporate citizenship and transparency efforts. This effort was supplementary to EITI reporting requirements.

Goal: Advance tribal and state opt-in, explore opt-in with one or a few states and tribes as pilots and include tribal case studies in Contextual Narrative.

USEITI took significant steps to advance tribal and state opt-in during 2016. These steps included:

- Defining a methodology for selecting tribes to opt into USEITI. The methodology consists of the following four questions: 1.) Does the tribe overlap with an MSG-prioritized state? 2.) Is the tribe represented on the MSG or in STRAC? 3.) Does the tribe make extractive data publicly available? 4.) Has the tribe shown a willingness to be transparent?
- Defining a process to pilot the state opt-in process, including: integrating new participants, assessing currently available data, testing contextual narrative templates with stakeholders, and developing the state and tribal additions.
- Piloting the state opt-in process with the State of Montana.
- Developing a state and tribal opt-in template based on the Montana model and distributing this template to states and tribes opting into USEITI to provide them with guidance about revenue reporting for participation in USEITI while also allowing them the opportunity to suggest additional commodities and revenue streams that are locally significant.
- In addition to Montana, achieving opt-in from the states of Alaska and Wyoming.
- Engaging with the Blackfeet Tribe around possible opt-in to USEITI.
- Securing membership on the MSG from the following three tribes: the Blackfeet Nation, the Choctaw Nation, and the Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes.
- Determining that tribes cannot be considered "subnational entities" under EITI standards. Tribes are sovereign entities and own their mineral resources. When the federal government collects revenue on these lands, it does so as a trustee and directs all of it back to the tribes. This trust responsibility prohibits the federal government from releasing data or compelling the tribes to release it.

Goal: Implement project level reporting for unilateral disclosure by DOI by December 2016.

The federal government decided to maintain its unilateral disclosure of revenue data at the company level until SEC rule 1504 is finalized, at which point it would move to project-level reporting to the extent allowable by US law.

The federal government also mooted, for the MSG's consideration, the potential for the government to move forward with lease-level unilateral disclosure, a step beyond the unilateral disclosure of calendar year 2013-2015 revenues at the company, revenue stream, and commodity levels.

Goal: Discuss a process for the inclusion of forestry in future USEITI reports.

The MSG discussed considerations around introducing additional commodities, including forestry, to the scope of USEITI. A representative from the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) made a presentation at the March 2016 MSG meeting about the Bureau's forest and woodland public land management program. This discussion set up the MSG to consider the addition of a "special highlight on forestry" to the contextual narrative portion of the 2017 USEITI report in early 2017.

Goal: Explore a process for company project level reporting and reconciliation post the SEC final rule.

On June 27, 2016 a significant step towards transparency was achieved when the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced it adopted rules to require resource extraction issuers to disclose payments made to governments for the commercial development of oil, natural gas or minerals. The rules, mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Section 1504, were intended to further the statutory objective to advance U.S. foreign policy interests by promoting greater transparency about payments related to resource extraction. The regulation would substantially assist the implementation of USEITI. It defined "project" at the contract level and required the reporting of taxes. The SEC also, by separate order, determined that compliance with USEITI was "substantially similar" to the regulation, such that participation with USEITI, with some exceptions, would satisfy the requirements of the rule. The rules would become effective in 2018 with company reporting to begin in 2019.

The draft rule was discussed at a high level at the June 27-28 MSG meeting, with participants noting that:

- The definition of "project" in the SEC rule appears to have been drafted to align closely with EU and Canadian regulations.
- Throughout the rule, the SEC references the EU and Canadian regulations, as well as EITI and USEITI, in an apparent effort to align with these other entities.
- It seems that USEITI would be working at cross-purposes of this emerging consensus if it were to define "project" distinctly from these precedents.

The next MSG meeting was held on November 16-17, 2016, following US presidential and congressional elections in early November. Based on the election results and associated concerns about the future prospects of the SEC's rule for Section 1504, the MSG did not pursue further discussion about developing a process for company project level reporting and reconciliation at this meeting.

3. Assessment of performance against EITI requirements

Provide an assessment of progress in meeting and/or maintaining compliance with each of the EITI requirements (requirement 7.4(a)(ii)). This should include any actions undertaken to prepare for implementation of the EITI Standard, including addressing issues such as revenue management and expenditure (5.3), transportation payments (4.4), discretionary social expenditures (6.1), ad-hoc sub-national transfers (5.2), beneficial ownership and progress against the roadmap (2.5), and contracts (2.4). The multi-stakeholder group may wish to conduct a requirement-by-requirement assessment using the table below, or use the pre-validation assessment tools to conduct a self-assessment of compliance with the EITI requirements. These tools are available [here](#) (add links and further details when these are updated)

The multi-stakeholder group may also consider peer reviewing progress in compliance with the EITI requirements with another EITI implementing country. This can be done by getting in touch with the peer country directly or with support from the International Secretariat.

Requirements:	Progress made against requirement in 2016:
1.1 - Government engagement	<p>On September 20, 2011, while in New York for the United Nations General Assembly, President Barack Obama gave an address to the Open Government Partnership, where he committed to implement the EITI in the U.S.: “We’re continuing our leadership of the global effort against corruption, by building on legislation that now requires oil, gas, and mining companies to disclose the payments that foreign governments demand of them. Today, I can announce that the United States will join the global initiative in which these industries, governments and civil society, all work together for greater transparency so that taxpayers receive every dollar they’re due from the extraction of natural resources.”</p> <p>In October 2015, the Administration issued the third U.S. Open Government National Action Plan, which includes a wide range of actions to strengthen, deepen the U.S. commitment to an open government that is transparent and accountable. The National Action Plan commits the U.S. to continue to “work toward fully complying with the EITI standard, including publishing the first United States EITI report in 2015, and to achieve EITI compliance no later than 2017.”</p> <p>On October 25, 2011, the White House announced the appointment of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) as the senior U.S. official responsible for successful U.S. implementation of EITI. The Secretary delegated USEITI implementation responsibilities to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to serve as National Coordinator and Chair of the MSG. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources Revenue Management, Paul Mussenden, who reports to the Assistant Secretary, was appointed Deputy National Coordinator and alternate Chair for USEITI and is tasked with the day-to-day management of USEITI implementation.</p> <p>Senior government officials from federal agencies (Department of the Interior,</p>

	Department of the Treasury), states and inter-state bodies (State of Wyoming, State of California, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission), and tribal governments (Blackfoot Nation, Choctaw Nation, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes) all participated in MSG meetings in 2016. Please see Section 9 of this progress report for a detailed breakdown of government official participation.
1.2 – Company engagement	Companies are fully, actively, and effectively engaged in the USEITI process. More than ten different companies, along with three industry associations, represent the extractive industry sector on the USEITI MSG. These representatives are active participants in leading subcommittees and work groups and in participating in deliberations and decision-making. Please see Section 9 of this progress report for a detailed breakdown of industry participation.
1.3 – Civil society engagement	Civil society organizations are fully, actively, and effectively engaged in the USEITI process. More than fifteen different civil society organizations represent the civil society sector on the USEITI MSG. These representatives are active participants in leading subcommittees and work groups and in participating in deliberations and decision-making. Please see Section 9 of this progress report for a detailed breakdown of civil society participation.
1.4 – Multi-stakeholder group	<p>The U.S. Government conducted outreach and established an MSG in 2012 consisting of eight representatives each from the industry and civil society sectors, along with alternates, and five representatives from the government sector, thereby leaving seats open for state and tribal representatives to join the government caucus. Since that time, two state representatives and three tribal representatives have joined the MSG.</p> <p>In 2016, there were three MSG meetings and three open nomination periods for individuals to represent stakeholder constituencies from government, civil society, and industry to fill current MSG member and alternate vacancies and to create a roster of candidates in case of future vacancies.</p> <p>During 2016, the MSG approved updated Terms of Reference for itself. These updated terms are intended to be more forward-looking than the previous ToR, which was drafted and agreed-upon at the inception of the MSG. The ToR includes provisions regarding the MSG's role, responsibilities, and rights; the MSG's role around approving work plans, EITI reports, and annual progress reports; and the MSG's internal governance and procedures. The final, approved version of the 2016 ToR is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_useiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf.</p> <p>In August 2016, The Secretary of the Interior gave public notice in the Federal Register of the renewal of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) to advise the</p>

	<p>Department on the implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, which requires governments to publicly disclose their revenues from oil, gas, and mining assets and for companies to make parallel disclosures regarding payments. (Federal Register /Vol. 81, No. 157 /Monday, August 15, 2016 /Notices).</p>
1.5 – Work plan	<p>The U.S. national objectives for implementing the EITI standard are rooted in the fundamentals of the Open Government Partnership, predicated on nobody having a monopoly on wisdom; the importance of civil society and the private sector having significant inputs into the decision making that governments do; and predicated on a philosophy that we have a responsibility to advance the interests of our citizens. The national objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase citizen participation. • Increase collaboration. • Increase government transparency. • Enhance public access to information. • Improve management of public resources. • Give the public a more informed voice in shaping natural resource development. <p>In addition to reconciliation, the U.S. has, as part of its EITI process, provided additional data where meaningful and feasible. These disclosures are intended to provide an unprecedented level of detail about revenue collections and reporting, demonstrating a robust and credible transparency framework. This additional data includes a publicly sourced narrative and unilateral disclosure of government revenue collection records.</p> <p><i>Consultation with key stakeholders, and endorsement by the MSG:</i> The Work Plan Work Group, a sub-unit of the Implementation Subcommittee, developed and regularly updates the work plan. The work group is made up of members from all three sectors represented on the MSG. The USEITI MSG reviews the work group's recommended work plan at each MSG meeting, revises it as needed, and endorses the updated work plan.</p> <p>The work plan is structured around measurable and time-bound activities to achieve the agreed objectives.</p> <p><i>Capacity constraints:</i> There were no significant capacity constraints identified during 2016 in government agencies, companies, and civil society that would be an obstacle to effective EITI implementation.</p> <p><i>Scope of EITI reporting:</i> The commodities deemed to be within the scope of USEITI and included in the 2016 USEITI report are oil, gas, coal, other leasable minerals, non-fuel minerals (such as hard rock, sand, and gravel), geothermal, solar, and wind. From this list, payments to the U.S. Department of the Interior for oil, gas, coal, other leasable</p>

minerals, and non-fuel minerals, where they meet the materiality definition agreed upon by the MSG, are independently reconciled. Payments (or payment information) from all in-scope commodities are unilaterally disclosed by the Department of the Interior. In the March 2016 MSG meeting, the MSG began discussions about forestry resources and other hard rock minerals for potential inclusion in the future USEITI reports. Government and company disclosure and third party reconciliation compare data from companies on their payments to the government with data from the government on revenues collected from the companies. The USEITI Second Annual Report in 2016 included a reconciliation of U.S. Department of the Interior revenues, such as rents, royalties, bonuses, and fees collected by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) for in-scope commodities within a reporting materiality threshold. The materiality threshold that the MSG has established balances the scale of reconciliation and the feasibility of compliance with the value of the collected data. The reconciliation process for 2016 reconciled approximately 80% of all revenues within the scope that DOI received.

Legal or regulatory obstacles:

There are a variety of legal obstacles to EITI implementation in the U.S., and plans to deal with these obstacles were included in the USEITI Candidacy Application. A summary of these obstacles and plans is as follows:

- **Potential legal obstacle 1:**

The Trade Secrets Act (TSA) governs the types of information that the U.S. government can disclose. So long as MSG proposals for defining company or project-level reporting are consistent with the TSA, DOI may disclose reported revenues at a company or project level to a third-party reconciler, and the information can then be made public.

Plan to address obstacle 1:

The second USEITI report, published in December 2016, followed the first part of Section 5.2e of the EITI Standard that states: "It is required that EITI data is presented by individual company, government entity and revenue stream." With the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission still deliberating about the rules under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Company and Project Level Reporting Workgroup did not reach agreement about a definition for "project" in 2016.

- **Potential legal obstacle 2:**

Potential legal constraints were identified with respect to tax reporting: 1.) Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC applies; 2.) The Privacy Act of 1974 only allows the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to gather information that is used for tax administration purposes. If the IRS were to collect information or develop new systems and processes for EITI, these actions would need to support tax administration objectives consistent with the Privacy Act.

Plan to address obstacle 2:

	<p>For the first two USEITI reports, the MSG requested that companies report the sum of all corporate income tax payments/refunds made in a calendar year by or on behalf of all of the companies included in the annual consolidated federal income tax return. In addition, the MSG encouraged companies to participate in reconciliation of their corporate income tax payments. With the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission still deliberating about the rules under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, the MSG opted to maintain the same approach to tax reporting and reconciliation for the 2016 USEITI Report as was used in 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential legal obstacle 3: Rule 4.6 of the 2016 EITI Standard requires implementing countries to report on subnational revenues and payments from oil, gas, and mining. There are, however, significant practical barriers resulting from the size and complexity of the state extractive sector. Plan to address obstacle 3: USEITI reporting in the USEITI 2016 Report exceeded Rule 4.6's requirements by reporting 100% of extractives-specific revenues that the federal government collects and transfers to subnational entities, as the law requires. In addition, USEITI reporting partially complied with Rule 4.6's requirement to disclose material extractive revenues that subnational entities directly collect through a two-phased approach: under Phase I of USEITI's implementation of Rule 4.6, publically-available information about subnational entities extractives revenue collection was included in the 2016 USEITI Report; Phase II of Rule 4.6 implementation involves encouraging subnational entities to fully participate in USEITI through a voluntary "opt-in" process for future reports. Potential legal obstacle 4: The U.S. has a unique legal and political relationship with Native American Tribes and Alaska Native entities, as provided by our Constitution, Indian treaties, court decisions, executive orders, and federal statutes. As such, tribes must independently decide whether and how to participate in USEITI. Plan to address obstacle 4: The MSG intends to continue outreach with tribal governments and communities and will seek their input on whether and how to design a process for tribes to voluntarily participate and opt-in to reporting with tribal data. In the interim, USEITI reporting regarding revenues from tribal lands has been and will be limited to the unilateral and unreconciled disclosure of the aggregate revenues collected on behalf of the tribes, which the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) publishes annually under existing authorities. <p>At the November MSG meeting, the MSG decided to submit a request (on or before January 1, 2017) for extending Adapted Implementation to the EITI International Board in light of the barriers to getting all states</p>
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	<p>involved in USEITI. The document also notes that tribes are not subnational governments in the U.S. and USEITI does not believe they fall under the scope of EITI.</p> <p><i>Domestic and external sources of funding and technical assistance:</i> Per the USEITI Advisory Committee Charter, ONRR provides the financial support for the Committee. The committee charter specifies available funding of \$775,000 annually. This estimated amount includes funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSG Committee meetings. • Travel of MSG members to MSG meetings. • Use of a process facilitator to support the collaborative nature of the international EITI requirements. • Production of the USEITI report. • The cost associated with the Independent Administrator, as the international EITI requirements mandate. <p>The committee charter is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/migrated/eiti/FACA/upload/2014-SIGNED-USEITI-Charter-8_13_14.pdf.</p> <p><i>Be made widely available to the public:</i> Regularly-updated versions of the USEITI work plan are available at the U.S. government's website for the USEITI process: http://www.doi.gov/EITI.</p> <p><i>Be reviewed and updated annually:</i> The work plan is updated by the Work Plan Work Group, a subunit of the Implementation Subcommittee of the USEITI MSG, on a continual basis and at least as often as the holding of quarterly MSG meetings. At the November 2016 MSG meeting, the MSG provisionally approved the 2017 Work Plan with approval of final changes to the Work Plan made by the USEITI MSG Co-Chairs.</p> <p><i>Include a timetable for implementation that is aligned with the reporting and Validation deadlines:</i> The timetable for implementation included in the work plan is consistent with the reporting and validation deadlines that the EITI board established. USEITI submitted its first report to the Board in December 2015 and its second report to the Board in December 2016.</p>
2.1 - Legal framework and fiscal regime	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report provided a national overview of the legal framework (statute, regulation, policy) for the U.S. fiscal regime by commodity, including such items as fair market value determination for lease sales, royalty and tax rates, tax expenditures, and revenue policy provisions (royalty relief and other deferred revenues, such as the percentage depletion allowance). The 2016 Report highlighted changes to relevant laws, rules, and reports that have been made since the publication of the USEITI 2015 Report. In particular, the 2016 USEITI report described the latest status of the rulemaking process under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act and other laws, as appropriate.</p>

	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report also provided a national overview of the types of legal frameworks and fiscal regimes in the states that the MSG has identified as important for each commodity (including any exemptions for certain commodities). Relevant fiscal regulatory processes and pathfinders (links) to the states that have been identified as important for each commodity (including exemptions for certain commodities) were provided and focused on the states that the MSG prioritized.</p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report also provided a general description of the federal fiscal and legal regime in the tribal context, including the flow and control of revenues, the approval process for extractive industry agreements on tribal land, and the processes that the federal government uses to track production and track and manage revenues, federal databases used to track production and revenues, and the kinds of information held in these databases. The report described the U.S. trust responsibility and confidentiality/proprietary constraints on tribal data.</p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report included information about the legal frameworks and fiscal regimes in the three states that opted into USEITI in 2016: Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming. Future USEITI reports will also provide details for additional state or tribes that opt into participation in USEITI.</p>
2.2 – License allocations Register of licenses and allocation of licenses	<p>For oil and gas development on federal lands, the 2016 USEITI Report provided details about oil and gas leasing laws and regulations. The report links to the Bureau of Land Management’s onshore oil and gas leasing information at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/energy/oil_and_gas/leasing.html and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management offshore oil and gas leasing information at http://www.boem.gov/Leasing/.</p>
2.3 – Register of licenses	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report includes links to information on leasing and licenses from federal agencies. For example, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management link provides offshore oil and gas lease sale information identifying the area, tract, company name, bid amounts and accepted bids (http://www.boem.gov/GOMR-Historical-Lease-Sale-Information/).</p> <p>The USEITI Report documented and explained the legal and practical barriers that exist in the United States to comprehensively disclosing license information and included a gap analysis of publicly available information and efforts to improve these systems where registers do not exist or are incomplete.</p> <p>The USEITI Report also provided an overview of DOI efforts to improve disclosure and transparency around the extractives industry. For example, the report includes links to regulatory reform efforts as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill (http://www.boem.gov/Regulatory-Reform/ and http://www.boem.gov/Reforms-since-the-Deepwater-Horizon-Tragedy/) and the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore</p>

	Drilling.
2.4 – Contracts	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed publically available contracts and licenses that provide the terms attached to the exploitation of oil, gas, coal, other leasable minerals, non-fuel minerals (such as hard rock, sand, and gravel), geothermal, solar, and wind.</p> <p>In addition, the report documented the government’s policy on disclosure of contracts and licenses that govern the exploration and exploitation of oil, gas, and minerals. The report also discussed possible reforms in this policy.</p>
2.5 – Beneficial ownership	<p>The USEITI Report described applicable federal and state laws that aim to prevent preferential treatment for private companies by federal or subnational government entities regarding leasing, terms, etc. These include conflict-of-interest laws, financial disclosure laws, competitive tendering, etc. The report also described U.S. laws and regulations regarding disclosing ownership of privately held companies.</p> <p>In addition, in May 2016, the U.S. Government announced new rules to increase transparency and disclosure requirements that will enhance law enforcement’s ability to detect, deter, and disrupt money laundering, terrorist finance, and tax evasion. Final U.S. Treasury Department regulations on “Customer Due Diligence” will enhance transparency and protect the integrity of the financial system by requiring financial institutions to know and keep records on who actually owns the companies that use their services. In addition, the Obama Administration has released draft legislation that would increase transparency into the “beneficial ownership” of companies formed in the United States by requiring that companies know and report their true owners.</p> <p>At the November 2016 MSG meeting, the USEITI MSG approved and agreed to submit the USEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to the EITI International Secretariat. A link to the roadmap is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft_bo_roadmap_10-30-16_clean.pdf.</p>
2.6 – State participation	State participation in the extractive industries does not give rise to material revenue payments in the United States as there are no domestic state-owned enterprises (SOEs) operating in the US extractives sector.
3.1 - Exploration	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report provided an overview of exploration activities and emerging trends, each in-scope commodity, and each commodity at national and subnational scales.</p> <p>Sector summaries provided an explanation of terminology and an overview of reputable data sources in a way that is designed for ordinary citizens who lack knowledge about the extractives industries and about governance systems for the extractives industries.</p>

3.2 – Production	The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed production data for calendar year and fiscal year 2015, the year covered by the USEITI Report, including production volumes and revenues broken down by states/regions and product types.
3.3 – Exports	The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed export data for calendar year 2015, the year covered by the USEITI Report, including total export volumes and export revenues federally and by state.
4.1 – Comprehensive disclosure of taxes and revenues	<p>Government and company disclosure and third-party reconciliation in the 2016 Report compared data from companies on their payments to government with data from government on revenues collected from companies. The report included a reconciliation of U.S. Department of the Interior revenues, such as rents, royalties, bonuses, and fees that Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), and Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) collect for in-scope commodities within a reporting materiality threshold.</p> <p>For the 2016 USEITI report, the MSG requested that companies report the sum of all corporate income tax payments/refunds made by or on behalf of all of the companies included in the annual consolidated federal income tax income return. In addition, the MSG encouraged companies to participate in reconciliation of their corporate income tax payments.</p> <p>Payments to DOI for oil, gas, coal, other leasable minerals, and non-fuel minerals, where they met the materiality definition that the MSG agreed upon, were independently reconciled for the 2016 USEITI Report. DOI also unilaterally disclosed payments (or payment information) from all in-scope commodities.</p> <p>The materiality threshold that the MSG established balanced the scale of reconciliation and feasibility of compliance with the value of the collected data. The reconciliation process was intended to start at a level that would reconcile approximately 80% of ONRR-collected natural resources revenues.</p> <p>Based on the materiality threshold that the MSG defined for reconciliation in the 2016 USEITI report, ONRR identified 41 companies for inclusion in the reconciliation. For the 2016 USEITI report, the MSG decided on a materiality threshold of ~\$37.5 million total annual revenues reported to ONRR by a parent company, including its subsidiaries. The MSG agreed on this threshold because it would allow 80% of ONRR's revenues to be in-scope for the reconciliation. In the 2016 USEITI Report, 25 out of 41 in-scope companies participated in reporting and reconciliation of \$4.83 billion in non-tax revenues paid to the U.S. federal government. There were zero unresolved variances.</p> <p>Also in the 2016 USEITI Report, 12 out of a maximum of 38 applicable companies reported -\$308 million in corporate income taxes. These include all federal corporate income tax payments made to the IRS by a C-corporation and</p>

	<p>any tax refunds paid out by the IRS to the company. Amounts reported reflect a net amount of actual tax payments and tax refunds made or received during CY 2015, regardless of the period of activity to which the taxes relate. Additionally, the amount reported reflects total tax payments based on all of a company's income activities, not just those activities on federal lands. For in-scope companies that are not C-corporations, this revenue stream is not applicable.</p> <p>The MSG determined that all DOI bureaus that receive extractive-related revenues from companies meeting the materiality threshold are in-scope, and their revenues were included for reporting and reconciliation. Based on these criteria, the MSG identified the following government entities as in-scope for the USEITI reconciliation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI bureaus, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) ○ Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ○ Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) ○ Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) ○ Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) • Treasury Department agencies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Internal Revenue Service (IRS) <p>These entities provided the data on the revenues collected from company payments for disclosure and reconciliation in the USEITI report. Even though the IRS is listed here, this agency cannot provide any data to USEITI for disclosure or reconciliation, due to federal privacy laws. However, seven companies did authorize the IRS to release data to the IA for reconciliation. The reconciliation yielded zero discrepancies.</p> <p>The MSG also determined that all payments that DOI received for in-scope commodities would be reported separately in a unilateral disclosure. ONRR published an initial online unilateral disclosure report in December 2014 as part of the release of a new online USEITI data portal and this unilateral disclosure was updated to include all DOI bureaus with the release of both the 2015 USEITI Report and 2016 USEITI Report.</p>
4.2 – Sale of the state's share of production or other revenues collected in-kind	There is no sale of the state's share (SOEs) of production or other revenues collected in-kind in the United States federal government.
4.3 – Infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements	Infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements do not give rise to material revenue payments in the United States.
4.4 – Transportation revenues	Revenues from the transportation of oil, gas, and minerals are not material in the extractive sector in the United States. As such, the USEITI Report did not disclose the revenues received from transportation activity.
4.5 – Transactions	Transactions related to state-owned enterprises do not give rise to material

related to state-owned enterprises (SOEs)	revenue payments in the United States.
4.6 – Sub-national payments	<p>As described in the USEITI request for adapted implementation, state participation in USEITI reporting is encouraged through a voluntary “opt-in” process, and publicly available state-level extractive industry data are disclosed in USEITI reports.</p> <p>In May 2015, the USEITI MSG provided the EITI Secretariat with a document titled “USEITI Update to the International Secretariat: Subnational Payments” that provided a three-tier plan for the inclusion of subnational payments in USEITI (EITI Standard Requirement 4.2(d)). The USEITI MSG formed the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee to investigate the question of how USEITI can most effectively treat complicated subnational revenue streams and, more specifically, to design an “opt-in” approach for the engagement of subnational entities (as described in the U.S. Candidacy Application).</p> <p>The MSG identified increasing state and tribal participation in USEITI as a goal for 2016 and tasked the State & Tribal Subcommittee with spearheading those efforts. The subcommittee conducted conversations and worked with state and tribal officials, some of whom are members of the MSG and the subcommittee, to encourage them to “opt in” to USEITI. Three additional states chose to opt in: Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming. All three states are among the 18 that the MSG prioritized in 2015 as centers of extractive industries activity in the U.S. The three states provided data on revenues, distribution of those revenues, and legal and fiscal governance of extractive industries, as well as the economic impact of extraction in their states.</p>
4.7 – Level of disaggregation	<p>The USEITI MSG decided that reconciled payment reporting in the 2016 USEITI Report should follow the first part of Section 4.7 of the EITI Standard that states: “It is required that EITI data is presented by individual company, government entity and revenue stream.” The MSG was unable to reach a consensus on a project-level reporting definition consistent with Section 4.7 in the necessary timeframe.</p> <p>The 2016 Report discloses federal non-tax revenues from natural resource extraction on federal land in 2015 by commodity, revenue type, and company.</p>
4.8 – Data timeliness	<p>USEITI submitted its first report in December 2015 and submitted its second report in December 2016.</p> <p>The first USEITI Report, published in December 2015, covered calendar year 2013 data. The second USEITI Report, published in December 2016, covered calendar years 2014-2015 data; only 2015 revenue data was reconciled.</p> <p>The MSG delegated the issue of determining the accounting period that the USEITI Report will cover to the Taxes and Accounting Period Workgroup of the Implementation Subcommittee. The workgroup recommended that the MSG</p>

	adopt the calendar year as the accounting period for EITI reporting. The MSG formally adopted the calendar year as the accounting period for reporting at the September 2014 MSG meeting.
4.9 – Data quality and assurance	<p><i>Audit standards</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report highlights the credible, independent audit process that exists in the United States. Companies and government agencies are each legally responsible for reporting accurate, verifiable payment data. Controls and standards help companies report correct data on the first attempt, and reports are verified after submission. Independent audits of financial statements, transactions, and systems also help ensure compliance with internal and external standards.</p> <p><i>Independent Administrator</i></p> <p>In August 2014, Deloitte was selected to perform the work of the Independent Administrator (IA) for the USEITI program in a manner consistent with the Terms of Reference (TOR) adopted by the MSG.</p> <p>The MSG endorsed the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLC, as the IA during the MSG meeting on September 9, 2014. At the December 2014 MSG Meeting, both the IA and the MSG agreed upon the Independent Administrator's TOR.</p>
5.1 – Distribution of extractive industry revenues	The 2016 USEITI Report described the distribution of revenues from the extractives industry. The report included links to budget projections and structure, including contributions from the extractives industry and statistics on oil and gas revenues and the effect on the overall economy. The report referenced national revenue classification systems and international standards, including those of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the IRS.
5.2 – Subnational transfers	Transfers between national and sub-national government entities related to the extractive industries do not give rise to material revenue payments in the United States. However, after collecting revenue from natural resource extraction, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) distributes that money to different agencies, funds, and local governments for public use. The 2016 USEITI Report discloses fiscal year 2015 disbursements to states and counties.
5.3 – Revenue management and expenditures	<p>The 2016 USEITI Report provided information about how the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General are responsible for ensuring accountability for responsible and efficient use of revenues from the extractives industry. In addition, a link to the budget of the U.S. government was included. Information was also provided pertaining to how oil and gas revenues are used for government programs/public services in the United States.</p> <p>The report includes an info-graphic of federal revenue disbursements by fund.</p>

	<p>For natural resource revenues from federal offshore locations, 27% of revenues from within 8(g) boundaries goes to the state from which the revenues originate; \$150 million goes to the Historic Preservation Fund; up to \$900 million goes to the Land and Water Conservation Fund; some goes to the federal agency that manages the area; and the remainder goes to the U.S. Treasury. For natural resource revenues from onshore federal lands, for most parts of the country, 49% goes to the state from which the revenues originate; 40% goes to the Reclamation Fund; some goes to the agency that manages the land; and 11% goes to the U.S. Treasury. For revenues from Alaska, 88.2% goes to the state. For revenues from Indian Country, 100% of revenues are returned to the tribes or individual Indian mineral owners. The public, through this visualization, is able to understand each of the special funds, the amounts of disbursements, and specifics about projects funded.</p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report provided information that details the budgeting and auditing process for the United States government.</p> <p>The MSG's approach for the 2016 Report included looking at the federal government and MSG-prioritized states and counties for extractives revenue as a percentage of total government revenues and in terms of trends over 10 years. For MSG-selected counties, the report provided a factual description of revenue sustainability, including U.S. Geological Survey / Energy Information Administration "proven" reserves and fiscal impacts related to public services and infrastructure (for instance, transportation/roads, water, reclamation, emergency services, etc.). The report explained the definition and the limitations of "proven" reserve estimates.</p> <p>The report included information on resource management and natural reserve assessments in the United States.</p> <p>The report also included information about future forecasts, such as World Bank forecasts, EIA short-term energy outlooks, and forecasts for commodity prices.</p>
6.1 – Social expenditures by extractive companies	<p>Social expenditures by companies are not mandated by law or contract in the United States.</p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report illustrates the types of social expenditures made by extractive industry companies, along with other local benefits engendered by this economic activity, particularly in the county case studies.</p>
6.2 – Quasi-fiscal expenditures	<p>State participation in the extractive industries does not give rise to material revenue payments in the United States.</p>
6.3 – The contribution of the extractive sector to the economy	<p><i>Size of the extractive sector</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed the size of the extractives industries in absolute terms and as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), by commodity, at each of the following scales: national, federal, tribal, and</p>

	<p>subnational (when publically available). The availability of data varies from state to state and county to county.</p> <p>For illustrative purposes, the report showed the two highest-grossing government revenue counties or county clusters (including all federal, state, and county revenues) for each of oil, gas, coal, copper, iron ore, and gold (twelve counties or county clusters in total), as well as the revenue/production data in each of those counties over the last 10 years. These counties and county cluster profiles will be carried over to subsequent USEITI reports to illustrate trends.</p> <p>The 2016 USEITI report provided an estimate of informal sector activity.</p> <p><i>Total government revenues generated</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed the extractives industry's public revenues by commodity, including royalties, bonuses, fees, and other payments. For the 2016 Report, it was not be feasible to disclose tax revenue by commodity, as this information is generally not publicly available. Where revenues are associated with more than one commodity or activity (such as corporate income taxes), revenues were reported at a more aggregate level. Extractives industry revenues were also reported as a percentage of total government revenues.</p> <p><i>Exports</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed exports from the extractives industry in absolute terms and as a percentage of national exports.</p> <p><i>Employment</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report disclosed the following information about employment in the extractives industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct employment (job numbers) in the extractives industry in absolute terms at the national level, in states that the MSG prioritized, and in the twelve counties/county clusters identified by government revenues/commodities, and MSG-prioritized tribal lands, to the extent that this data is available. • Direct employment (job numbers) in the extractives industry as a percentage of total employment at the national level, in states that the MSG prioritized, and in the twelve counties/county clusters identified by government revenues/commodities, and MSG-prioritized tribal lands, to the extent that this data is available. <p>Direct employment data, defined as per the description of key extractive industry job types/categories, are defined by U.S. government sources (U.S. Census and Bureau of Labor Statistics).</p> <p><i>Regions</i></p> <p>The 2016 USEITI Report provided a complete breakdown of energy production by state.</p>
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7.1 – Public debate	<p>As part of its communications and outreach efforts, the MSG implemented a communications plan for the release of the 2016 USEITI Report.</p> <p>Key audiences for communications efforts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting companies • Payor companies • Congress • News media/trade press • The general public • Non-profit organizations • Academics • State governments • Local governments • Tribal governments and native groups • The extractive industry, in general <p>As part of its communications around the publication of the 2016 USEITI Report, the MSG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed the report in hard copy and through the USEITI Data Portal. • Made sure that the EITI Report is comprehensible. • Conducted outreach events. • Disseminated letters and press releases to key stakeholders, including a communications package. <p>The MSG also leveraged the release of the first USEITI report to encourage state governments and tribes to opt into participating in USEITI.</p>
7.2 – Data accessibility	<p>The MSG made the first and second USEITI reports machine-readable and coded and tagged data files.</p> <p>In addition, the MSG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced brief summary reports. • Summarized and compared the share of each revenue stream to the total amount of revenue that accrues to each respective level of government. • Designed the online report to make relevant information publicly accessible and user-friendly.
7.3 – Discrepancies and recommendations from EITI Reports	<p>The USEITI MSG has diligently considered the IA's feedback and recommendations and has taken steps to respond and improve its process and outcomes. A detailed account of these recommendations and resulting MSG actions is provided under question #4 "Overview of the multi-stakeholder group's responses to the recommendations from reconciliation and Validation," below.</p>

7.4 - Review the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation	The MSG is committed to publishing annual progress reports, including this document. All three sectors represented on the USEITI MSG had an opportunity to review and provide input for this annual report. In particular, the USEITI Co-Chairs and the members of the Implementation Subcommittee of the MSG reviewed drafts of the report.
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4. Overview of the multi-stakeholder group's responses to the recommendations from reconciliation and Validation, if applicable:

In accordance with requirement 7.4 (a)(iii), provide an overview of the multi-stakeholder group's responses to and progress made in addressing the recommendations from reconciliation and Validation in accordance with requirement 7.3. The multi-stakeholder group is required to list each recommendation and the corresponding activities that have been undertaken to address the recommendations and the level of progress in implementing each recommendation. The MSG might wish to draw on the overview of progress with EITI reporting related recommendations compiled by the Independent Administrator. Where the government or the multi-stakeholder group has decided not to implement a recommendation, it is required that the multi-stakeholder group documents the rationale in the annual progress report.

The multi-stakeholder group may also wish to identify how the work plan has been updated to incorporate the recommendations.

In the 2015 report, the IA made six recommendations to enhance USEITI, which can be read in full in last year's Executive Summary at <https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/>. Work on each of the six recommendations has progressed in 2016.

2015 IA Recommendation	2016 Progress
Scoping: At the beginning of the 2016 reporting period, the MSG should thoroughly scope reporting companies, revenue streams, and commodities to be included in the 2016 USEITI report.	The MSG agreed on 12 in-scope revenue streams, 41 in-scope companies, and seven in-scope commodities.
Reporting Entity Communication: The MSG should consider additional outreach and communication channels regarding the USEITI reporting and reconciliation process. Specifically, the 90-day reporting period for the 2016 USEITI should extend to 120 days, with communication prior to that period. Webinars focused on tax reporting and reconciliation should be conducted (in addition to those on revenue reporting) for tax professionals at reporting companies and include U.S. Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) participation.	The MSG and the IA communicated with companies four times prior to the beginning of the reporting period, including four webinars that separately covered revenue and tax reporting and reconciliation. The webinars included U.S. Treasury participation and were held in Houston, Texas, and Denver, Colorado, with companies also able to participate online. Additional individual email outreach occurred as well. Industry peer-to-peer outreach through the American Petroleum Institute and the Independent Petroleum Association of

<p>Sample Approach for Data Reconciliation: The MSG should consider alternative options for reconciliation that could satisfy the requirements of the EITI Standard with a lower investment of time and cost in the reconciliation process. Specifically, the IA should support the MSG in developing options for consideration by the EITI International Secretariat, including a sample-based reconciliation approach and the development of a portal in which reporting companies can confirm whether revenues reported as part of the unilateral disclosure match company records.</p>	<p>America supplemented MSG and IA efforts.</p> <p>The IA prepared a proposal for sampling, which was reviewed by the Implementation Subcommittee. The Implementation Subcommittee explored the sampling proposal, discussed alternate approaches, and recommended to the MSG that companies should continue to report in full for 2016 given USEITI had only one year of experience with reporting and reconciliation thus far.</p>
<p>Enhanced, Phased Rollout for the Online Report: The MSG should increase the percentage of the contextual narrative that lives solely online, as well as create a phased rollout for future online content updates, preferably on a quarterly basis. Moving additional content online would allow for a more engaging and accessible presentation of the contextual narrative information.</p> <p>The MSG could implement awareness campaigns framed around quarterly updates to the online report, which could generate increased public engagement.</p>	<p>While the 2016 contextual narratives are summarized in the executive summary, the full USEITI contextual narrative content resides online. This emphasis on online content has been paired with the efforts of the Outreach & Communications Subcommittee, which has worked to build awareness of the portal and its content. Additionally, content has been rolled out throughout the year—a practice that will continue.</p>
<p>Increased State, Local, and Tribal Contextual Narrative Content: The MSG should increase state, local, and tribal contextual narrative content to provide citizens with the information most relevant to them and their local communities. In particular, the MSG should include information about legal and fiscal frameworks to portray different approaches to managing natural resources and extraction.</p>	<p>The State & Tribal Subcommittee led efforts focused on increasing state and tribal participation, as well as increasing the information on state, local, and tribal governance of extractive industries in the contextual narrative. The IA created new contextual narrative sections covering legal frameworks, production, and fiscal frameworks (including revenue and distribution), along with the economic impact of extractive industries in those states that opted into USEITI during 2016: Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming. These sections enable comparisons between different states. Additionally, the 2016 online report includes updated information for the 12 county case studies covered in the 2015 USEITI report.</p>
<p>Determine Steps to Increase Company Reporting: The MSG, with support from the IA, should discuss, consider, decide, and act upon steps to increase participation by companies in the USEITI reporting and reconciliation process for DOI revenues and corporate income taxes.</p>	<p>The MSG took a number of steps aimed at understanding and addressing barriers to participation and improving communication. Gaps were identified in communication at the executive level and in the tax departments of in-scope companies. As such, the U.S. government (the “Government”) distributed letters to the CEOs of all</p>

	participating companies. The IA and MSG sought to identify tax contacts for each company and conducted webinars and presentations at industry events focused on tax professionals.
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5. Any specific strengths or weaknesses identified in the EITI process:

Provide a narrative account of efforts to strengthen EITI implementation, including any actions to extend the detail and scope of EITI reporting or to increase engagement with stakeholders (requirement 7.4(a)(v)).

The multi-stakeholder group may wish to include information about

- *how the scope of EITI reporting has been expanded to meet the objectives set out in the work plan;*
- *efforts to ensure that the EITI Report contributes to increased public awareness in particular regarding the fiscal contribution of the extractives industry and how those revenues are allocated and spent;*
- *efforts to build awareness and support, and to build capacity of the stakeholders; and*
- *any weaknesses identified in the EITI process and any actions to address these.*

The USEITI process featured the following strengths in 2016:

- The MSG Co-Chairs worked very well together and exercised leadership in providing clear direction for the work groups and for the MSG and in their general approach and tone towards USEITI.
- The work groups were a strength in terms of their collaboration, hard work, and problem-solving orientation; and they facilitated decision making by the MSG by providing consensus-based recommendations to the larger body.
- Different sectors of the USEITI MSG were willing to revisit their assumptions about the intended scope of the USEITI report in response to requests for broader scope.
- Many members of the MSG took on responsibility for USEITI's work and put in a great deal of effort and time.
- The MSG employed evidence-based decision-making and evidenced a pragmatic orientation.
- The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) provided data early for companies to review, which facilitated the reconciliation process.
- The USEITI Secretariat's hard work and organization was critical for the success of the process.
- Staff members of organizations with representatives on the MSG provided strong support.
- The Independent Administrator team from Deloitte worked diligently and contributed effectively.
- The neutral facilitation firm, the Consensus Building Institute, kept the USEITI process moving forward and helped the sectors reach agreement on contentious issues.

The USEITI 2016 Report featured the following key successes:

- The revenue reconciliation process demonstrated that the data included in the government's unilateral disclosure is accurate.
- The information included in the contextual narrative about the robustness of revenue collection and auditing mechanisms in the United States articulates why the U.S. Report achieved 100% reconciliation.

- The County Narratives could be very useful for stakeholders in resource-intensive communities and add an interesting dimension to the report.
- The USEITI Report unites production data for federal oil and gas, and other minerals, in one place.
- The USEITI Report presents data about the economic impact of the extractives industries in 18 key states.
- With the exception of corporate income taxes, the 2016 Report come very close to fully meeting the requirements of the EITI Standard.
- The USEITI Report uses infographics to help illustrate complex information.
- USEITI's rich, interactive, web-based report sets a gold standard for other countries.

With the publication of its 2016 Report, USEITI has built on its work since 2013 in synthesizing information about the extractives industries from disparate publicly available data and contextual information sources, modernizing the presentation of this data, and making it all easily available to the public in a user-friendly, interactive format. Furthermore, by creating an inviting entry point to learning about the extractive industries, the USEITI Report provides an easy and welcoming pathway for users to access additional data that is available through diverse government websites.

USEITI has expanded the scope of EITI reporting through the use of unilateral disclosure. Under this mechanism, the MSG has determined that the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) will report all payments that it receives for in-scope commodities as a complement to company reporting and reconciliation. As part of the release of the 2016 USEITI Report, DOI included calendar year 2014 and 2015 revenue data disaggregated by company.

USEITI also expanded the scope of EITI reporting in its 2016 Report by updating information about the two highest-grossing government revenue counties or county clusters (including all federal, state, and county revenues) for each of oil, gas, coal, copper, iron ore, and gold (twelve counties or county clusters in total), as well as the revenue/production data in each of those counties over the last 10 years. These counties and county cluster profiles will be carried over to subsequent USEITI reports to illustrate trends.

In addition, in an effort to improve public understanding and inform discussions around extractive industries in the United States, USEITI developed new contextual narrative sections for the 2016 USEITI report. In addition to the state opt-in section, the report covers the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program, U.S. audit and assurance practices and controls, and the Coal Excise Tax.

Pursuant to the U.S. commitment to the principles underlying EITI and the Open Government Partnership, USEITI released the 2016 USEITI Report, available at: <https://useiti.doi.gov/>, in December 2016. The report provides a valuable resource for data and contextual information about extractives industry in the U.S. In addition to the reporting, reconciliation, and contextual aspects of the report, the U.S. government unilaterally disclosed calendar year 2014-2015 revenues paid to and collected by U.S. Department of the Interior bureaus by company, revenue type, and commodity. The online report's user-friendly, interactive design allows members of the public to easily navigate and access information and data. The report website is also a premier resource for credible data and information – all published under an open license – on extractive resources published by other federal agencies, such as the Energy Information Administration (EIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau. The report's data sets and visualizations can also be reused for strategic reporting, re-posting, and sending through social media, thus further informing the debate on the extractives industry.

The MSG's communications focus for December 2016, when it released the second USEITI report, was to achieve a concrete demonstration of a new level of transparency in the United States regarding the extractives industry's revenues that is credible, substantive, easily understood, engages the public, increases collaboration across sectors, enhances international credibility, and furthers understanding of the extractives industry in the United States. In support of the publication of its second report in December 2016, the USEITI MSG has conducted the following types of outreach activities:

- Distribute the report in hard copy and online.
- Ensure that the EITI Report is comprehensible.
- Conduct outreach events.
- Disseminate letters and press releases to key stakeholders, including a communications package.

USEITI has engaged in a number of activities to build awareness and support about USEITI. Target audiences include:

- Reporting companies
- Payor companies
- Congress
- News media/trade press
- The general public
- Non-profit organizations
- Academics
- State governments
- Local governments
- Tribal governments and native groups
- The extractives industry, in general

In 2016, the MSG used the following methods of communication to build awareness and support of USEITI:

- Letters to key constituencies, including reporting companies, tribes, and state governors
- Fact sheets containing both general Information and tailored information for specific audiences
- Press releases, for example, around the release of the USEITI 2016 Report
- Press conferences, for example, around the release of the USEITI 2016 Report
- Notices in the Federal Register
- Briefings, for example, to Members of Congress and their staff
- Personal outreach, for example, to tribes
- Meetings with key stakeholder groups
- Presentations at meetings or conferences; four conferences, targeting both states and tribes
- Websites, including the USEITI website, to post materials to keep stakeholders abreast of the MSG's work and other developments, and the USEITI 2016 Report website

6. Total costs of implementation:

The multi-stakeholder group may wish to include information about costs of implementation. This could include a comparison of outturn costs with the work plan costs, broken down by contributor and budget lines. It could also include information about the number of staff in the national secretariat.

The table below presents the anticipated budgets for various items related to the implementation of USEITI in 2016, as well as information about how actual expenses have compared to the budgeted amounts for each line item.

	<u>FUNDING 2016</u>	<u>OVER / UNDER / WITHIN</u>
COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT:		
Regular MSG Meeting	\$90K-\$120K	UNDER
Facilitator Support	\$120K-\$150K	WITHIN
State and Tribal Outreach Meetings	\$90K-\$120K	UNDER
Conduct Public Outreach	\$40K-\$110K	UNDER
Conduct Subnational and Tribal Outreach	\$40K-\$110K	UNDER
PRODUCE INTIAL USEITI REPORT: INCREASE GOVT TRANSPARENCY, ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION		
Independent Administrator	\$900K-\$1.088 mil	WITHIN
Total	\$1.28mil- \$1.558mil	WITHIN

In addition to the direct costs indicated above, the U.S. Government has dedicated three equivalent full-time employees to the USEITI Secretariat for supporting the MSG and the implementation of USEITI. In addition, representatives from multiple government agencies are supporting the USEITI initiative as MSG members, advisors, and subject matter experts.

7. Any additional comments:

None at this time.

8. Has this activity report been discussed beyond the MSG?:

In accordance with requirement 7.4.b, all stakeholders should be able to participate in the production of the annual activity report and reviewing the impact of EITI implementation. Civil society groups and industry involved in EITI, particularly, but not only those serving on the multi-stakeholder group, should be able to provide feedback on the process and have their views reflected in the annual activity report.

This is an opportunity for MSGs to improve ownership of their process and to ensure that the EITI becomes more firmly rooted in broader country reform processes. Countries may wish to outline any broader exercises involving other stakeholders including civil society and companies, and how they were invited to feedback on the process and ensure that their views were reflected in the review.

All three sectors represented on the USEITI MSG had an opportunity to review and provide input for this annual report. In particular, the USEITI Co-Chairs and the members of the Implementation Subcommittee of the MSG reviewed drafts of the report.

9. Details of membership of the MSG during the period (including details of the number of meetings held and attendance record):

Many professionals representing the MSG have made valuable contributions to the United States in supporting the implementation of USEITI. We would like to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. The following list provides a full account of membership in the USEITI MSG in 2016, including those who joined and departed the MSG during the year, as well as their attendance at 2016 MSG meetings.

Civil Society Sector	Appt. Type	Organization	Jan 2016	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Nov 2016
Rebecca Adamson	Primary	First Peoples Worldwide	x			
Danielle Brian	Primary Co-Chair	Project on Government Oversight	x	x	x	x
Paul Bugala (org. change 11/2016)	Primary	George Washington University	x	x	x	x
Michael LeVine	Primary	Oceana	x	x		x
Lynda Farrell	Primary	Pipeline Safety Coalition				x
Keith Romig, Jr.	Primary	United Steelworkers	x	x	x	
Michael Ross (org. change 06/2016)	Primary	Revenue Watch Institute/Natural Resources Governance Institute	x		x	
Veronica Slajer	Primary	North Star Group	x	x	x	x
Betsy Taylor	Primary	VA Polytechnic Institute and State University		x		x
Neil Brown	Alternate	The Lugar Center	x	x		
Jennifer Krill	Alternate	Earthworks	x			

Jana Morgan	Alternate	Publish What You Pay	x			x
Isabel Munilla	Alternate	Oxfam America	x			x
Daniel Dudis	Alternate	Public Citizen		x	x	x
Zorka Milin	Alternate	Global Witness		x		x
David Chambers	Alternate	Center for Science in Public Participation			x	

Industry Sector	Appt. Type	Organization	Jan 2016	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Nov 2016
Phil Denning	Primary	Shell Oil Company	x	x	x	x
Michael Gardner	Primary	Rio Tinto	x	x	x	
Veronika Kohler	Primary Co-Chair	National Mining Association	x	x	x	x
Johanna Nesseth Tuttle	Primary	Chevron	x	x	x	x
Cartan Sumner	Primary	Peabody Energy	x			
John Harrington	Primary	Exxon Mobil Corporation		x	x	x
Susan Ginsberg	Primary	Independent Petroleum Association of America		x		x
Michael Blank	Primary	Peabody Energy				x
Stella Alvarado (Appointed to Primary from Alternate 06/2016)	Alternate/Primary	Anadarko Petroleum	x	x	x	x
Chris Chambers	Alternate	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.	x	x	x	
Nick Cotts	Alternate	Newmont Mining	x	x		
Aaron Padilla	Alternate	American Petroleum Institute	x	x	x	x
David Romig	Alternate	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas	x	x		x
Nicholas Welch	Alternate	Noble Energy Inc.		x		
Edwin Mongan	Alternate	BHP Billiton Petroleum				x

Government Sector	Appt. Type	Organization	Jan 2016	Mar 2016	Jun 2016	Nov 2016
Curtis Carlson	Primary	Department of the Treasury	x	x	x	x
Greg Gould	Primary Co-Chair	Department of the Interior	x	x	x	x
Julie Lenoir	Primary	Black Feet Nation	x			
Mike Matthews	Primary	State of Wyoming – Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division	x	x	x	x
C. Michael Smith	Primary	Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission		x		x
Claire Ware	Primary	Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes		x		
Jim Steward	Alternate	Department of the Interior	x	x	x	x
Bruce Barnett	Alternate	Choctaw Nation	x			
Marina Voskanian	Alternate	California State Lands Commission	x			

In addition to the USEITI MSG members, many other individuals made valuable contributions to USEITI. Listed below are the individuals who made presentations or led discussions at MSG meetings in 2016 as well as individuals who made public comments.

Presentations and Significant Contributions Made by Non-MSG members:

January 2016 MSG Meeting	March 2016 MSG Meeting	June 2016 MSG Meeting	November 2016 MSG Meeting
Kris Sarri, DOI	Kris Sarri, DOI	Kris Sarri, DOI	Kris Sarri, DOI
Judy Wilson, DOI	Paul Mussenden, DOI	Judy Wilson, DOI	Paul Mussenden, DOI
Isabelle Brantley, Deloitte	Judy Wilson, DOI	Paul Mussenden, DOI	Judy Wilson, DOI
Alex Klepacz, Deloitte	Isabelle Brantley, Deloitte	Chris Mentasti, DOI	John Cassidy, Deloitte
	John Cassidy, Deloitte	Sarah Platts, Deloitte	Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte
	Alex Klepacz, Deloitte	Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte	Alex Klepacz, Deloitte
	Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte	Alex Klepacz, Deloitte	John Mennel, Deloitte
	Sarah Platts, Deloitte	John Mennel, Deloitte	Sarah Platts, Deloitte

	Kurt Schultz, Deloitte	John Cassidy, Deloitte	Kent Shultz, Deloitte
	Jonas Moberg, EITI International Secretariat	Kurt Schultz, Deloitte	Michelle Hertzfeld, GSA 18F
	Sam Bartlett, EITI International Secretariat	Jen Smith, Deloitte	Corey Mahoney, GSA 18F
		Andrew Varnum, Deloitte	Mary Warlick, US Department of State

Public Comments Made:

January 2016	March 2016	June 2016	November 2016
			Henry Salisman (Navajo Nation)

Approved by MSG Co-Chairs:



Greg Gould - Government Sector



Danielle Brian – Civil Society Sector



Veronika Kohler – Industry Sector

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Newest additions to the USEITI data portal include the following:

- Adds jobs-by-commodity data to both national and state data pages
- Wage and salary data by commodity
- Wage and salary data for renewable-energy jobs
- Updates Historic Preservation Act data, including tsv and xls files

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Your message wasn't delivered due to an e-mail rule restriction created by the recipient's organization e-mail administrator. Please contact the recipient or the recipient's e-mail administrator to remove the restriction.
For more information about this error see [DSN code 5.7.1 in Exchange Online](#).

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To: Curtis Carlson <Curtis.Carlson@treasury.gov>
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Send in the dogs!!! Greg hasn't scheduled a meeting for Government Sector. The Co-Chairs will meet on June 22 to discuss sector views.

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Judy, thanks and good to see you last week.

Tushar, masterful job of capturing this information – thank you so much.

Johanna

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**UNITED STATES EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP CO-CHAIRS MEETING
MAY 11, 2017**

MEETING SUMMARY

Background

The USEITI MSG co-chairs, along with a colleague from each other their sectors, met with representatives from the EITI International Secretariat and the US Department of State to discuss possible future directions for USEITI. This meeting took place on May 11, 2017 in Washington DC.

This summary provides a high-level synthesis of the key options with regards to the future direction of USEITI explored during the meeting. No decisions about USEITI's future were made at this meeting. Rather, each sector will discuss internally and the co-chairs are planning to reconvene on June 22 for an anticipated decision on that date.

Options Considered for USEITI's Future

Meeting participants considered the following four options for the future of USEITI:

- 1) Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI
- 2) The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols
- 3) Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting
- 4) Withdrawal of the United States from EITI

Option 1: Request a temporary, voluntary suspension from EITI

In this option, the US government would formally write to the International EITI board for a two-year "pause" on implementation of EITI in the United States. The following activities would take place during this two-year pause:

- Congress and the SEC will have time to move forward around the Dodd–Frank Act, and specifically rule making under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which will clarify publicly traded USEITI-participating companies' requirements for corporate income tax disclosure.
- ONRR will continue to update the online data portal (the USEITI website) on a regular basis with unilateral disclosure of non-tax revenues from the US government. ONRR will also proceed with a pilot rollout of one state's revenue information. The USEITI name would be removed from the website for the duration of the pause.
- There would *not* be any USEITI MSG meetings held.
- Ambassador Warlick will continue participating on the EITI International Board.

- There is an opportunity to see if the EITI Standard evolves in a way to allow greater flexibility for countries like the United States that have very robust transparency and reporting procedures already in place.
- The CSO and industry sectors can explore whether to pursue outreach and advocacy efforts to the government to create a true multistakeholder forum for the USEITI MSG that is not constrained by FACA.

Considerations around this option:

- The provision in the EITI Standard outlining the conditions in which an implementing country can request a “pause” generally is envisioned for situations of civil conflict in the form of a coup or civil war.
- Inherent in the concept of a “pause” is that there exists a clear pathway and timeframe for USEITI to restart its work in compliance with the EITI Standard and have a strong case for validation.
 - Outstanding questions about the prospects for corporate income tax reporting in quantities that would meet the requirements of the EITI Standard in the United States raise questions about USEITI’s future pathway to validation under the EITI Standard.
 - Standing up the USEITI MSG as a FACA subcommittee within the Department of the Interior may need to be revisited. FACA committees are advisory to the US Government, whereas EITI MSGs are intended to be independent decision-making bodies.

Option 2: The International EITI Board could create a new path for USEITI to continue under different requirements / protocols

In this option, USEITI would send a letter to the EITI International Board explaining its context and situation. The letter would detail what steps USEITI is able to take and in what ways it anticipates being able to meet or exceed elements of the EITI Standard. The letter would also detail challenges that USEITI is facing and which elements of the Standard it does not anticipate being able to comply with. The EITI International Board, as the creator of the Standard and as the ultimate decision-making body for EITI, would then decide how to handle USEITI’s situation and could create a new pathway for countries in a similar situation to continue participating or sign up to EITI.

Considerations around this option:

- It is unknown how the EITI International Board will approach the US’ case. Given the ongoing uncertainty about corporate income tax reporting as part of USEITI, risk exists that USEITI and the US government are not looked upon favorably by members of the International Board and that the reputations of the United States and of USEITI are degraded.

Option 3: Mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government reporting

In this option, the US Government would include reporting of the elements included in the EITI Standard through its own channels in lieu of publication of an independent USEITI report.

Considerations around this option:

- The mainstreaming concept, as articulated in the EITI Standard, is intended to preserve the same comprehensiveness and granularity of reporting as is done under standard EITI reporting (in which EITI implementing countries publish annual EITI reports). Given the ongoing uncertainty about corporate income tax reporting as part of USEITI, as well as the recent decision by the USEITI MSG to rely on the government's existing audit and assurance processes, USEITI would be deviating in two significant respects from the EITI Standard.

Option 4: Withdrawal of the United States from EITI

In this option, the US Government would submit a letter to the EITI International Board articulating its decision to withdraw from EITI. The letter could come from any member of the US Government who is able to speak on the government's behalf with regards to this decision. The EITI Secretariat indicated that EITI would not need the letter to articulate why the US Government is making this decision.

With this option, ONRR could also continue to update the online data portal (the USEITI website) on a regular basis with unilateral disclosure of non-tax revenues from the US government. ONRR will also proceed with a pilot rollout of one state's revenue information. The USEITI name would be removed from the website. In addition, the Department of the Interior could maintain the USEITI website, containing MSG meeting information and other materials, as a publicly available website.

Considerations around this option:

- The reputational risk to USEITI and to the US Government would be time-limited. The government has already been accused of giving up on transparency and, while this accusation will be made again with the official announcement of withdrawal, the decision will conclude the matter.
- The nature of the letter and how much support it can receive from members of the other sectors will affect the nature of press coverage and reputational impact of the withdrawal decision.
- Implications for ongoing US' support of EITI, including representation on the EITI International Board, are unknown and will need to be explored.
- Withdrawal of the United States from EITI could negatively influence perceptions of EITI in some countries and among some companies.

Additional Key Considerations and Next Steps

Meeting participants also discussed the pending release of a report by the Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General. The report is expected to be released the

week of May 15 and is anticipated to say that USEITI successfully met 8 of the 9 elements of the EITI Standard and has expended \$6.2 million in 2016.

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Meeting Participants

<i>Discussion participants</i>	
Sam Bartlett <i>(via phone)</i>	EITI Secretariat
Danielle Brian	Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair from CSO sector
Greg Gould	US Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair from government sector
Veronika Kohler Shime	National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair from industry sector
Jonas Moberg	EITI Secretariat
Isabel Munilla	Oxfam America, CSO sector representative
Johanna Nesseth	Chevron, industry sector representative
Micah Watson	US Department of State
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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: MARCH 2017**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Judy Wilson presiding as acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), convened the nineteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on February 1, 2017, in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2017 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; receive updates on the work of the Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes and the inclusion of project-level reporting in USEITI Reports. The MSG opted not to cover all of these items after the Co-Chairs agreed to accelerate the MSG's work and adjourn the meeting after one day rather than hold a two-day meeting, as originally planned. Please see the "Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda" section on page 6 for additional information.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

Interested parties are asked to contact USEITI at useiti@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-0272 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content of this meeting summary.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG decided to move forward with the Implementing Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 9)*
- The MSG decided to use and move forward with the proposed reporting template for 2017. *(see page 10)*
- The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a "good faith effort" to include information about "the life of a lease" in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the November 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 13)*.

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Review and distribute meeting summary from the February 2017 MSG meeting to MSG members.
 - Develop agenda for the June 2017 MSG meeting.
- **Implementation Subcommittee**

- Decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- Decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 13)*
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 - Work to create supplemental material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures. *(see page 13)*
 - Make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*
 - MSG decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat. *(see page 15)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Integrate the beneficial ownership reporting template into the main reporting form. *(see page 10)*
 - Flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making regarding which visualizations to include in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*
- **Acting Designated Federal Office**
 - Review the MSG terms of reference and consider how to ensure adherence to those in future MSG meetings. *(see page 15)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the February 2017 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Judy Wilson, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), presiding as acting Designated Federal Official for the USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 16.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Wilson provided opening remarks by noting that the transition to the new presidential administration had begun. Congressional consideration of the nomination for the new Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, is underway. She also noted that, although there has been discussion and media coverage about possible Congressional action on regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, at the time of the MSG meeting, the regulations are still in effect.

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight and civil society organization (CSO) sector co-chair, also read out an opening statement on behalf of the CSO sector. In that

statement, Ms. Brian called on the industry and government sector representatives on the MSG to speak out publicly in favor of the Section 1504 rule in order to help persuade Congress to retain the rule. The CSO statement also formally requested that the DFO remove the American Petroleum Institute from holding a seat on the USEITI MSG. The full text of Ms. Brian's comments is provided in Appendix A, available on page 19 of this meeting summary.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- "Decisions" will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- "Approvals" will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- "Confirmations" will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the November 2016 MSG meeting, with some corrections provided by MSG members. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_nov_2016_mtg_summary_0.pdf

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the November 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Preview of March 2017 International EITI Board Meeting

Greg Gould, government sector co-chair, explained that the March 8-9 meeting of the EITI Board would cover a number of topics important for USEITI, including mainstreaming, the beneficial ownership roadmap that USEITI submitted in December 2016, and an open data policy for EITI. Mr. Gould invited Micah Watson of Department of State to provide additional comments about the upcoming EITI board meeting.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Gould about how mainstreaming would work without regulations in place under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, by which companies would be required to disclose their corporate income tax payments.

Micah Watson, US Department of State, introduced himself and noted that he works under Ambassador Mary Warlick, a member of the EITI International Board. He explained that the EITI Board has spent much of the past year focusing on internal

governance and finances and that it would shift its focus to validation of EITI countries in 2017. Almost half of the implementing countries will be undergoing validation during the next 18 months. He added that a number of new countries would also be submitting their applications to join EITI during coming months.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Watson about the implications of the resource curse for US foreign policy as well as the reaction in other countries when the United States opts not to follow international norms. In response, Mr. Watson offered that the State Department does believe in the efficacy of EITI and other transparency initiatives in combating the resource curse in many countries. He also noted that there was broad support internationally for the regulations promulgated under Section 1504 and that there appears to be much concern globally about the direction that the US may be taking in the possible rescission of those regulations.

3. Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda

During the lunch break on February 1, the Co-Chairs and acting DFO conferred and agreed that the deliberations in Congress around the Section 1504 regulations and the prospect that these would be disapproved had introduced significant uncertainty and upheaval into the MSG meeting. Following lunch, Ms. Wilson, the acting DFO, announced that the remainder of the meeting on February 1 would focus on critical-path decisions that are required by the MSG for production of the 2017 USEITI Report. Additional agenda items, such as updates from the Communications and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees, would be postponed and the second day of the MSG meeting would not be needed given the truncated agenda per unanimous decision of the Co-Chairs.

In response to a request from MSG members representing the CSO sector that MSG members from their sector who had called into the meeting be allowed to participate in MSG discussions, Ms. Wilson, acting DFO, clarified that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that MSG members be physically present at the MSG meeting in order to be considered MSG members. Members of the MSG who call into the meeting over the phone are considered members of the public.

Ms. Wilson also announced that public comments would be accepted in writing in lieu of holding an open, verbal public comment period, as is permissible under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. She requested that commenters send their comments to the following email address: useiti@ios.doi.gov. The reason behind this decision was the agenda for the two day meeting was compressed to one day and because MSG discussion and decision making in the second half of the day would occur after the previously scheduled mid-day public comment period.

C. MSG Discussions Regarding Congressional Recission of Regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act

MSG members discussed a variety of issues related to the Section 1504 regulations, their role in USEITI, and the implications for USEITI if Congress disapproves the regulations.

1. Relevance of Section 1504 Regulations for USEITI

CSO representatives stated that the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 1504 are fundamental to the future of the USEITI. Without this rule, there will be no possibility of corporate tax reporting and therefore no possibility for validation under the international EITI Standard. The MSG needs to address this issue head on.

An industry sector representative stated that the industry sector has worked very hard to help implement USEITI, resulting in the creation of a very useful website [the USEITI report]. The MSG's role is to provide information to the American public, not to litigate policy questions over which its members have no control. If the CSO sector feels that there is no value to USEITI beyond corporate tax reporting, then the MSG should discuss that.

Members of the CSO sector agreed that the USEITI website is an advancement and success, and that USEITI has important work together, but that USEITI will be far short of meeting the purpose of EITI, which is revenue transparency, without inclusion of information about corporate income tax payments and project-level reporting.

2. The Role of USEITI MSG Members in Decision-Making Around Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives suggested that there are serious questions and concerns about whether members of the industry sector are participating in USEITI in good faith around this particular issue of tax reporting. CSO members asked that members of the industry sector on the MSG need to speak up about whether they support Congressional efforts to repeal rulemaking under Section 1504. CSO members noted that they are frustrated that there are members of the industry sector who have been taking credit for corporate social responsibility and transparency efforts by virtue of their participation in USEITI while, in the CSO's view, behind the scenes they have been lobbying and litigating to undermine the Section 1504 rules.

Both industry and government sector representative voiced that USEITI MSG members could not influence Congressional decision-making around the Section 1504 regulations and that the USEITI MSG should focus on implementing USEITI. CSO representatives pushed back against this assertion. The CSO representatives noted that many of the largest oil and gas companies in the US and the world have representatives on the MSG and that these companies hold significant influence in Congress.

A member of the industry sector noted that his company has supported the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504, but that the current regulations under that section are overly burdensome. This member's company supports fixing those regulations to make them easier for companies to comply with. Additional representatives of the industry sector also articulated support for transparency as long as it does not place undue burden on companies.

Civil society members urged their colleagues in the industry and government sectors to join them in speaking in a united voice, as the USEITI MSG, in support of retaining the current Section 1504 rules. The united voice of the MSG could persuade Congress to retain the rules. The Government sector reminded members that the executive branch and its functions, like FACAs, are prohibited from lobbying Congress.

Industry sector representatives articulated their understanding that the Congressional Review Act (CRA, through which Congress is considering rescinding the Section 1504 regulations) would not eliminate the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504. Rather, the SEC would have to come up with new regulations under Section 1504. An industry sector representative suggested that it would have been beneficial if the SEC had taken industry comments and suggestions more fully into account during the rule-making process.

In response to the industry sector representatives, a civil society representative explained that the CRA prohibits the introduction of another rule that is "substantially similar" to the disapproved regulation. She also noted that President Trump has released an executive order mandating that each agency eliminate two regulations for each new regulation they put in place. She suggested that, as a result, there will not be meaningful regulations enacted under Section 1504 if the CRA action is signed by the President.

3. Implications for USEITI of Congressional Disapproval of Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives requested that the government sector speak about whether the government sees a future for USEITI without the Section 1504 rules.

A government sector representative explained that the US Department of the Interior (DOI) works with other federal departments and agencies to implement laws and regulations that are in place. At the present moment, the rules under Section 1504 are still in place. The speaker also noted that USEITI began its efforts well before the Section 1504 regulations were put in place and that there would continue to be policy and regulatory uncertainty as part of the larger context in which USEITI exists. As such, USEITI's role is to continue to try to enhance transparency, regardless of the larger policy context.

Government sector representatives noted that there have been significant changes in the EITI Standard in the years since the United States decided to join EITI and that the EITI Board continues to examine whether the requirements are reasonable and feasible for countries to comply with. The EITI International Board increasingly seems to be moving towards a model of “meaningful improvement,” rather than a strict pass-fail metric, for countries seeking validation of their EITI reports. Considering this, USEITI has an excellent case for “mainstreaming” of its reporting under the EITI framework and also has good prospects for validation.

A CSO representative responded that USEITI will not have a path to “meaningful improvement” on corporate income tax reporting without the Section 1504 regulations.

D. Implementation Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

The MSG considered a proposed approach for company revenue reporting and reconciliation for the 2017 report brought forward by the Implementation Subcommittee.

1. Reporting and Reconciliation of Company Revenues

Judy Wilson and Bob Kronebusch of ONRR presented information about the work of the Reporting Improvement Workgroup. Ms. Wilson focused her comments on a day-long workshop that the workgroup held on January 11 in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Wilson reviewed the workshop participants, objectives, and agenda, and presented the workgroup’s recommendations to the MSG about how to proceed with company revenue reporting and reconciliation in 2017 and beyond. Additional detail about the workshop is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/improving_reporting_workshop_1_11_2017_final.pdf.

Additionally, Bob Kronebusch, ONRR, provided an update on the workgroup’s analysis of the gaps between existing controls and verification of extractives industries revenue payments to the US federal government and EITI requirements for reconciliation. Mr. Kronebusch reviewed the approach taken by the workgroup, the gaps identified, and the ways in which federal and company audit and assurance standards surpass EITI standards. Additional detail about the workgroup’s work is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/rptg_imp_wg_presentation_final_1-30-17.pdf.

Following the presentations, Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, thanked Ms. Wilson and expressed support for the workgroup’s proposed approach of conducting reconciliation via “mainstreaming of EITI reporting” rather than performing an independent reconciliation of revenues for USEITI by the Independent Administrator as this would avoid duplication of work. Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that states and

tribes also conduct compliance reviews in addition to the federal and company audits and reviews surveyed by the workgroup.

In response to a question from Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, Mr. Kronebusch suggested that the gaps identified by the workgroup are likely a combination of procedural gaps and more substantive gaps in the controls.

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, and Paul Bugala, George Washington University, noted that Section 4.9 of the EITI Standard specifies that auditing and reconciliation must either be performed by the independent administrator or the independent administrator must be convinced that the process is sufficiently robust. They suggested that the trustworthiness of the auditing processes undertaken by governments and companies will need to be demonstrated to the EITI Board for these to meet the EITI Standard.

Mr. Padilla suggested that USEITI also compare US auditing processes to emerging standards from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other similar standards.

The MSG decided to move forward with the Reporting Improvement Workgroup's and Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report.

- **Decisions: The MSG decided to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report to avoid duplication and increase efficiency.**

E. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte provided updates on the reporting template for the 2017 USEITI Report and on the topics that could be included as visualizations in the 2017 report.

These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Reporting Template for 2017 USEITI Report

Alex Klepacz, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented a proposed reporting template for company revenue reporting for the 2017 USEITI Report. The proposed reporting template is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_-_20170117_-_draft.xlsx and draft reporting guidelines are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_guidelines_-_20170117_-_draft_1.pdf. A draft template for declaring beneficial ownership information is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft-model-beneficial-ownership-declaration-form_1.xlsx.

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association and Industry Sector Co-Chair, noted that the MSG has already approved a roadmap for disclosing information about beneficial ownership of publicly traded companies and inquired as to how this would be reported by companies. Mr. Gould suggested that the reporting template around beneficial ownership be included in the main reporting form even though it would only apply to publicly traded companies.

In response to a question from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Klepacz clarified that the reporting template would also ask companies to report payor codes, as they have in previous years of USEITI.

Mr. Padilla commented that the industry sector anticipates that there may be a high degree of variability in companies' approach to reporting for the 2017 report in terms of the degree to which companies aggregate or break out information and classify revenue streams. Some companies may provide very detailed information due to having compiled it for other reporting requirements, such as the EU directive.

The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.

- **Decisions: The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.**

2. 2017 Topics and Visualizations

Luke Hawbaker, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented about possible additions that the MSG could choose to make to the contextual narrative portion of the 2017 USEITI Report. Mr. Hawbaker's slides are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017_useiti_contextual_narrative_topics_msg_presentation_updated_1.pdf.

Responding to questions from MSG members, Ms. Wilson explained that USEITI has included three additional visualizations in its scope of work with the Independent Administrator for 2017. Based on the MSG's prior discussions, the Independent Administrator is anticipating that one visualization will focus on employment by commodity, a second on US audit and assurance procedures, and a third topic is to be determined by the MSG. These additional visualizations would be included in the report in 2017 and in future years. Ms. Kohler added that the Co-Chairs had proposed adding a "special highlight," either on forestry or on renewable energy, based on past MSG discussions.

MSG members discussed the criteria by which to make a decision about which topics and visualizations to add to the 2017 report. John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, noted that the two criteria that the IA has been considering are: 1) increasing public engagement and interest in USEITI and 2) strengthening the case for USEITI validation with the International EITI Board. Ms. Kohler cautioned that the MSG does

not have a strong sense of what would interest the public since there has been limited public engagement with USEITI.

Following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation, the MSG discussed a variety of different options for additional content to include in the 2017 Report. The MSG's discussion is summarized below and organized by the different options considered with a final section focusing on the decisions made by the MSG to move forward.

a) Employment by Commodity

In response to requests by Mr. Hawbaker and Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, to decide on whether to use data sets from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or from the US Census Bureau to present information about employment by commodity, Ms. Brian thanked Deloitte for their work and requested that CSO sector member Betsy Taylor be given more time to examine both data sets. Mr. Padilla requested that a note be included in the report indicating that the employment data only includes salaried and hourly employees not pass-through entities, sole proprietorships, and others.

The MSG opted to move forward with Mr. Gould's suggestion that the Implementation Committee consider and decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.**

b) Audit & Assurances

Mr. Hawbaker provided an overview of existing content about the US audit and assurance process and of potential new content that could be added with the intention of strengthening USEITI's case for mainstreaming and foregoing independent reconciliation by the Independent Administrator. Mr. Bugala suggested that USEITI use an alternate term for "foregoing reconciliation," such as "not reconciling twice."

Ms. Brian raised the possibility of including the information that Mr. Kronebusch has developed about US audit and assurance processes in lieu of having the Independent Administrator create new content about this topic. Mr. Cassidy asked whether Mr. Kronebusch's material may be too complex for many members of the public to understand. In response, Ms. Brian suggested that information about audit and assurance procedures would likely be difficult for many members of the public to understand in any format.

Ms. Kohler suggested that including clear information about the US audit and assurance process in the USEITI report would also help to give the public more confidence in the audit process. Ms. Brian and Mr. Gould raised a concern that a visualization about the

audit and assurance process would not prove to be useful to the general public while also not providing the detailed information that well-informed parties would need to develop that additional confidence in the audit process.

Mr. Gould suggested that the USEITI Secretariat could put together information explaining US audit and assurance procedures for making the case to the EITI Board that USEITI does not need to reconcile revenues separately and redundantly through a Independent Administrator. Pursuing this path, the IA would not need to create additional content about this topic for the USEITI report nor a separate visualization from the one that was created last year.

c) Additional Metals

Keith Romig, United Steelworkers, suggested adding a “special highlight on additional metals” (such as silver, aluminum, lead, and zinc) because some MSG members are already knowledgeable about these commodities, in contrast to two other proposed “special highlights” – on forestry and on renewable energy. He also suggested that USEITI would likely need to expand its scope over time to include these additional metals, and possibly non-metal minerals.

Mr. Matthews suggested adding other commodities, such as trona, that are subject to federal royalty payments.

d) The Life of a Lease

Mr. Bugala suggested that additional information about the “life of a lease” be added to the contextual narrative, either in the form of a new visualization created by the Independent Administrator or by including material created by Mr. Kronebusch about federal leasing.

Ms. Wilson stated that the USEITI Secretariat and GSA 18F can try to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report but that this may be a challenge given limited time and resources. Mr. Bugala responded that if the Secretariat could make a good faith effort to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report then he does not need this topic to be considered for inclusion as an IA-produced visualization.

e) Forestry

Mr. Gould observed that USEITI has been discussing forestry for some time and has had challenges adding forestry representatives to the MSG. He suggested that adding a special highlight on forestry could provide information about forestry for relatively little effort while also stoking interest in including forestry in the scope of USEITI in a fuller way in the future.

f) Renewable Energy

Ms. Brian suggested that there exists much interest in the general public about renewable energy and the jobs being created in that industry, and so it may be beneficial to add a special highlight on renewable energy to the 2017 USEITI Report.

g) The MSG's Decision-Making About Topics and Visualizations to Include

Given the wide range of discussion and many topics under consideration for inclusion in the 2017 report, Ms. Kohler emphasized that rational criteria should be used to determine which topics would be included and that, if topics such as “additional metals” or the “life of a lease” are included, then the MSG would need to understand better what these topics would entail, as they have not been discussed much by the MSG in the past.

Mr. Bugala noted that having the Implementation Subcommittee consider issues of this nature before they come to the full MSG could streamline discussions during MSG meetings.

The MSG agreed to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about the US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the IA could further flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making.

- **Decision:** The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.
- **Approval:** The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.

F. Project Level Reporting

Mr. Kronebusch and Nathan Brannberg, DOI, presented information about project-level data disclosure and the process of requesting project-level data from the US Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). They also presented about the types of data requested received by ONRR during FY2016. Additional information is available in Mr. Kronebusch's and Mr. Brannberg's presentation, available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/obtaining_project_level_info_from_onrr_final_1-30-17.pdf.

In response to their presentation, an MSG member from the CSO sector pushed back on the assertion from Mr. Kronebusch and Mr. Brannberg that not many members of the public are interested in detailed data. She suggested, instead, that the public has lost

faith in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process and the difficulty in obtaining information.

IV. Public Comments

Public comments were accepted in written form for this MSG meeting, as described in the "Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda" section, on page 6 of this summary. Written public comments received are provided below.

Nancy Harkins

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The resource extraction transparency rule is critical to ensuring an informed and empowered electorate that is what President Trump has pledged to deliver. This cannot happen if we do not have this rule and we do not have a transparent government that does not marginalize individual voters in favor of the oil and gas industry.

If Trump is serious about giving power back to the people, then he must stop doing the bidding of the Chamber I oppose Republican efforts to undo critical rules protecting the environment and public welfare. In his inaugural address, Trump famously declared that alleged "American carnage stops right here and right now." The resource extraction transparency rule would be of significant aid in stopping the all too real carnage taking place in countries afflicted by the resource curse, countries like Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan. It's time that Trump gets serious about putting people – all people – first, and corporate special interests like the Chamber, API and Big Oil companies second.

Thank you for making my comment part of the record.

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Extractive Industries Transparency should mean what it says. Unfortunately, by supporting the elimination of section 1504 of the Dodd Frank Act, even as it is being discussed over in the House of Representatives today, it is clear the MSG does not universally share the value of using financial transparency to eliminate corruption and promote best practices.

API's lobbying in support of 1504's repeal is a clear violation of our Terms of Reference. I want to express support for the statement made by CSO co-chair this morning calling for the removal of API from USEITI, a view we would hold with regard to any MSG members who oppose Section 1504. Any member company of API that has not publicly broken with API's position on 1504 should also not be part of USEITI.

Finally, it is inappropriate and disappointing to cancel public comments and unhealthy to limit public debate at today's MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting. Decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the USEITI Secretariat.

Keith Romig asked to read out a statement on behalf of the CSO sector. The facilitator noted that the co-chairs had determined to move forward beyond the 1504 discussion the late morning. Mr. Romig read the note expressing disappointment about the MSG eliminating the verbal public comment period during the MSG meeting and also about the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation on the USEITI MSG. The text of Romig's comments are provided in Appendix B, available on page 20 of this meeting summary.

Following Mr. Romig's comments, Ms. Kohler stated that the public comment period was not eliminated and requested that the DFO adhere strictly to FACA protocols in the future. She suggested that the MSG had been too easy going in allowing people to speak on behalf of MSG members, allowing for interruptions, and the like, but that this approach was being abused by certain sectors. In response, the Acting DFO offered to review the MSG terms of reference and adhere to those.

Several members of the CSO sector raised their placards and requested to respond to Ms. Kohler's comments. The Acting DFO adjourned the meeting at this time.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the February 1, 2017 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Judy Wilson, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Primary Committee Members

Civil Society

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Paul Bugala, American University

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition

Keith Romig Jr., United Steelworkers

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Industry

Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum

Michael Blank, Peabody Energy

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Johanna Nesseth, Chevron

B. Committee Alternates in Attendance

Civil Society

Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas

Nick Welch, Noble Energy Inc.

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

John Cassidy, Deloitte

Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte

Alex Klepacz, Deloitte

Sarah Platts, Deloitte

D. Government, MSG Members or Alternates via Phone, and Members of the Public in Attendance

Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide

Avery, Concerned Citizen

Joyce Aober, USGS

Sam Bartlett, EITI

Neil Brown, Lugar Center

David Chambers, Center for Science in Public Participation

Spencer King

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Mike LeVine, Oceana

Nicole Levine, Oceana

Laura Logan

Julie Maldonado, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Networks

Waseem Mardini, Publish What You Pay US

Aaron Mintzes, Earthworks

Sara Porter, Private Citizen

P. Rucker

Rosalie Satta, University of CA Santa Barbara

Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight

Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Catherine Traywick, Bloomberg News

Micah Watson, Department of State

Claire Ware, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes

Joseph Williams, Metro Resource Governance Institute

E. Facilitation Team

Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute

Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute

F. DOI MSG Support Team

Nathan Brannberg, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

A. Evans, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Jerry Gidner, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Jennifer Goldblatt, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Robert Kronebusch, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Darrel Redford, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

VII. Documents Distributed

Agenda ([PDF](#))

November MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))

Meeting Notes from January 11th Improving Reporting Workshop ([PDF](#))

Draft Reporting Template ([XLS](#))

Draft Reporting Guidelines ([PDF](#))

Template EITI Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form ([XLS](#))

Communications Plan ([PDF](#))

VIII. Appendix A

Opening comments provided by Daniel Brian on behalf of the CSO sector:

Today the House and possibly the Senate are preparing to vote on whether to disapprove the Cardin-Lugar 1504 rule. As all of you who have been working on USEITI know, we have been waiting for months, years, for that rule to be finalized so that we could move forward with our work. 1504 is the cornerstone of USEITI and civil society vociferously objects to its gutting.

During these past years we have been told repeatedly that industry will not voluntarily disclose more than what is required of them by law. To be fair, despite that, several companies have honored the spirit of EITI and have gone beyond what was already legally required and disclosed their tax payments even before 1504 was implemented. And we thanked those companies by name in the last report. And we have been punting on the basic EITI requirements of tax disclosure and project level reporting because we were told we had to wait for the rule before we could do more.

I now ask our government and industry colleagues to please join me in expressing our opposition to the misguided effort to disapprove the rule. If any of the companies who have already supported the disclosure of taxes and project level reporting are willing to make their voices heard now, before the House and Senate vote, we might be able to prevent the loss of this anti-corruption measure.

We in civil society believe that the lobbying effort by the American Petroleum Institute to kill the 1504 rule is particularly galling, in that in their fact sheets, API uses their participation in USEITI as evidence that they believe in transparency. In those same documents API claims the disclosures required by 1504- which are complementary to EITI standards - are anti-competitive- even though their competitors are held to the same standards through the EU and Canadian rules. In other words, they never intended to support disclosure of taxes by company or project level reporting of other revenue streams.

We know that Aaron has been working hard on USEITI and he is not personally responsible for the positions of his employer, but it is simply unacceptable for API to continue to benefit from the goodwill generated from their boasting of their participation in USEITI while at the same time actively working to directly undermine our success. As a result, civil society is formally requesting that the DFO remove API from the MSG.

IX. Appendix B

Comment made by Keith Romig:

Just before I do [make a comment on behalf of the CSO sector] I'm going to make a statement on my own behalf as it's a shame that we ended up eliminating the verbal public comment period and the irony of that is that quite often when we open up the microphones for public comment there's a dead silence for ten minutes. This is one of the very few when we might've had fairly extensive public comment and it's a shame we didn't get to hear it. But that's just my statement, my personal statement. The formal statement follows.

Written statements are being submitted by CSOs and by this I mean, among others, members of this committee not able to be present including Neil Brown, Michael Levine, Betsy Taylor, Jennifer Krill and several others expressing concern, frustration and protest about the elimination of public comment at today's meeting. Many of CSOs are sending separate written messages expressing the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation in EITI while lobbying against 1504.

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Royalty Policy Committee

Attachments:

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Subject: Royalty Policy Committee

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CC: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: RE: Royalty Policy Committee

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Subject: Re: Royalty Policy Committee

Thank you Veronika. I'll get an update on any industry self nominations. At this early stage, I believe David Romig may have been the only one to reach out to us. I welcome your thoughts on the industry split by commodities. Would you have time for a conversation early next week?

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Subject: Fwd: Royalty Policy Committee

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Date: Tue, Apr 11, 2017 at 2:53 PM
Subject: Re: Royalty Policy Committee
To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Cc: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>

Thank you Veronika. I'll get an update on any industry self nominations. At this early stage, I believe David Romig may have been the only one to reach out to us. I welcome your thoughts on the industry split by commodities. Would you have time for a conversation early next week?

On Tue, Apr 11, 2017 at 2:38 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

Dear Judy,

As it looks, I do not think that I will be allowed to serve on this committee. I did however commit to putting forward an industry slate suggestion for Greg. He was going to email me the names who had nominated themselves and we were going to provide you with suggestions. At this point several of our members have expressed interest in serving and we don't want to upset anyone by taking a slot. I think we should have a conversation on the industry split between commodities. (oil/gas, coal, other leasable minerals, timber?).

Look forward to hearing from you

Veronika

From: Wilson, Judith [mailto:judith.wilson@onrr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
Subject: Royalty Policy Committee

Veronika,

Do you have an interest in serving on the Committee? Do you have any recommendations for nominees?. Have any members of the USEITI MSG expressed their interest to you? David Romig called us to express his interest in serving as a member.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. ONRR–2012–0003; DS63600000
DR2000000.PMN000 178D0102R2]

**Royalty Policy Committee
Establishment; Request for
Nominations**

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources
Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of, and the collection of revenues derived from, the development of energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands.

DATES: Comments regarding the establishment of this Committee must be submitted no later than April 18, 2017. Nominations for the Committee must be submitted by May 3, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and/or nominations by any of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Ms. Kim Oliver, Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, 1849 C Street NW., MS 5134, Washington, DC 20240; or
- *Email nominations to:*
Kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue; telephone (202) 208–4410; email: *judith.wilson@onrr.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The Secretary seeks to ensure that the public receives the full value of the natural resources produced from Federal lands. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. The Committee will, at the request of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), advise on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value, and the collection of revenue from energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee also will advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform.

We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as

Committee members. The Committee will not exceed 28 members and will be composed of Federal and non-Federal members in order to ensure fair and balanced representation. The Secretary will appoint non-Federal members and their alternates to the Committee to serve up to a three-year term. The Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management and the Director of ONRR, or their designee(s), shall serve as co-Chairs of the Committee.

Federal Members: The Secretary will appoint the following officials as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Committee:

- A representative of the Secretary's Immediate Office
- Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs
- Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Director, Bureau of Land Management
- Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

These officials may designate a senior official to act on their behalf.

Non-Federal Members: The Secretary will appoint members in the following categories:

- Up to six members representing the Governors of States that receive more than \$10,000,000 annually in royalty revenues from onshore and offshore Federal leases.
- Up to four members representing the Indian Tribes that are engaged in activities subject to: The Act of May 11, 1938 (commonly known as the “Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938”) (25 U.S.C. 396a *et seq.*); Title XXVI of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*); The Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 U.S.C. 2101 *et seq.*); and any other law relating to mineral development that is specific to one or more Indian Tribes.
- Up to six members representing various mineral and/or energy stakeholders in Federal and Indian royalty policy.
- Up to four members representing academia and public interest groups. Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

The Committee will meet at least once each calendar year and at such other times as the DFO determines to be necessary. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee and

subcommittee members engaged in Committee or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

Public Disclosure of Comments:

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the Royalty Policy Committee is necessary, is in the public interest, and is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, in support of greater transparency in creating royalty and leasing policy for mineral production on Federal and Tribal lands.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: March 29, 2017.

Ryan K. Zinke,

Secretary, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–22749;
PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP15.R50000]

**Native American Graves Protection
and Repatriation Review Committee:
Request for Nominations**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is soliciting nominations for one member of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee). The Secretary of the Interior will appoint one member from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, or traditional Native American religious leaders. The nominee need not be a traditional Indian religious leader. The Review Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

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**UNITED STATES EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: MARCH 2017**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Judy Wilson presiding as acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), convened the nineteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on February 1, 2017, in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2017 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; receive updates on the work of the Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes and the inclusion of project-level reporting in USEITI Reports. The MSG opted not to cover all of these items after the Co-Chairs agreed to accelerate the MSG's work and adjourn the meeting after one day rather than hold a two-day meeting, as originally planned. Please see the "Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda" section on page 6 for additional information.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

Interested parties are asked to contact USEITI at useiti@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-0272 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content of this meeting summary.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG decided to move forward with the Implementing Subcommittee’s recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 9)*
- The MSG decided to use and move forward with the proposed reporting template for 2017. *(see page 10)*
- The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the November 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 14)*.

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Review and distribute meeting summary from the February 2017 MSG meeting to MSG members.
 - Develop agenda for the June 2017 MSG meeting.
- **Implementation Subcommittee**

- Decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- Decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 14)*
- **USEITI Secretariat:**
 - Work to create supplemental material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures. *(see page 14)*
 - Make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*
 - MSG decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat. *(see page 16)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Integrate the beneficial ownership reporting template into the main reporting form. *(see page 10)*
 - Flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making regarding which visualizations to include in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 14)*
- **Acting Designated Federal Office**
 - Review the MSG terms of reference and consider how to ensure adherence to those in future MSG meetings. *(see page 16)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the February 2017 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Judy Wilson, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), presiding as acting Designated Federal Official for the USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 16.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Wilson provided opening remarks by noting that the transition to the new presidential administration had begun. Congressional consideration of the nomination for the new Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, is underway. She also noted that, although there has been discussion and media coverage about possible Congressional action on regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, at the time of the MSG meeting, the regulations are still in effect.

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight and civil society organization (CSO) sector co-chair, also read out an opening statement on behalf of the CSO sector. In that

statement, Ms. Brian called on the industry and government sector representatives on the MSG to speak out publicly in favor of the Section 1504 rule in order to help persuade Congress to retain the rule. The CSO statement also formally requested that the DFO remove the American Petroleum Institute from holding a seat on the USEITI MSG. The full text of Ms. Brian's comments is provided in Appendix A, available on page 19 of this meeting summary.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- "Decisions" will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- "Approvals" will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- "Confirmations" will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the November 2016 MSG meeting, with some corrections provided by MSG members. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_nov_2016_mtg_summary_0.pdf

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the November 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Preview of March 2017 International EITI Board Meeting

Greg Gould, government sector co-chair, explained that the March 8-9 meeting of the EITI Board would cover a number of topics important for USEITI, including mainstreaming, the beneficial ownership roadmap that USEITI submitted in December 2016, and an open data policy for EITI. Mr. Gould invited Micah Watson of Department of State to provide additional comments about the upcoming EITI board meeting.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Gould about how mainstreaming would work without regulations in place under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, by which companies would be required to disclose their corporate income tax payments.

Micah Watson, US Department of State, introduced himself and noted that he works under Ambassador Mary Warlick, a member of the EITI International Board. He explained that the EITI Board has spent much of the past year focusing on internal

governance and finances and that it would shift its focus to validation of EITI countries in 2017. Almost half of the implementing countries will be undergoing validation during the next 18 months. He added that a number of new countries would also be submitting their applications to join EITI during coming months.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Watson about the implications of the resource curse for US foreign policy as well as the reaction in other countries when the United States opts not to follow international norms. In response, Mr. Watson offered that the State Department does believe in the efficacy of EITI and other transparency initiatives in combating the resource curse in many countries. He also noted that there was broad support internationally for the regulations promulgated under Section 1504 and that there appears to be much concern globally about the direction that the US may be taking in the possible rescission of those regulations.

3. Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda

During the lunch break on February 1, the Co-Chairs and acting DFO conferred and agreed that the deliberations in Congress around the Section 1504 regulations and the prospect that these would be disapproved had introduced significant uncertainty and upheaval into the MSG meeting. Following lunch, Ms. Wilson, the acting DFO, announced that the remainder of the meeting on February 1 would focus on critical-path decisions that are required by the MSG for production of the 2017 USEITI Report. Additional agenda items, such as updates from the Communications and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees, would be postponed and the second day of the MSG meeting would not be needed given the truncated agenda per unanimous decision of the Co-Chairs.

In response to a request from MSG members representing the CSO sector that MSG members from their sector who had called into the meeting be allowed to participate in MSG discussions, Ms. Wilson, acting DFO, clarified that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that MSG members be physically present at the MSG meeting in order to be considered MSG members. Members of the MSG who call into the meeting over the phone are considered members of the public.

Ms. Wilson also announced that public comments would be accepted in writing in lieu of holding an open, verbal public comment period, as is permissible under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. She requested that commenters send their comments to the following email address: useiti@ios.doi.gov. The reason behind this decision was the agenda for the two day meeting was compressed to one day and because MSG discussion and decision making in the second half of the day would occur after the previously scheduled mid-day public comment period.

C. MSG Discussions Regarding Congressional Recission of Regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act

MSG members discussed a variety of issues related to the Section 1504 regulations, their role in USEITI, and the implications for USEITI if Congress disapproves the regulations.

1. Relevance of Section 1504 Regulations for USEITI

CSO representatives stated that the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 1504 are fundamental to the future of the USEITI. Without this rule, there will be no possibility of corporate tax reporting and therefore no possibility for validation under the international EITI Standard. The MSG needs to address this issue head on.

An industry sector representative stated that the industry sector has worked very hard to help implement USEITI, resulting in the creation of a very useful website [the USEITI report]. The MSG's role is to provide information to the American public, not to litigate policy questions over which its members have no control. If the CSO sector feels that there is no value to USEITI beyond corporate tax reporting, then the MSG should discuss that.

Members of the CSO sector agreed that the USEITI website is an advancement and success, and that USEITI has important work together, but that USEITI will be far short of meeting the purpose of EITI, which is revenue transparency, without inclusion of information about corporate income tax payments and project-level reporting.

2. The Role of USEITI MSG Members in Decision-Making Around Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives suggested that there are serious questions and concerns about whether members of the industry sector are participating in USEITI in good faith around this particular issue of tax reporting. CSO members asked that members of the industry sector on the MSG need to speak up about whether they support Congressional efforts to repeal rulemaking under Section 1504. CSO members noted that they are frustrated that there are members of the industry sector who have been taking credit for corporate social responsibility and transparency efforts by virtue of their participation in USEITI while, in the CSO's view, behind the scenes they have been lobbying and litigating to undermine the Section 1504 rules.

Both industry and government sector representative voiced that USEITI MSG members could not influence Congressional decision-making around the Section 1504 regulations and that the USEITI MSG should focus on implementing USEITI. CSO representatives pushed back against this assertion. The CSO representatives noted that many of the largest oil and gas companies in the US and the world have representatives on the MSG and that these companies hold significant influence in Congress.

A member of the industry sector noted that his company has supported the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504, but that the current regulations under that section are overly burdensome. This member's company supports fixing those regulations to make them easier for companies to comply with. Additional representatives of the industry sector also articulated support for transparency as long as it does not place undue burden on companies.

Civil society members urged their colleagues in the industry and government sectors to join them in speaking in a united voice, as the USEITI MSG, in support of retaining the current Section 1504 rules. The united voice of the MSG could persuade Congress to retain the rules. The Government sector reminded members that the executive branch and its functions, like FACAs, are prohibited from lobbying Congress.

Industry sector representatives articulated their understanding that the Congressional Review Act (CRA, through which Congress is considering rescinding the Section 1504 regulations) would not eliminate the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504. Rather, the SEC would have to come up with new regulations under Section 1504. An industry sector representative suggested that it would have been beneficial if the SEC had taken industry comments and suggestions more fully into account during the rule-making process.

In response to the industry sector representatives, a civil society representative explained that the CRA prohibits the introduction of another rule that is "substantially similar" to the disapproved regulation. She also noted that President Trump has released an executive order mandating that each agency eliminate two regulations for each new regulation they put in place. She suggested that, as a result, there will not be meaningful regulations enacted under Section 1504 if the CRA action is signed by the President.

3. Implications for USEITI of Congressional Disapproval of Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives requested that the government sector speak about whether the government sees a future for USEITI without the Section 1504 rules.

A government sector representative explained that the US Department of the Interior (DOI) works with other federal departments and agencies to implement laws and regulations that are in place. At the present moment, the rules under Section 1504 are still in place. The speaker also noted that USEITI began its efforts well before the Section 1504 regulations were put in place and that there would continue to be policy and regulatory uncertainty as part of the larger context in which USEITI exists. As such, USEITI's role is to continue to try to enhance transparency, regardless of the larger policy context.

Government sector representatives noted that that there have been significant changes in the EITI Standard in the years since the United States decided to join EITI and that the EITI Board continues to examine whether the requirements are reasonable and feasible for countries to comply with. The EITI International Board increasingly seems to be moving towards a model of “meaningful improvement,” rather than a strict pass-fail metric, for countries seeking validation of their EITI reports. Considering this, USEITI has an excellent case for “mainstreaming” of its reporting under the EITI framework and also has good prospects for validation.

A CSO representative responded that USEITI will not have a path to “meaningful improvement” on corporate income tax reporting without the Section 1504 regulations.

D. Implementation Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

The MSG considered a proposed approach for company revenue reporting and reconciliation for the 2017 report brought forward by the Implementation Subcommittee.

1. Reporting and Reconciliation of Company Revenues

Judy Wilson and Bob Kronebusch of ONRR presented information about the work of the Reporting Improvement Workgroup. Ms. Wilson focused her comments on a day-long workshop that the workgroup held on January 11 in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Wilson reviewed the workshop participants, objectives, and agenda, and presented the workgroup’s recommendations to the MSG about how to proceed with company revenue reporting and reconciliation in 2017 and beyond. Additional detail about the workshop is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/improving_reporting_workshop_1_11_2017_final.pdf.

Additionally, Bob Kronebusch, ONRR, provided an update on the workgroup’s analysis of the gaps between existing controls and verification of extractives industries revenue payments to the US federal government and EITI requirements for reconciliation. Mr. Kronebusch reviewed the approach taken by the workgroup, the gaps identified, and the ways in which federal and company audit and assurance standards surpass EITI standards. Additional detail about the workgroup’s work is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/rptg_imp_wg_presentation_final_1-30-17.pdf.

Following the presentations, Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, thanked Ms. Wilson and expressed support for the workgroup’s proposed approach of conducting reconciliation via “mainstreaming of EITI reporting” rather than performing an independent reconciliation of revenues for USEITI by the Independent Administrator as this would avoid duplication of work. Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that states and

tribes also conduct compliance reviews in addition to the federal and company audits and reviews surveyed by the workgroup.

In response to a question from Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, Mr. Kronebusch suggested that the gaps identified by the workgroup are likely a combination of procedural gaps and more substantive gaps in the controls.

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, and Paul Bugala, George Washington University, noted that Section 4.9 of the EITI Standard specifies that auditing and reconciliation must either be performed by the independent administrator or the independent administrator must be convinced that the process is sufficiently robust. They suggested that the trustworthiness of the auditing processes undertaken by governments and companies will need to be demonstrated to the EITI Board for these to meet the EITI Standard.

Mr. Padilla suggested that USEITI also compare US auditing processes to emerging standards from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other similar standards.

The MSG decided to move forward with the Reporting Improvement Workgroup's and Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report.

- **Decisions: The MSG decided to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report to avoid duplication and increase efficiency.**

E. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte provided updates on the reporting template for the 2017 USEITI Report and on the topics that could be included as visualizations in the 2017 report.

These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Reporting Template for 2017 USEITI Report

Alex Klepacz, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented a proposed reporting template for company revenue reporting for the 2017 USEITI Report. The proposed reporting template is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_-_20170117_-_draft.xlsx and draft reporting guidelines are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_guidelines_-_20170117_-_draft_1.pdf. A draft template for declaring beneficial ownership information is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft-model-beneficial-ownership-declaration-form_1.xlsx.

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association and Industry Sector Co-Chair, noted that the MSG has already approved a roadmap for disclosing information about beneficial ownership of publicly traded companies and inquired as to how this would be reported by companies. Mr. Gould suggested that the reporting template around beneficial ownership be included in the main reporting form even though it would only apply to publicly traded companies.

In response to a question from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Klepacz clarified that the reporting template would also ask companies to report payor codes, as they have in previous years of USEITI.

Mr. Padilla commented that the industry sector anticipates that there may be a high degree of variability in companies' approach to reporting for the 2017 report in terms of the degree to which companies aggregate or break out information and classify revenue streams. Some companies may provide very detailed information due to having compiled it for other reporting requirements, such as the EU directive.

The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.

➤ **Decisions: The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.**

2. 2017 Topics and Visualizations

Luke Hawbaker, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented about possible additions that the MSG could choose to make to the contextual narrative portion of the 2017 USEITI Report. Mr. Hawbaker's slides are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017_useiti_contextual_narrative_topics_msg_presentation_updated_1.pdf.

Responding to questions from MSG members, Ms. Wilson explained that USEITI has included three additional visualizations in its scope of work with the Independent Administrator for 2017. Based on the MSG's prior discussions, the Independent Administrator is anticipating that one visualization will focus on employment by commodity, a second on US audit and assurance procedures, and a third topic is to be determined by the MSG. These additional visualizations would be included in the report in 2017 and in future years. Ms. Kohler added that the Co-Chairs had proposed adding a "special highlight," either on forestry or on renewable energy, based on past MSG discussions.

MSG members discussed the criteria by which to make a decision about which topics and visualizations to add to the 2017 report. John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, noted that the two criteria that the IA has been considering are: 1) increasing public engagement and interest in USEITI and 2) strengthening the case for USEITI validation with the International EITI Board. Ms. Kohler cautioned that the MSG does

not have a strong sense of what would interest the public since there has been limited public engagement with USEITI.

Following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation, the MSG discussed a variety of different options for additional content to include in the 2017 Report. The MSG's discussion is summarized below and organized by the different options considered with a final section focusing on the decisions made by the MSG to move forward.

a) *Employment by Commodity*

In response to requests by Mr. Hawbaker and Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, to decide on whether to use data sets from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or from the US Census Bureau to present information about employment by commodity, Ms. Brian thanked Deloitte for their work and requested that CSO sector member Betsy Taylor be given more time to examine both data sets. Mr. Padilla requested that a note be included in the report indicating that the employment data only includes salaried and hourly employees not pass-through entities, sole proprietorships, and others.

The MSG opted to move forward with Mr. Gould's suggestion that the Implementation Committee consider and decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.**

b) *Audit & Assurances*

Mr. Hawbaker provided an overview of existing content about the US audit and assurance process and of potential new content that could be added with the intention of strengthening USEITI's case for mainstreaming and foregoing independent reconciliation by the Independent Administrator. Mr. Bugala suggested that USEITI use an alternate term for "foregoing reconciliation," such as "not reconciling twice."

Ms. Brian raised the possibility of including the information that Mr. Kronebusch has developed about US audit and assurance processes in lieu of having the Independent Administrator create new content about this topic. Mr. Cassidy asked whether Mr. Kronebusch's material may be too complex for many members of the public to understand. In response, Ms. Brian suggested that information about audit and assurance procedures would likely be difficult for many members of the public to understand in any format.

Ms. Kohler suggested that including clear information about the US audit and assurance process in the USEITI report would also help to give the public more confidence in the audit process. Ms. Brian and Mr. Gould raised a concern that a visualization about the

audit and assurance process would not prove to be useful to the general public while also not providing the detailed information that well-informed parties would need to develop that additional confidence in the audit process.

Mr. Gould suggested that the USEITI Secretariat could put together information explaining US audit and assurance procedures for making the case to the EITI Board that USEITI does not need to reconcile revenues separately and redundantly through a Independent Administrator. Pursuing this path, the IA would not need to create additional content about this topic for the USEITI report nor a separate visualization from the one that was created last year.

c) Additional Metals

Keith Romig, United Steelworkers, suggested adding a “special highlight on additional metals” (such as silver, aluminum, lead, and zinc) because some MSG members are already knowledgeable about these commodities, in contrast to two other proposed “special highlights” – on forestry and on renewable energy. He also suggested that USEITI would likely need to expand its scope over time to include these additional metals, and possibly non-metal minerals.

Mr. Matthews suggested adding other commodities, such as trona, that are subject to federal royalty payments.

d) The Life of a Lease

Mr. Bugala suggested that additional information about the “life of a lease” be added to the contextual narrative, either in the form of a new visualization created by the Independent Administrator or by including material created by Mr. Kronebusch about federal leasing.

Ms. Wilson stated that the USEITI Secretariat and GSA 18F can try to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report but that this may be a challenge given limited time and resources. Mr. Bugala responded that if the Secretariat could make a good faith effort to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report then he does not need this topic to be considered for inclusion as an IA-produced visualization.

e) Forestry

Mr. Gould observed that USEITI has been discussing forestry for some time and has had challenges adding forestry representatives to the MSG. He suggested that adding a special highlight on forestry could provide information about forestry for relatively little effort while also stoking interest in including forestry in the scope of USEITI in a fuller way in the future.

f) Renewable Energy

Ms. Brian suggested that there exists much interest in the general public about renewable energy and the jobs being created in that industry, and so it may be beneficial to add a special highlight on renewable energy to the 2017 USEITI Report.

g) The MSG's Decision-Making About Topics and Visualizations to Include

Given the wide range of discussion and many topics under consideration for inclusion in the 2017 report, Ms. Kohler emphasized that rational criteria should be used to determine which topics would be included and that, if topics such as “additional metals” or the “life of a lease” are included, then the MSG would need to understand better what these topics would entail, as they have not been discussed much by the MSG in the past.

Mr. Bugala noted that having the Implementation Subcommittee consider issues of this nature before they come to the full MSG could streamline discussions during MSG meetings.

The MSG agreed to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about the US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the IA could further flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making.

- **Decision: The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.**
- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.**

F. Project Level Reporting

Mr. Kronebusch and Nathan Brannberg, DOI, presented information about project-level data disclosure and the process of requesting project-level data from the US Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). They also presented about the types of data requested received by ONRR during FY2016. Additional information is available in Mr. Kronebusch's and Mr. Brannberg's presentation, available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/obtaining_project_level_info_from_onrr_final_1-30-17.pdf.

In response to their presentation, an MSG member from the CSO sector pushed back on the assertion from Mr. Kronebusch and Mr. Brannberg that not many members of the public are interested in detailed data. She suggested, instead, that the public has lost

faith in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process and the difficulty in obtaining information.

IV. Public Comments

Public comments were accepted in written form for this MSG meeting, as described in the “Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda” section, on page 6 of this summary. Written public comments received are provided below.

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The resource extraction transparency rule is critical to ensuring an informed and empowered electorate that is what President Trump has pledged to deliver. This cannot happen if we do not have this rule and we do not have a transparent government that does not marginalize individual voters in favor of the oil and gas industry.

If Trump is serious about giving power back to the people, then he must stop doing the bidding of the Chamber I oppose Republican efforts to undo critical rules protecting the environment and public welfare. In his inaugural address, Trump famously declared that alleged “American carnage stops right here and right now.” The resource extraction transparency rule would be of significant aid in stopping the all too real carnage taking place in countries afflicted by the resource curse, countries like Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan. It’s time that Trump gets serious about putting people – all people – first, and corporate special interests like the Chamber, API and Big Oil companies second.

Thank you for making my comment part of the record.

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Extractive Industries Transparency should mean what it says. Unfortunately, by supporting the elimination of section 1504 of the Dodd Frank Act, even as it is being discussed over in the House of Representatives today, it is clear the MSG does not universally share the value of using financial transparency to eliminate corruption and promote best practices.

API's lobbying in support of 1504's repeal is a clear violation of our Terms of Reference. I want to express support for the statement made by CSO co-chair this morning calling for the removal of API from USEITI, a view we would hold with regard to any MSG members who oppose Section 1504. Any member company of API that has not publicly broken with API's position on 1504 should also not be part of USEITI.

Finally, it is inappropriate and disappointing to cancel public comments and unhealthy to limit public debate at today's MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting. Decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the USEITI Secretariat.

Keith Romig asked to read out a statement on behalf of the CSO sector. The facilitator noted that the co-chairs had determined to move forward beyond the 1504 discussion the late morning. Mr. Romig read the note expressing disappointment about the MSG eliminating the verbal public comment period during the MSG meeting and also about the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation on the USEITI MSG. The text of Romig's comments are provided in Appendix B, available on page 20 of this meeting summary.

Following Mr. Romig's comments, Ms. Kohler stated that the public comment period was not eliminated and requested that the DFO adhere strictly to FACA protocols in the future. She suggested that the MSG had been too easy going in allowing people to speak on behalf of MSG members, allowing for interruptions, and the like, but that this approach was being abused by certain sectors. In response, the Acting DFO offered to review the MSG terms of reference and adhere to those.

Several members of the CSO sector raised their placards and requested to respond to Ms. Kohler's comments. The Acting DFO adjourned the meeting at this time.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the February 1, 2017 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Judy Wilson, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Primary Committee Members

Civil Society

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Paul Bugala, American University

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition

Keith Romig Jr., United Steelworkers

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Industry

Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum

Michael Blank, Peabody Energy

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Johanna Nesseth, Chevron

B. Committee Alternates in Attendance

Civil Society

Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas

Nick Welch, Noble Energy Inc.

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

John Cassidy, Deloitte

Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte

Alex Klepacz, Deloitte

Sarah Platts, Deloitte

D. Government, MSG Members or Alternates via Phone, and Members of the Public in Attendance

Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide

Avery, Concerned Citizen

Joyce Aober, USGS

Sam Bartlett, EITI

Neil Brown, Lugar Center

David Chambers, Center for Science in Public Participation

Spencer King

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Mike LeVine, Oceana

Nicole Levine, Oceana

Laura Logan

Julie Maldonado, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Networks

Waseem Mardini, Publish What You Pay US

Aaron Mintzes, Earthworks

Sara Porter, Private Citizen

P. Rucker
Rosalie Satta, University of CA Santa Barbara
Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight
Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Catherine Traywick, Bloomberg News
Micah Watson, Department of State
Claire Ware, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes
Joseph Williams, Metro Resource Governance Institute

E. Facilitation Team

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Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute

F. DOI MSG Support Team

Nathan Brannberg, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
A. Evans, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Jerry Gidner, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Jennifer Goldblatt, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Robert Kronebusch, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Darrel Redford, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

VII. Documents Distributed

Agenda ([PDF](#))
November MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))
Meeting Notes from January 11th Improving Reporting Workshop ([PDF](#))
Draft Reporting Template ([XLS](#))
Draft Reporting Guidelines ([PDF](#))
Template EITI Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form ([XLS](#))
Communications Plan ([PDF](#))

VIII. Appendix A

Opening comments provided by Daniel Brian on behalf of the CSO sector:

Today the House and possibly the Senate are preparing to vote on whether to disapprove the Cardin-Lugar 1504 rule. As all of you who have been working on USEITI know, we have been waiting for months, years, for that rule to be finalized so that we could move forward with our work. 1504 is the cornerstone of USEITI and civil society vociferously objects to its gutting.

During these past years we have been told repeatedly that industry will not voluntarily disclose more than what is required of them by law. To be fair, despite that, several companies have honored the spirit of EITI and have gone beyond what was already legally required and disclosed their tax payments even before 1504 was implemented. And we thanked those companies by name in the last report. And we have been punting on the basic EITI requirements of tax disclosure and project level reporting because we were told we had to wait for the rule before we could do more.

I now ask our government and industry colleagues to please join me in expressing our opposition to the misguided effort to disapprove the rule. If any of the companies who have already supported the disclosure of taxes and project level reporting are willing to make their voices heard now, before the House and Senate vote, we might be able to prevent the loss of this anti-corruption measure.

We in civil society believe that the lobbying effort by the American Petroleum Institute to kill the 1504 rule is particularly galling, in that in their fact sheets, API uses their participation in USEITI as evidence that they believe in transparency. In those same documents API claims the disclosures required by 1504- which are complementary to EITI standards - are anti-competitive- even though their competitors are held to the same standards through the EU and Canadian rules. In other words, they never intended to support disclosure of taxes by company or project level reporting of other revenue streams.

We know that Aaron has been working hard on USEITI and he is not personally responsible for the positions of his employer, but it is simply unacceptable for API to continue to benefit from the goodwill generated from their boasting of their participation in USEITI while at the same time actively working to directly undermine our success. As a result, civil society is formally requesting that the DFO remove API from the MSG.

IX. Appendix B

Comment made by Keith Romig:

Just before I do [make a comment on behalf of the CSO sector] I'm going to make a statement on my own behalf as it's a shame that we ended up eliminating the verbal public comment period and the irony of that is that quite often when we open up the microphones for public comment there's a dead silence for ten minutes. This is one of the very few when we might've had fairly extensive public comment and it's a shame we didn't get to hear it. But that's just my statement, my personal statement. The formal statement follows.

Written statements are being submitted by CSOs and by this I mean, among others, members of this committee not able to be present including Neil Brown, Michael Levine, Betsy Taylor, Jennifer Krill and several others expressing concern, frustration and protest about the elimination of public comment at today's meeting. Many of CSOs are sending separate written messages expressing the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation in EITI while lobbying against 1504.

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- We can sell that this data is maintained and updated throughout the year.
- The UDR is a terrific data disclosure that was probably under reported and could be view as a great resource for academics.

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Agenda

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Lessons Learned/Feedback

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Perhaps we could use the Subcommittee meeting time to engage in that discussion about communication priorities?

On Tue, Feb 28, 2017 at 11:03 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:
Oh dear, you didn't receive any priority next steps for our two stakeholder groups identified (academics and media)???? I am sorry to hear that. I agree the we should not waste time if there has been to response. What about the other two agenda items.

I will leave it to the group to weigh in with suggestions about what to do.

Agenda

Next steps action items – sent to Treci (Feb 21st)
Example toolkit – Treci
Fact Sheet updates?

From: Treci Johnson [mailto:treci.johnson@onrr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org>
Cc: Betsy Taylor <(b) (6) @gmail.com>; Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Chris Mentasti <chris.mentasti@onrr.gov>; Lynda Farrell <lynda@npscoalition.org>; Johanna Nesseth Tuttle <Johanna.Nesseth@chevron.com>; Susan Ginsberg <sginsberg@ipaa.org>
Subject: Re: MSG Outreach Tracking

Hi Veronika,

Since I did not receive any ideas from the group regarding the 5 priorities for communication, I suggest canceling today's meeting.

Thanks,

Treci Johnson
Public Affairs Specialist
Office of Natural Resources Revenue
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[202-513-0611](tel:202-513-0611) (Office)
Treci.Johnson@onrr.gov

On Feb 21, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

No worries, as discussed last week we do not have a call this week but are on for next week

Veronika Kohler
Vice President, International Policy
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On Feb 21, 2017, at 8:58 AM, Betsy Taylor <(b) (6) @gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Communications committee,

unfortunately, I can not attend the meeting today because of an unavoidable family responsibility.

my regrets & please let me know if there is anything that I can handle by email.

best,
Betsy

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 1:19 PM, Johnson, Treci <treci.johnson@onrr.gov> wrote:

DRAFT EMAIL BELOW....

Dear MSG Members,

The EITI Standard 7 requires the multi-stakeholder group to ensure that the EITI Report is comprehensible, actively promoted, publicly accessible and contributes to public debate. Per this requirement, the MSG must document that outreach events, whether organized by government, civil society or companies, are undertaken to spread awareness of and facilitate dialogue about the EITI Report across the country.

The Communications and Subcommittee has developed a new MSG Outreach Tracking form to facilitate the fulfilment of this requirement. We are requesting that MSG members share their outreach endeavors via the form.

Members have two options for completing and submitting the document 1) via email or 2) via an online link. To email the form, please reply by responding to the questions within the body of the email. To complete the form online, select the blue box "Fill Out In Google Forms" and respond to the questions on the Web page. Members should choose the option that is most convenient.

If members have difficulty completing the form or questions, please email ONRR's Public Affairs Specialist Treci Johnson at treci.johnson@onrr.gov.
Thank you,

MSG Communications and Outreach Subcommittee

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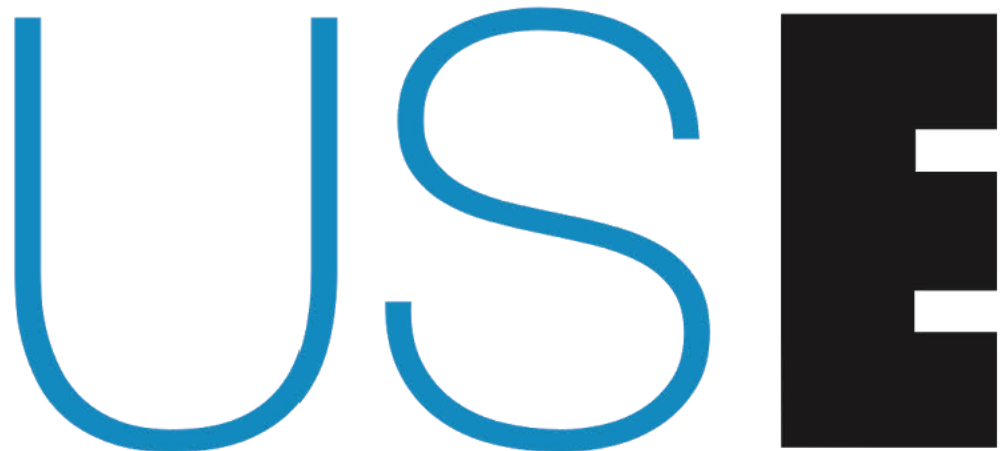
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Sent: Mon Feb 13 2017 09:41:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, "vkohler@nma.org" <vkohler@nma.org>, Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
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From: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
Sent: Mon Feb 13 2017 09:47:29 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Sam Bartlett

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Sent: Mon Feb 13 2017 09:50:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Kohler, Veronika" <VKohler@nma.org>
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If they were on the Sam flight, I would assume so. They were stopping in the U.S. on their way to Ottawa for Validation Committee meeting on Wednesday.

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I am not clear on Jonas' participation. If he is still available I am willing to still meet.

On Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Kohler, Veronika <VKohler@nma.org> wrote:

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Attachments:

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From: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
Sent: Thu Feb 09 2017 13:08:00 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>
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Regards,
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"Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

From: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Sent: Thu Feb 09 2017 13:25:14 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Danielle Brian <dbrian@pogo.org>
CC: Greg Gould <Greg.Gould@onrr.gov>, Veronika Kohler <VKohler@nma.org>, Pat Field <pfield@cbuilding.org>
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Subject: Re: Meeting with Sam Bartlett

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Four new Validation results, 44 beneficial ownership roadmaps, 25 open data policies and 16 EITI Reports.

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February 2017 Newsletter



The EITI is generating change: message from Jonas

Dear readers,

Since last December, [16 EITI Reports](#) and [44 beneficial ownership roadmaps](#) have been published, now [five countries have made meaningful progress](#) in implementing the EITI Standard, and [25 open data policies are available to the public](#). These are exciting developments that show how governments, companies and civil society have used the EITI to help address their challenges, including making direct recommendations on reforms in the extractive sector.

The EITI is changing and the old world of pass-fail is making way for a more encouraging model which recognises that progress is ongoing and that the focus should be as much on making meaningful reforms as on ticking boxes. Six more [Validations began on 1 January](#) including Honduras, Iraq, Mozambique, Philippines, Tanzania and Zambia. Moving forward with beneficial ownership, the next step is now to implement the roadmaps. I look forward to this year as we continue to work together with countries to strengthen the EITI and the impact that it is having. Open data will be a catalyst for public debate.

In 2017, we count on you to [analyse the data](#), contribute to public debate and hold your leaders accountable. In this way, the work of the EITI can lead to reforms aimed at improving extractive sector governance.

Kind regards,
Jonas Moberg

Update on US Disclosure Rules

The US Congress has [voted](#) to “disapprove” the [rule](#) submitted by the SEC relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers" required by section 1504 of the Dodd Frank Act. While this move still requires Presidential approval, this seems likely in the coming days. The outlook and implications are less clear. There may be further efforts by the SEC to redraft the rule, but also efforts to repeal or amend the Dodd Frank Act.

The EITI’s earlier statement on the SEC’s regulation on mandatory company disclosure on 1504 is available [here](#). Our aim is to ensure responsible and transparent resource governance and this requires multiple efforts. The SEC took great care in drafting these rules to ensure that they complement the EITI’s efforts and avoid duplication. Since the legislation was passed in the United States, similar rules have entered into force in a number of jurisdictions including in Canada, the European Union and Norway. On the eve of the decision last week, the EITI Chair urged Congress to ensure that any action does not undermine these hard-won gains

(see statement [here](#)).

Validations: four countries have made ‘meaningful progress’

New batch of Validations shows impressive and tangible improvements in the running of the extractive sector in all four countries.

EITI Requirements		Level of progress				
Nigeria 2017 Validation scorecard		No progress	Inadequate	Meaningful	Satisfactory	Beyond
Categories	Requirements					
MSG oversight	Government engagement (R1.1)					
	Industry engagement (R1.2)					
	Civil society engagement (R1.3)					
	MSG governance (R1.4)					
Licenses and contracts	Work plan (R1.5)					
	Legal framework (R2.1)					
	License allocations (R3.1)					
	License renewal (R3.2)					
Monitoring production	Policy on revenue (R2.6)					
	Service contracts (R2.6)					
	Production data (R3.1)					
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Revenue collection	Production data (R3.3)					
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	Production data (R5.3)					
Outcomes and impact	Production data (R5.4)					
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	Production data (R5.6)					
	Production data (R5.7)					
Overall assessment						



Assessing progress in extractive resource governance

Let's begin by refreshing our knowledge on the topic. What is EITI Validation about and what does it seek to measure? Read our introduction page on [Validation](#).

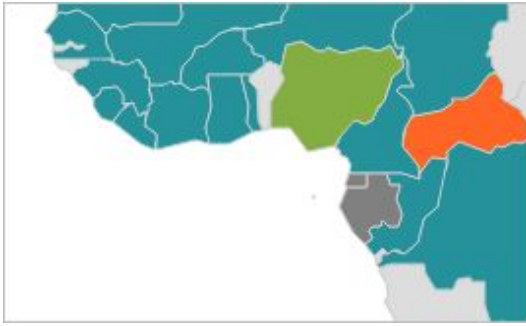
So far, five countries have been validated against the 2016 EITI Standard, four since the beginning of 2017. Read a full overview of the [Validation results](#) and check out which countries are [up next](#) for Validations.

Mongolia Validation: highlights governance impacts

Increased activities at the district and province levels, including through EITI sub-councils, has contributed to public debate and increased transparency in Mongolia. Validation results emphasise improved access to extractive information to local residents, trust building, among other factors. [Find out more.](#)

Nigeria Validation: recognises progress in addressing natural resource governance

The first country in Africa to implement the EITI, Nigeria has

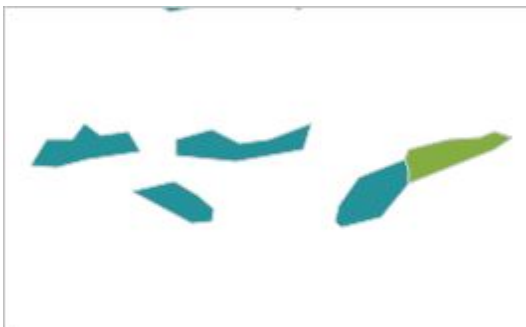


developed one of the most extensive EITI reporting processes globally. Validation spotlights Nigeria's efforts leading to the recovery of more than USD 2.4 billion. [Find out more.](#)



Peru Validation: Peru leads the way in EITI implementation in Latin America

As one of the pioneer countries in implementing the EITI, Validation result shows that Peru has used the EITI to strengthen transparency and improve the management of revenues from the oil, gas and mining sectors. [Find out more.](#)



Timor-Leste Validation: highlights the potential of embedding transparency

In Timor-Leste, a key finding from Validation is the extent to which transparency is already embedded into government institutions and practices overseeing the oil sector. [Find out more.](#)

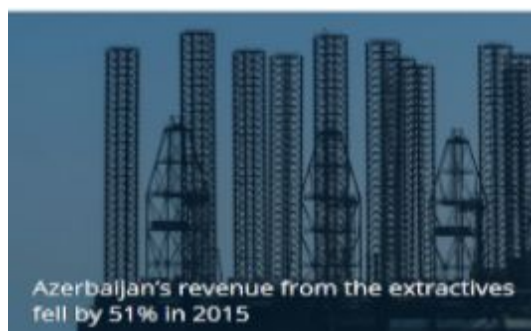
Beneficial ownership



Over the past months, 44 EITI countries have published their plans of how to disclose the real owners of companies in their extractive sector by January 2020. Find out [what some countries are planning to do](#) and which countries have [published beneficial ownership roadmaps](#) so far.

Country focus

We begin this year's country focus with analyses of EITI Reports that came in at the end of 2016. We look into Azerbaijan for new report and visit of the Chair, Ghana, Lebanon, Mongolia, Philippines and Zambia.



Azerbaijan: Revenue from the extractives declines in 2015

Azerbaijan received USD 8.9 bn from the extractive sector in 2015, which is equivalent to 50.7% of the total government budget in that year. However, this is a decline compared to 2014. [Read more>](#)



Azerbaijan: EITI Chair meets Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev

EITI Chair Fredrik Reinfeldt meets with President Ilyam Aliyev and civil society during his visit to Baku. [Read more.](#)

Ghana's new government: new



impetus to curb corruption?

Ghana has made significant strides in extractive industry governance. As the new government assumes office, unmasking the real owners of extractive companies will remain key in the government's quest to curb corruption. [Read more >](#)



Lebanon commits to implement EITI

Lebanon announced its intention to join the EITI with the aim of establishing good governance before significant production. What are the next steps? [Read more >](#)



Mongolia: managing mining leases

Amongst most tangible improvements in Mongolia's oil, gas and mining governance during the ten years of EITI implementation has been in the management of mining licenses. Yet there is still room for fine-tuning the system, the country's tenth EITI Report highlights. [Read more >](#)



Philippines: mining information for local government

In line with the Philippine government's agenda for responsible mining, the new administration launched an extensive audit of financial, environmental and social obligations of mining companies examining, says the 2014 EITI Report. [Find out more >](#)

Zambia: Fighting corporate tax evasion with data

Despite shrinking revenues, Zambia



is tightening its tax systems. The 2015 EITI Report indicates, among other things, some reforms underway to strengthen the legal and fiscal framework. [Find out more.](#)

Global perspective

A blog on the link between EITI and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and new research analyses EITI effectiveness perspective.

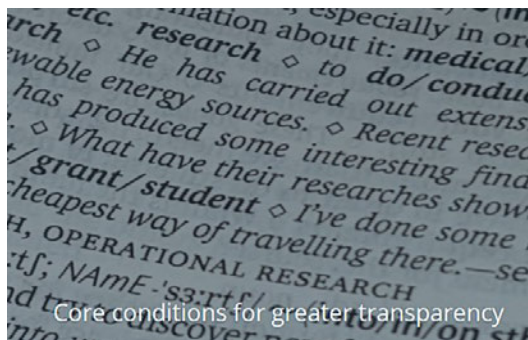


Shifting focus from the what to the how

How the EITI will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Country Manager Emine

Isciel explains the link between the EITI and the targets set out in the SDGs. [Read more >](#)



New research: core conditions for greater transparency

Newly released research suggests that the EITI helps to improve government transparency when two core conditions are in place. [Find out these two conditions>](#)

What's happening at the EITI

Overview of Board decisions, consultation on governance review and the next Board meeting.

EITI Board to meet in Bogota.

The next Board meeting will take place from 8-9 March 2017 in Bogota, Colombia. [Find out more >](#)



New on eiti.org: Board decision overview

Do you want to know what Board decision has been taken and when? The International Secretariat has put together an overview of all Board decisions for easy access. [Find out more.](#)



Now open: consultation on EITI constituency governance

The EITI is interested in learning from the public about how the EITI's relationship with its constituencies can be improved. Comments and submissions welcome by 20 February 2017 to secretariat@eiti.org. [Read more.](#)



Top 3 stories

Every week the EITI highlights stories and trends from across the web on the extractive sector, governance and transparency. [Our latest picks >](#)

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Update on US Disclosure Rules

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Subject: EITI Newsletter: February 2017

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February 2017 Newsletter

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	Contract management (R2.5)					
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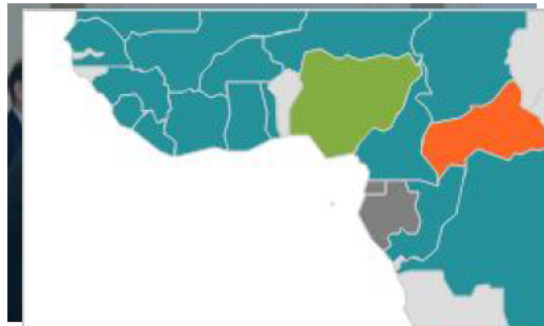
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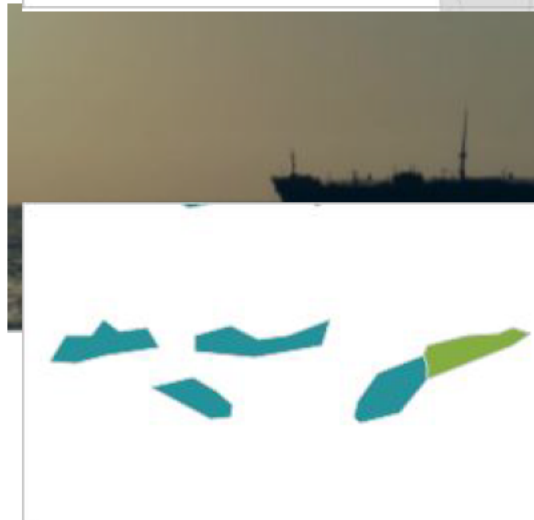
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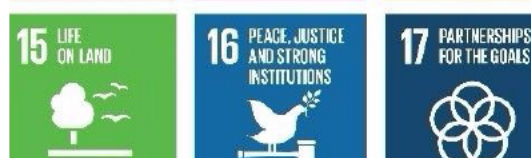
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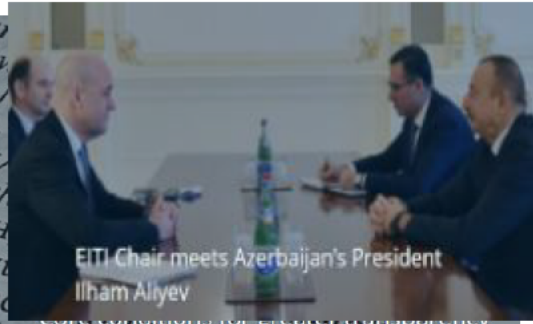
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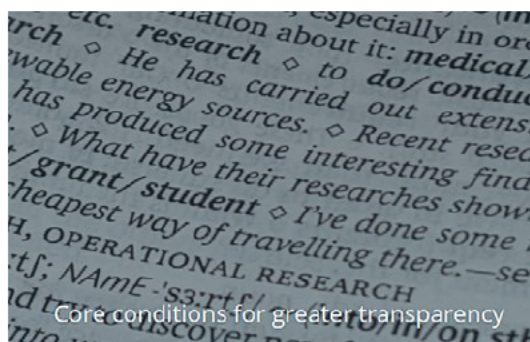
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Please let me know your and Corey's titles so that I can introduce you. thank you!!!

And tell me anything else you would like me to say

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Memorandum

TO: International Committee
FROM: Veronika Kohler, Vice President, International Policy
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As we previously informed you, the International Committee 2017 Prioritization Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. (Eastern) at the National Mining Association's (NMA) offices. At this meeting, we will identify priorities and objectives for the year. This process assists us to: (1) better understand member company priorities; and (2)

develop strategies to achieve the agreed upon priorities.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please contact Esther Ocheni at eocheni@nma.org. To participate by webinar, please click on the attached calendar reminder to (1) add the call to your calendar; (2) access the dial-in information and (3) RSVP for the call click "send response now".

Please note that the Deeper Dive topic will begin at 1:15pm this meeting and will focus what data is easily accessible to the public on the USEITI website. Come and review in depth the information and materials made available online about your company with the architects of the USEITI website. Explore the maps and charts of revenue from our industry to federal, state and local governments, as well as revenue and economic data for prioritized states, to gain a better understanding of how this data is viewed in the public eye.

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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: MARCH 2017**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Judy Wilson presiding as acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), convened the nineteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on February 1, 2017, in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2017 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; receive updates on the work of the Implementation, Communications, and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes and the inclusion of project-level reporting in USEITI Reports. The MSG opted not to cover all of these items after the Co-Chairs agreed to accelerate the MSG's work and adjourn the meeting after one day rather than hold a two-day meeting, as originally planned. Please see the "Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda" section on page 6 for additional information.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

Interested parties are asked to contact USEITI at useiti@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-0272 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content of this meeting summary.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG decided to move forward with the Implementing Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 9)*
- The MSG decided to use and move forward with the proposed reporting template for 2017. *(see page 10)*
- The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a "good faith effort" to include information about "the life of a lease" in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the November 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 13)*.

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the February 2017 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Review and distribute meeting summary from the February 2017 MSG meeting to MSG members.
 - Develop agenda for the June 2017 MSG meeting.
- **Implementation Subcommittee**

- Decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity. *(see page 12)*
- Decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity *(see page 13)*
- **USEITI Secretariat:**
 - Work to create supplemental material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures. *(see page 13)*
 - Make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*
 - MSG decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat. *(see page 15)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Integrate the beneficial ownership reporting template into the main reporting form. *(see page 10)*
 - Flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making regarding which visualizations to include in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 13)*
- **Acting Designated Federal Office**
 - Review the MSG terms of reference and consider how to ensure adherence to those in future MSG meetings. *(see page 15)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the February 2017 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Judy Wilson, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), presiding as acting Designated Federal Official for the USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 16.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Wilson provided opening remarks by noting that the transition to the new presidential administration had begun. Congressional consideration of the nomination for the new Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, is underway. She also noted that, although there has been discussion and media coverage about possible Congressional action on regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, at the time of the MSG meeting, the regulations are still in effect.

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight and civil society organization (CSO) sector co-chair, also read out an opening statement on behalf of the CSO sector. In that

statement, Ms. Brian called on the industry and government sector representatives on the MSG to speak out publicly in favor of the Section 1504 rule in order to help persuade Congress to retain the rule. The CSO statement also formally requested that the DFO remove the American Petroleum Institute from holding a seat on the USEITI MSG. The full text of Ms. Brian's comments is provided in Appendix A, available on page 19 of this meeting summary.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- "Decisions" will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- "Approvals" will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- "Confirmations" will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the November 2016 MSG meeting, with some corrections provided by MSG members. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_nov_2016_mtg_summary_0.pdf

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the November 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Preview of March 2017 International EITI Board Meeting

Greg Gould, government sector co-chair, explained that the March 8-9 meeting of the EITI Board would cover a number of topics important for USEITI, including mainstreaming, the beneficial ownership roadmap that USEITI submitted in December 2016, and an open data policy for EITI. Mr. Gould invited Micah Watson of Department of State to provide additional comments about the upcoming EITI board meeting.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Gould about how mainstreaming would work without regulations in place under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act, by which companies would be required to disclose their corporate income tax payments.

Micah Watson, US Department of State, introduced himself and noted that he works under Ambassador Mary Warlick, a member of the EITI International Board. He explained that the EITI Board has spent much of the past year focusing on internal

governance and finances and that it would shift its focus to validation of EITI countries in 2017. Almost half of the implementing countries will be undergoing validation during the next 18 months. He added that a number of new countries would also be submitting their applications to join EITI during coming months.

A MSG member from the civil society sector inquired of Mr. Watson about the implications of the resource curse for US foreign policy as well as the reaction in other countries when the United States opts not to follow international norms. In response, Mr. Watson offered that the State Department does believe in the efficacy of EITI and other transparency initiatives in combating the resource curse in many countries. He also noted that there was broad support internationally for the regulations promulgated under Section 1504 and that there appears to be much concern globally about the direction that the US may be taking in the possible rescission of those regulations.

3. Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda

During the lunch break on February 1, the Co-Chairs and acting DFO conferred and agreed that the deliberations in Congress around the Section 1504 regulations and the prospect that these would be disapproved had introduced significant uncertainty and upheaval into the MSG meeting. Following lunch, Ms. Wilson, the acting DFO, announced that the remainder of the meeting on February 1 would focus on critical-path decisions that are required by the MSG for production of the 2017 USEITI Report. Additional agenda items, such as updates from the Communications and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees, would be postponed and the second day of the MSG meeting would not be needed given the truncated agenda per unanimous decision of the Co-Chairs.

In response to a request from MSG members representing the CSO sector that MSG members from their sector who had called into the meeting be allowed to participate in MSG discussions, Ms. Wilson, acting DFO, clarified that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that MSG members be physically present at the MSG meeting in order to be considered MSG members. Members of the MSG who call into the meeting over the phone are considered members of the public.

Ms. Wilson also announced that public comments would be accepted in writing in lieu of holding an open, verbal public comment period, as is permissible under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. She requested that commenters send their comments to the following email address: useiti@ios.doi.gov. The reason behind this decision was the agenda for the two day meeting was compressed to one day and because MSG discussion and decision making in the second half of the day would occur after the previously scheduled mid-day public comment period.

C. MSG Discussions Regarding Congressional Recission of Regulations under Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act

MSG members discussed a variety of issues related to the Section 1504 regulations, their role in USEITI, and the implications for USEITI if Congress disapproves the regulations.

1. Relevance of Section 1504 Regulations for USEITI

CSO representatives stated that the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under Section 1504 are fundamental to the future of the USEITI. Without this rule, there will be no possibility of corporate tax reporting and therefore no possibility for validation under the international EITI Standard. The MSG needs to address this issue head on.

An industry sector representative stated that the industry sector has worked very hard to help implement USEITI, resulting in the creation of a very useful website [the USEITI report]. The MSG's role is to provide information to the American public, not to litigate policy questions over which its members have no control. If the CSO sector feels that there is no value to USEITI beyond corporate tax reporting, then the MSG should discuss that.

Members of the CSO sector agreed that the USEITI website is an advancement and success, and that USEITI has important work together, but that USEITI will be far short of meeting the purpose of EITI, which is revenue transparency, without inclusion of information about corporate income tax payments and project-level reporting.

2. The Role of USEITI MSG Members in Decision-Making Around Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives suggested that there are serious questions and concerns about whether members of the industry sector are participating in USEITI in good faith around this particular issue of tax reporting. CSO members asked that members of the industry sector on the MSG need to speak up about whether they support Congressional efforts to repeal rulemaking under Section 1504. CSO members noted that they are frustrated that there are members of the industry sector who have been taking credit for corporate social responsibility and transparency efforts by virtue of their participation in USEITI while, in the CSO's view, behind the scenes they have been lobbying and litigating to undermine the Section 1504 rules.

Both industry and government sector representative voiced that USEITI MSG members could not influence Congressional decision-making around the Section 1504 regulations and that the USEITI MSG should focus on implementing USEITI. CSO representatives pushed back against this assertion. The CSO representatives noted that many of the largest oil and gas companies in the US and the world have representatives on the MSG and that these companies hold significant influence in Congress.

A member of the industry sector noted that his company has supported the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504, but that the current regulations under that section are overly burdensome. This member's company supports fixing those regulations to make them easier for companies to comply with. Additional representatives of the industry sector also articulated support for transparency as long as it does not place undue burden on companies.

Civil society members urged their colleagues in the industry and government sectors to join them in speaking in a united voice, as the USEITI MSG, in support of retaining the current Section 1504 rules. The united voice of the MSG could persuade Congress to retain the rules. The Government sector reminded members that the executive branch and its functions, like FACAs, are prohibited from lobbying Congress.

Industry sector representatives articulated their understanding that the Congressional Review Act (CRA, through which Congress is considering rescinding the Section 1504 regulations) would not eliminate the Dodd-Frank Act, including Section 1504. Rather, the SEC would have to come up with new regulations under Section 1504. An industry sector representative suggested that it would have been beneficial if the SEC had taken industry comments and suggestions more fully into account during the rule-making process.

In response to the industry sector representatives, a civil society representative explained that the CRA prohibits the introduction of another rule that is "substantially similar" to the disapproved regulation. She also noted that President Trump has released an executive order mandating that each agency eliminate two regulations for each new regulation they put in place. She suggested that, as a result, there will not be meaningful regulations enacted under Section 1504 if the CRA action is signed by the President.

3. Implications for USEITI of Congressional Disapproval of Section 1504 Regulations

CSO representatives requested that the government sector speak about whether the government sees a future for USEITI without the Section 1504 rules.

A government sector representative explained that the US Department of the Interior (DOI) works with other federal departments and agencies to implement laws and regulations that are in place. At the present moment, the rules under Section 1504 are still in place. The speaker also noted that USEITI began its efforts well before the Section 1504 regulations were put in place and that there would continue to be policy and regulatory uncertainty as part of the larger context in which USEITI exists. As such, USEITI's role is to continue to try to enhance transparency, regardless of the larger policy context.

Government sector representatives noted that there have been significant changes in the EITI Standard in the years since the United States decided to join EITI and that the EITI Board continues to examine whether the requirements are reasonable and feasible for countries to comply with. The EITI International Board increasingly seems to be moving towards a model of “meaningful improvement,” rather than a strict pass-fail metric, for countries seeking validation of their EITI reports. Considering this, USEITI has an excellent case for “mainstreaming” of its reporting under the EITI framework and also has good prospects for validation.

A CSO representative responded that USEITI will not have a path to “meaningful improvement” on corporate income tax reporting without the Section 1504 regulations.

D. Implementation Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

The MSG considered a proposed approach for company revenue reporting and reconciliation for the 2017 report brought forward by the Implementation Subcommittee.

1. Reporting and Reconciliation of Company Revenues

Judy Wilson and Bob Kronebusch of ONRR presented information about the work of the Reporting Improvement Workgroup. Ms. Wilson focused her comments on a day-long workshop that the workgroup held on January 11 in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Wilson reviewed the workshop participants, objectives, and agenda, and presented the workgroup’s recommendations to the MSG about how to proceed with company revenue reporting and reconciliation in 2017 and beyond. Additional detail about the workshop is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/improving_reporting_workshop_1_11_2017_final.pdf.

Additionally, Bob Kronebusch, ONRR, provided an update on the workgroup’s analysis of the gaps between existing controls and verification of extractives industries revenue payments to the US federal government and EITI requirements for reconciliation. Mr. Kronebusch reviewed the approach taken by the workgroup, the gaps identified, and the ways in which federal and company audit and assurance standards surpass EITI standards. Additional detail about the workgroup’s work is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/rptg_imp_wg_presentation_final_1-30-17.pdf.

Following the presentations, Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, thanked Ms. Wilson and expressed support for the workgroup’s proposed approach of conducting reconciliation via “mainstreaming of EITI reporting” rather than performing an independent reconciliation of revenues for USEITI by the Independent Administrator as this would avoid duplication of work. Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that states and

tribes also conduct compliance reviews in addition to the federal and company audits and reviews surveyed by the workgroup.

In response to a question from Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, Mr. Kronebusch suggested that the gaps identified by the workgroup are likely a combination of procedural gaps and more substantive gaps in the controls.

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, and Paul Bugala, George Washington University, noted that Section 4.9 of the EITI Standard specifies that auditing and reconciliation must either be performed by the independent administrator or the independent administrator must be convinced that the process is sufficiently robust. They suggested that the trustworthiness of the auditing processes undertaken by governments and companies will need to be demonstrated to the EITI Board for these to meet the EITI Standard.

Mr. Padilla suggested that USEITI also compare US auditing processes to emerging standards from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other similar standards.

The MSG decided to move forward with the Reporting Improvement Workgroup's and Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report.

- **Decisions: The MSG decided to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report to avoid duplication and increase efficiency.**

E. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte provided updates on the reporting template for the 2017 USEITI Report and on the topics that could be included as visualizations in the 2017 report.

These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Reporting Template for 2017 USEITI Report

Alex Klepacz, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented a proposed reporting template for company revenue reporting for the 2017 USEITI Report. The proposed reporting template is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_-_20170117_-_draft.xlsx and draft reporting guidelines are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_reporting_template_guidelines_-_20170117_-_draft_1.pdf. A draft template for declaring beneficial ownership information is available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft-model-beneficial-ownership-declaration-form_1.xlsx.

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association and Industry Sector Co-Chair, noted that the MSG has already approved a roadmap for disclosing information about beneficial ownership of publicly traded companies and inquired as to how this would be reported by companies. Mr. Gould suggested that the reporting template around beneficial ownership be included in the main reporting form even though it would only apply to publicly traded companies.

In response to a question from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Klepacz clarified that the reporting template would also ask companies to report payor codes, as they have in previous years of USEITI.

Mr. Padilla commented that the industry sector anticipates that there may be a high degree of variability in companies' approach to reporting for the 2017 report in terms of the degree to which companies aggregate or break out information and classify revenue streams. Some companies may provide very detailed information due to having compiled it for other reporting requirements, such as the EU directive.

The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.

- **Decisions: The MSG approved the proposed reporting template for 2017.**

2. 2017 Topics and Visualizations

Luke Hawbaker, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented about possible additions that the MSG could choose to make to the contextual narrative portion of the 2017 USEITI Report. Mr. Hawbaker's slides are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017_useiti_contextual_narrative_topics_msg_presentation_updated_1.pdf.

Responding to questions from MSG members, Ms. Wilson explained that USEITI has included three additional visualizations in its scope of work with the Independent Administrator for 2017. Based on the MSG's prior discussions, the Independent Administrator is anticipating that one visualization will focus on employment by commodity, a second on US audit and assurance procedures, and a third topic is to be determined by the MSG. These additional visualizations would be included in the report in 2017 and in future years. Ms. Kohler added that the Co-Chairs had proposed adding a "special highlight," either on forestry or on renewable energy, based on past MSG discussions.

MSG members discussed the criteria by which to make a decision about which topics and visualizations to add to the 2017 report. John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, noted that the two criteria that the IA has been considering are: 1) increasing public engagement and interest in USEITI and 2) strengthening the case for USEITI validation with the International EITI Board. Ms. Kohler cautioned that the MSG does

not have a strong sense of what would interest the public since there has been limited public engagement with USEITI.

Following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation, the MSG discussed a variety of different options for additional content to include in the 2017 Report. The MSG's discussion is summarized below and organized by the different options considered with a final section focusing on the decisions made by the MSG to move forward.

a) Employment by Commodity

In response to requests by Mr. Hawbaker and Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, to decide on whether to use data sets from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or from the US Census Bureau to present information about employment by commodity, Ms. Brian thanked Deloitte for their work and requested that CSO sector member Betsy Taylor be given more time to examine both data sets. Mr. Padilla requested that a note be included in the report indicating that the employment data only includes salaried and hourly employees not pass-through entities, sole proprietorships, and others.

The MSG opted to move forward with Mr. Gould's suggestion that the Implementation Committee consider and decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset to use to provide information for employment by commodity.**

b) Audit & Assurances

Mr. Hawbaker provided an overview of existing content about the US audit and assurance process and of potential new content that could be added with the intention of strengthening USEITI's case for mainstreaming and foregoing independent reconciliation by the Independent Administrator. Mr. Bugala suggested that USEITI use an alternate term for "foregoing reconciliation," such as "not reconciling twice."

Ms. Brian raised the possibility of including the information that Mr. Kronebusch has developed about US audit and assurance processes in lieu of having the Independent Administrator create new content about this topic. Mr. Cassidy asked whether Mr. Kronebusch's material may be too complex for many members of the public to understand. In response, Ms. Brian suggested that information about audit and assurance procedures would likely be difficult for many members of the public to understand in any format.

Ms. Kohler suggested that including clear information about the US audit and assurance process in the USEITI report would also help to give the public more confidence in the audit process. Ms. Brian and Mr. Gould raised a concern that a visualization about the

audit and assurance process would not prove to be useful to the general public while also not providing the detailed information that well-informed parties would need to develop that additional confidence in the audit process.

Mr. Gould suggested that the USEITI Secretariat could put together information explaining US audit and assurance procedures for making the case to the EITI Board that USEITI does not need to reconcile revenues separately and redundantly through a Independent Administrator. Pursuing this path, the IA would not need to create additional content about this topic for the USEITI report nor a separate visualization from the one that was created last year.

c) Additional Metals

Keith Romig, United Steelworkers, suggested adding a “special highlight on additional metals” (such as silver, aluminum, lead, and zinc) because some MSG members are already knowledgeable about these commodities, in contrast to two other proposed “special highlights” – on forestry and on renewable energy. He also suggested that USEITI would likely need to expand its scope over time to include these additional metals, and possibly non-metal minerals.

Mr. Matthews suggested adding other commodities, such as trona, that are subject to federal royalty payments.

d) The Life of a Lease

Mr. Bugala suggested that additional information about the “life of a lease” be added to the contextual narrative, either in the form of a new visualization created by the Independent Administrator or by including material created by Mr. Kronebusch about federal leasing.

Ms. Wilson stated that the USEITI Secretariat and GSA 18F can try to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report but that this may be a challenge given limited time and resources. Mr. Bugala responded that if the Secretariat could make a good faith effort to include information about leasing in the 2017 Report then he does not need this topic to be considered for inclusion as an IA-produced visualization.

e) Forestry

Mr. Gould observed that USEITI has been discussing forestry for some time and has had challenges adding forestry representatives to the MSG. He suggested that adding a special highlight on forestry could provide information about forestry for relatively little effort while also stoking interest in including forestry in the scope of USEITI in a fuller way in the future.

f) Renewable Energy

Ms. Brian suggested that there exists much interest in the general public about renewable energy and the jobs being created in that industry, and so it may be beneficial to add a special highlight on renewable energy to the 2017 USEITI Report.

g) The MSG's Decision-Making About Topics and Visualizations to Include

Given the wide range of discussion and many topics under consideration for inclusion in the 2017 report, Ms. Kohler emphasized that rational criteria should be used to determine which topics would be included and that, if topics such as “additional metals” or the “life of a lease” are included, then the MSG would need to understand better what these topics would entail, as they have not been discussed much by the MSG in the past.

Mr. Bugala noted that having the Implementation Subcommittee consider issues of this nature before they come to the full MSG could streamline discussions during MSG meetings.

The MSG agreed to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about the US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.

Mr. Cassidy suggested that the IA could further flesh out the contours of the following topics: additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy, and present these to the Implementation Subcommittee for decision-making.

- **Decision:** The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work with GSA 18F to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a “good faith effort” to include information about “the life of a lease” in the 2017 USEITI Report.
- **Approval:** The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.

F. Project Level Reporting

Mr. Kronebusch and Nathan Brannberg, DOI, presented information about project-level data disclosure and the process of requesting project-level data from the US Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). They also presented about the types of data requested received by ONRR during FY2016. Additional information is available in Mr. Kronebusch's and Mr. Brannberg's presentation, available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/obtaining_project_level_info_from_onrr_final_1-30-17.pdf.

In response to their presentation, an MSG member from the CSO sector pushed back on the assertion from Mr. Kronebusch and Mr. Brannberg that not many members of the public are interested in detailed data. She suggested, instead, that the public has lost

faith in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process and the difficulty in obtaining information.

IV. Public Comments

Public comments were accepted in written form for this MSG meeting, as described in the “Adjustment of Meeting Schedule and Agenda” section, on page 6 of this summary. Written public comments received are provided below.

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The resource extraction transparency rule is critical to ensuring an informed and empowered electorate that is what President Trump has pledged to deliver. This cannot happen if we do not have this rule and we do not have a transparent government that does not marginalize individual voters in favor of the oil and gas industry.

If Trump is serious about giving power back to the people, then he must stop doing the bidding of the Chamber I oppose Republican efforts to undo critical rules protecting the environment and public welfare. In his inaugural address, Trump famously declared that alleged “American carnage stops right here and right now.” The resource extraction transparency rule would be of significant aid in stopping the all too real carnage taking place in countries afflicted by the resource curse, countries like Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan. It’s time that Trump gets serious about putting people – all people – first, and corporate special interests like the Chamber, API and Big Oil companies second.

Thank you for making my comment part of the record.

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Extractive Industries Transparency should mean what it says. Unfortunately, by supporting the elimination of section 1504 of the Dodd Frank Act, even as it is being discussed over in the House of Representatives today, it is clear the MSG does not universally share the value of using financial transparency to eliminate corruption and promote best practices.

API's lobbying in support of 1504's repeal is a clear violation of our Terms of Reference. I want to express support for the statement made by CSO co-chair this morning calling for the removal of API from USEITI, a view we would hold with regard to any MSG members who oppose Section 1504. Any member company of API that has not publicly broken with API's position on 1504 should also not be part of USEITI.

Finally, it is inappropriate and disappointing to cancel public comments and unhealthy to limit public debate at today's MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting. Decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the USEITI Secretariat.

Keith Romig asked to read out a statement on behalf of the CSO sector. The facilitator noted that the co-chairs had determined to move forward beyond the 1504 discussion the late morning. Mr. Romig read the note expressing disappointment about the MSG eliminating the verbal public comment period during the MSG meeting and also about the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation on the USEITI MSG. The text of Romig's comments are provided in Appendix B, available on page 20 of this meeting summary.

Following Mr. Romig's comments, Ms. Kohler stated that the public comment period was not eliminated and requested that the DFO adhere strictly to FACA protocols in the future. She suggested that the MSG had been too easy going in allowing people to speak on behalf of MSG members, allowing for interruptions, and the like, but that this approach was being abused by certain sectors. In response, the Acting DFO offered to review the MSG terms of reference and adhere to those.

Several members of the CSO sector raised their placards and requested to respond to Ms. Kohler's comments. The Acting DFO adjourned the meeting at this time.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the February 1, 2017 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Judy Wilson, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Primary Committee Members

Civil Society

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Paul Bugala, American University

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition

Keith Romig Jr., United Steelworkers

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Industry

Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum

Michael Blank, Peabody Energy

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Johanna Nesseth, Chevron

B. Committee Alternates in Attendance

Civil Society

Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute

David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas

Nick Welch, Noble Energy Inc.

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

John Cassidy, Deloitte

Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte

Alex Klepacz, Deloitte

Sarah Platts, Deloitte

D. Government, MSG Members or Alternates via Phone, and Members of the Public in Attendance

Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide

Avery, Concerned Citizen

Joyce Aober, USGS

Sam Bartlett, EITI

Neil Brown, Lugar Center

David Chambers, Center for Science in Public Participation

Spencer King

Jennifer Krill, Earthworks

Mike LeVine, Oceana

Nicole Levine, Oceana

Laura Logan

Julie Maldonado, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Networks

Waseem Mardini, Publish What You Pay US

Aaron Mintzes, Earthworks

Sara Porter, Private Citizen

P. Rucker

Rosalie Satta, University of CA Santa Barbara

Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight

Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Catherine Traywick, Bloomberg News

Micah Watson, Department of State

Claire Ware, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes

Joseph Williams, Metro Resource Governance Institute

E. Facilitation Team

Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute

Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute

F. DOI MSG Support Team

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VII. Documents Distributed

Agenda ([PDF](#))

November MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))

Meeting Notes from January 11th Improving Reporting Workshop ([PDF](#))

Draft Reporting Template ([XLS](#))

Draft Reporting Guidelines ([PDF](#))

Template EITI Beneficial Ownership Declaration Form ([XLS](#))

Communications Plan ([PDF](#))

VIII. Appendix A

Opening comments provided by Daniel Brian on behalf of the CSO sector:

Today the House and possibly the Senate are preparing to vote on whether to disapprove the Cardin-Lugar 1504 rule. As all of you who have been working on USEITI know, we have been waiting for months, years, for that rule to be finalized so that we could move forward with our work. 1504 is the cornerstone of USEITI and civil society vociferously objects to its gutting.

During these past years we have been told repeatedly that industry will not voluntarily disclose more than what is required of them by law. To be fair, despite that, several companies have honored the spirit of EITI and have gone beyond what was already legally required and disclosed their tax payments even before 1504 was implemented. And we thanked those companies by name in the last report. And we have been punting on the basic EITI requirements of tax disclosure and project level reporting because we were told we had to wait for the rule before we could do more.

I now ask our government and industry colleagues to please join me in expressing our opposition to the misguided effort to disapprove the rule. If any of the companies who have already supported the disclosure of taxes and project level reporting are willing to make their voices heard now, before the House and Senate vote, we might be able to prevent the loss of this anti-corruption measure.

We in civil society believe that the lobbying effort by the American Petroleum Institute to kill the 1504 rule is particularly galling, in that in their fact sheets, API uses their participation in USEITI as evidence that they believe in transparency. In those same documents API claims the disclosures required by 1504- which are complementary to EITI standards - are anti-competitive- even though their competitors are held to the same standards through the EU and Canadian rules. In other words, they never intended to support disclosure of taxes by company or project level reporting of other revenue streams.

We know that Aaron has been working hard on USEITI and he is not personally responsible for the positions of his employer, but it is simply unacceptable for API to continue to benefit from the goodwill generated from their boasting of their participation in USEITI while at the same time actively working to directly undermine our success. As a result, civil society is formally requesting that the DFO remove API from the MSG.

IX. Appendix B

Comment made by Keith Romig:

Just before I do [make a comment on behalf of the CSO sector] I'm going to make a statement on my own behalf as it's a shame that we ended up eliminating the verbal public comment period and the irony of that is that quite often when we open up the microphones for public comment there's a dead silence for ten minutes. This is one of the very few when we might've had fairly extensive public comment and it's a shame we didn't get to hear it. But that's just my statement, my personal statement. The formal statement follows.

Written statements are being submitted by CSOs and by this I mean, among others, members of this committee not able to be present including Neil Brown, Michael Levine, Betsy Taylor, Jennifer Krill and several others expressing concern, frustration and protest about the elimination of public comment at today's meeting. Many of CSOs are sending separate written messages expressing the inappropriateness of the American Petroleum Institute's participation in EITI while lobbying against 1504.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Kris Sarri presiding as Designated Federal Official (DFO) and Paul Mussenden and Judy Wilson presiding as acting DFO, convened the eighteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on June 27-28, 2016, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2016 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; discuss communications and state and tribal opt-in efforts; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes, the inclusion of beneficial ownership information, and validation of US EITI Reports.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

Interested parties are asked to contact USEITI at useiti@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-0272 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content of this meeting summary.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the June 2016 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG forwarded the content created by the IA about the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program to 18F. *(see page 8)*
- The MSG approved the Montana template as a general template for state and tribal reporting, subject to tailoring by each entity participating. *(see page 9)*
- The MSG forwarded the US budget, audit, and assurance processes content created by the IA to 18F while the IA works with the Online Advisory Work Group and MSG subject matter experts to further revise any content that needs further work. *(see page 13)*
- The MSG forwarded the coal excise tax contextual information to 18F for inclusion in the 2016 USEITI Report, with additional review and comment to be provided by industry sector coal industry representatives, as needed. *(see page 14)*
- The MSG approved the Executive Summary Outline with revisions suggested by MSG members: inclusion of background on USEITI, guidance about how to navigate the online report, and year-to-year comparative information. *(see page 15)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the March 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the updated Terms of Reference. *(see page 5)*
- The MSG approved the 2015 USEITI Annual Activity Report for submission to the International EITI Secretariat. *(see page 6)*
- The MSG approved the renaming and reconstitution of the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group as the “Beneficial Ownership Work Group.” *(see page 21)*
- The MSG approved the undertaking of a pre-feasibility exercise for mainstreaming of USEITI. *(see page 23)*

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the June 2016 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Review and distribute meeting summary from June 2016 MSG meeting to MSG members.
 - Develop agenda for November 2016 MSG meeting.
- **USEITI Secretariat:**

- Find usage information about non-service government websites to compare to usage of the USEITI site. *(see page 6)*
- Work with the International EITI Secretariat and the IA to conduct a pre-feasibility exercise for mainstreaming of USEITI. Report on results at November MSG meeting. *(see page 23)*
- Consider the role and participation of the US State Department in the USEITI process. *(see page 26)*
- Work with the International Secretariat and the IA to explore the prospects and risks for USEITI validation and provide a recommendation to the MSG at the November 2016 MSG meeting. *(see page 27)*
- MSG decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat. *(see page 28)*
- **State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee**
 - Consider how the North Slope Borough case study should be revised to reflect Alaska's unique circumstances. *(see page 8)*
 - State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee and the IA ask state-level contacts about additional data sources for county write-ups. *(see page 14)*
 - Prepare an amendment/extension application for adapted implementation. *(see page 26)*
- **CSO Sector**
 - Search for additional County-level data sources and provide them to the IA for consideration to be included in future years of USEITI reporting. *(see page 14)*
- **Beneficial Ownership Work Group**
 - Meet with technical experts, as needed, and provide a report and proposal of a draft roadmap for compliance with the EITI beneficial ownership disclosure requirement to the MSG at the November 2016 MSG meeting. *(see page 21)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Articulate a formal process for the development and final approval of content for USEITI reports. *(see page 7)*
 - Clearly articulate the distinction between reconciled federal data and un-reconciled state and tribal data in the report. *(see page 8)*
 - State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee and the IA ask state-level contacts about additional data sources for county write-ups. *(see page 14)*
 - Include year-to-year comparison information between the 2015 and 2016 USEITI reports in the 2016 Report. *(see page 15)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the June 2016 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Kris Sarri, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the

USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 28.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Sarri provided opening remarks by stating that USEITI will be working towards launching the 2016 USEITI Report. She recognized the hard work of the subcommittees and work groups between MSG meetings and the importance of open dialogue and discussion between the sectors.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- “Decisions” will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- “Approvals” will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- “Confirmations” will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the March 2016 MSG Meeting. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_mar_2016_mtg_summary_v5_160426.pdf.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the March 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. MSG Terms of Reference

Judy Wilson noted that she had provided an overview of updated Terms of Reference (TOR) at the March 2016 MSG meeting and that a final draft version of the TOR was posted to the USEITI website two weeks before the June MSG meeting.

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight and CSO sector co-chair, suggested that some language be included in the TOR articulating the prerogative of each sector to put forward members for inclusion on the MSG, i.e., the principle of self-selection of sector representatives without interference. With the inclusion of language to this effect, the MSG approved the updated Terms of Reference. The final, approved version of the TOR is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_useiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf

- **Approval: The MSG approved the updated Terms of Reference.**

3. Update on USEITI Website User Analytics

Judy Wilson gave a brief presentation to the MSG about the nature of user visits to the USEITI Report website (available online at: <https://useiti.doi.gov/>). Ms. Wilson described the trends in user visits, the length of time that visitors spent on the website, and the breakdown between new and repeat users. More information is available in Ms. Wilson's presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/google_analytics_2016.pdf.

In response to Ms. Wilson's comments, MSG members asked the following questions; *responses from Ms. Wilson are provided in italics:*

- Is 4,000 users during the first half of 2016 a lot of users? How does this compare to other popular government websites? *Ms. Wilson: The most visited government websites tend to be service-oriented websites that users visit to access a specific service that the government provides to people. So it does not make much sense to compare the usage of an informational website like the USEITI site to service websites.*
- Would it be possible to find usage information about non-service government websites so that we can make an appropriate comparison? *Ms. Wilson: Yes, the Secretariat will find that information.*

4. 2015 Annual Activity Report

Chris Mentasti, USEITI Secretariat, introduced the 2015 USEITI Annual Activity Report as a product created by the USEITI facilitator, the Consensus Building Institute. Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute, added that the Annual Activity Report summarized activities undertaken by USEITI during 2015 and also speaks to concepts included in the 2016 EITI Standard, such as mainstreaming.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the 2015 USEITI Annual Activity Report for submission to the International EITI Secretariat.**

5. Subcommittee and Work Group Organization

The Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group was renamed and reconstituted as the "Beneficial Ownership Work Group."

C. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte provided updates on their progress towards preparation of the 2016 USEITI Report. IA team members provided updates on components of the online component of the 2016 report, the executive summary, and the reporting and reconciliation process. These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Updates to Online Report Revisions/Additions

Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented an overview of the IA's project plan for creating the USEITI 2016 Report. She explained that, among other work to update online report contents for 2016, the IA team is creating the content for three new visualizations: 1) Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Fund; 2) State & Tribal Additions; and Budget; and, 3) Audit, and Assurance Process. The IA is also updating information in the twelve county case studies from the 2015 report and updating contextual information about the coal excise tax. Ms. Platts clarified that, although the IA team creates the content for visualizations, 18F designs the visualizations that will appear in the online report. She also noted that the pdf/printed report for 2016 is intended to be an Executive Summary that will be significantly shorter than the 2015 pdf/printed report, as discussed at the completion of the lengthy 2015 report. Additional information is available in Ms. Platt's presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20160717_ia_project_plan_v_send.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Ms. Platts' presentation; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics, with the speaker indicated, as relevant:*

- What will the process be moving forward with decision-making and finalization of the content that the IA is creating? *Members of the IA team: The IA has already worked with the relevant work groups, subcommittees, and with the Online Advisory Work Group to vet the content that is being presented to the MSG at this meeting. Once the MSG approves these items, the IA will send the content that it has created to 18F, which will then turn the content into visualizations and other material that will be incorporated into the online report website. 18F will also continue to work with the Online Advisory Work Group to make sure that the final formatting and presentation that 18F is creating remains true to the MSG's intent. Last year, having a full-day session with the Co-Chairs to make final decisions on outstanding sector comments worked well and it could be productive to have a similar process this year. Additional information about the content and visualization development process is available online in the following slide:*
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20160628_18f_visualization_process.pdf.
- Is it correct that the USEITI contract with 18F only runs until September? *Director of ONRR: Yes, that is correct. However, ONRR will be bringing "in-house" the 18F process by hiring three Innovation Fellows to join the USEITI Secretariat team. This will give us more flexibility in the future about how to build out the report website without having the constraints of a contracted approach.*
- Which states and tribes are being included in the "State and Tribal Additions" visualization material? *Chair of the State and Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee: The*

visualization will be focused on those states and tribes that have expressed an interest in opting into USEITI.

- When I do a Google search for “USEITI,” the online report website does not come up within the first five search results. Could this be fixed? *Representative from the USEITI Secretariat: The online report website is being revamped such that it should better catch the Google crawlers and fix this issue.*
- The content that is being shown to the MSG at this meeting has not been previously reviewed by the sectors as a whole. Should another work group be tasked with working with the IA on new content? Will the sectors still be able to provide additional comments and edits before this material is finalized?
 - *Ms. Platts: Minor edits and suggestions are welcome.*
 - *Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee: Although the content has not been reviewed by all of the MSG members or the sectors as a whole prior to this meeting, the three additional visualization topics were approved by the MSG towards the end of 2015 and the IA has been vetting the content with MSG work groups and subcommittees.*
- There is a distinction between including Federal data, which has been reconciled, and state data, which USEITI will be including in its report without vetting or verification. This distinction should be clearly stated in the report.
- It is the MSG’s responsibility to approve all of the content that is included in the USEITI report but the industry sector has been very resource-constrained this year and has had little opportunity to review the new content. The industry sector has been very clear this year that the MSG should remain focused on its top priorities, which the MSG previously identified as income tax reporting, reconciliation, and state and tribal opt-in.
- Similarly to the industry sector, I am also resource constrained since I work without an organization supporting me. I provided extensive edits to the North Slope Borough case study and, while many of my edits were incorporated, I also provided context and background around governance in Alaska that was not included. Why was this material not included?
 - *Member of the IA team: The IA cannot automatically incorporate all of the edits provided by a representative of one sector. The IA must work with all three sectors to secure consensus around revisions.*
 - *The Chair of the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee recognized that the context for Alaska is substantively different from other states (and county case studies) and suggested that the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee consider how the North Slope Borough case study should be revised to reflect these circumstances.*

a) Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Reclamation Program Addition

Luke Hawbaker, IA team member, presented an overview of the content that the IA created about the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program. He explained that the IA organized the material into three sections: Abandoned Mine Land Overview, AML Revenue & Disbursements, and The AML Fund. Once the MSG approves the

content created by the IA, the IA will send the content to 18F for design and finalization of presentation. The content presented by Mr. Hawbaker is available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_aml_visualization_20160607_vs_end.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*:

- Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association and industry sector co-chair, thanked the IA for accommodating the industry sector's capacity gap between the departure of coal company representatives from the MSG and awaiting the seating of a new representative. She added that she has heard widespread praise of the AML material prepared by the IA.
 - Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, inquired whether the maps of coal mines would be interactive and would allow users to identify which mines have been reclaimed. *Mr. Hawbaker indicated that the maps would not be interactive in the 2016 Report but that this functionality could be considered for incorporation in future years.*
 - Paul Mussenden and Ms. Kohler inquired about the process for finalizing the presentation of content once the MSG approves it.
 - *Greg Gould, ONRR and government sector co-chair, responded that the Online Advisory Work Group would work closely with 18F and MSG members to make sure that 18F's final presentation of content aligns with the MSG's intentions.*
 - *John Mennel, IA team member, noted that 18F may make some revisions in formatting and verbiage based on its design work and user-testing process.*
 - *In response to suggestions from Ms. Kohler and Ms. Brian, Ms. Platts agreed to provide a process schema for tracking work products through the review and finalization process. John Cassidy, IA team member, requested that the MSG try to abide by the process laid out by the IA.*
 - The MSG approved the content created by the IA about the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program.
- **Decision: The MSG decided to send the content created by the IA about the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program to 18F.**

b) State and Tribal Addition

Mr. Hawbaker presented an overview of the content that the IA created about Montana, one of the states and tribes exploring USEITI opt-in. He explained that the process of creating the Montana content included collecting input from the State of Montana and from MSG members and working with the State and Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee to review and revise the content. The IA is putting forward the Montana content as a template for approval by the MSG; if the MSG approves the Montana

content, the IA will create similar content for other states and tribes. The Montana content is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/state_opt-in_visualization_montana_6_10_2016_vmsg.pdf with enlarged mock-ups of components of the Montana content available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016june10_montana_enlarged_mockups_vmsg.pdf.

Editor's Note: For purposes of continuity, MSG discussion that was conducted during the "State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee Update" session (see page 17) is included in this section of the meeting summary.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Mr. Hawbaker's presentation; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics:*

- Johanna Nesseth, Chevron, noted that whereas the MSG took the approach of informing the counties that were profiled in the county case studies that narratives based on publicly available information would be included in the USEITI report, the process has been more interactive with the opting-in states and tribes. *Mr. Hawbaker explained that the IA is sending draft versions of write-ups to states for multiple rounds of review and comment. Tribes have an exclusive right of final approval and sign-off on their write-ups. Danielle Brian added that the tribes are accorded this higher level of editorial authority due to the Federal government's trust responsibility with them.*
- Michael Gardner, Rio Tinto, inquired about whom the IA is speaking with at the state level. *Sarah Platts explained that the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee provides the IA with a state point of contact who then also provides contact information for other state officials. Ms. Brian added that the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee and the IA are also working to consult with state-level representatives from the industry and CSO sectors in addition to state government representatives.*
- Ms. Nesseth also suggested that Federal and state data would need to be very clearly differentiated and that revenue information be presented before regulatory information.
 - *Mr. Hawbaker responded that it should be relatively easy for 18F to identify data sources.*
 - *Paul Mussenden noted that both Federal and state data are forms of public data and that state regulatory agencies are accorded the same weight as Federal agencies. Kris Sarri suggested that it may be helpful to readers to make it very easy to find information about data sources so that readers can themselves explore the data sources.*
 - *John Mennel stated that both Federal and state/tribal data should come from credible public sector resources and should be well-cited. He added that a difference between Federal and state/tribal data is that, while the*

MSG has decided what data should be included, the states and tribes are largely defining what data to include in the USEITI report through the opt-in process.

- John Harrington suggested that it could be helpful to provide the states and tribes opting into USEITI with a summary of the factors and criteria that the MSG considered when deciding which revenue streams to include at the Federal level. If states or tribes define a revenue stream as material, then the MSG should defer to their decision. Paul Bugala, George Washington University, expressed agreement.
- David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, added that, while the MSG should defer to states and tribes, the included revenue streams should relate to the extractive industries.
- Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, suggested that, if a state or tribe wants to include revenue streams that are not included at the Federal level, that the jurisdiction in question be asked to provide the relevant data.
- Ms. Nessith suggested that the MSG create a mechanism to vet revenue streams such that, for example, the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee consider the revenue streams proposed by states and tribes that maybe or are beyond the scope of the Federal report.
- Dan Dudis suggested that a materiality threshold could be established for including revenue streams and that resources that are not included at the Federal level, such as forestry and fisheries.
- Veronica Slajer, North Star Group, noted that the Red Dog Mine in Alaska would not meet the USEITI materiality threshold but is a very significant mine in Alaska. She suggested creating a template for state and tribal opt-in that is based on the standards defined by the MSG for Federal reporting but also providing a space in the template for states and tribes to propose inclusion of other extractive commodities and revenue streams that are significant for them.
 - *John Cassidy noted that the state and tribal sections may end up looking somewhat different in content and format. In 2015, the MSG sought a uniform format and presentation for the country write-ups.*
- Patrick Field, USEITI facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, synthesized the discussion and suggested the following process: a template based on the Montana model will be distributed to states and tribes opting into USEITI that would provide them with guidance about revenue reporting for participation in USEITI while also allowing them the opportunity to suggest additional commodities and revenue streams that are locally significant. Those proposed additions that are relatively straightforward would be handled by the IA while those that are further outside Federal scope would be considered by the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee. In addition, the Co-Chairs will circulate drafts of content from the states and tribes that are opting into USEITI to MSG members via email for prompt review and comment.

- David Romig suggested that the acronyms for government agencies used in the report be hyperlinked to the names of the agencies. Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition, inquired about how decisions about hyperlinking are made. *Mr. Hawbaker explained that hyperlinks are generally used the first time that a term is used but that 18F would make final decisions about hyperlinking through design and usability testing.*
 - Keith Romig, United Steelworkers, suggested that the content more clearly differentiate between extractive commodities and primary products.
 - Dan Dudis noted that revenue information seems to be presented more prominently than cost information, in some cases.
 - Mike Matthews noted that many of the larger mine sites are pretty self-contained in terms of equipment and resources and therefore impose minimal costs on the local government. There are also some cases, such as Gillette, Wyoming, where the local mine is significantly supporting the town. This can make it difficult to determine what “fiscal costs” should be included.
 - *Ms. Brian agreed and noted that the IA is only including those costs that states and tribes have themselves directly attributed to extractive industry activity.*
 - Veronika Kohler suggested that, if cost information is going to be included, that contributions from industry be included next to the costs.
 - Ms. Brian added that she would be in favor of that as long as revenue and cost information are presented side-by-side.
 - Mr. Dudis expressed discomfort with presenting revenue and cost information side-by-side because cost information is often under-documented.
 - *Mr. Mennel explained that the IA is using the same criteria for including revenue and cost information that the MSG agreed on for the 2015 report: that the data source be a credible government data source and that the revenue or cost be directly attributed to extractive industry activity by a government entity. He added that, if any sector has concerns about a specific item, it can flag that item for the IA, and if a sector would like to see content presented differently, the IA can communicate that to 18F.*
 - Mr. Dudis inquired whether Montana is particularly rich in available data about the extractive industries. *Ms. Platts responded that Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska are all notably rich in available data among the states, which may be why they are the first three states to be opting into USEITI.*
- **Decision: The MSG decided to approve the Montana template for state and tribal reporting. The template based on the Montana model will be distributed to states and tribes opting into USEITI that would provide them with guidance about revenue reporting for participation in USEITI while also allowing them the opportunity to suggest additional commodities and revenue streams that are locally significant. Those proposed additions that are relatively**

straightforward would be handled by the IA while those that are further outside Federal scope would be considered by the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee. In addition, the Co-Chairs will circulate drafts of content from the states and tribes that are opting into USEITI to MSG members via email for prompt review and comment.

c) Budget, Audit, and Assurance Process Addition

Andrew Varnum, IA team member, presented an overview of the content that the IA created about US budget, audit, and assurance processes. Once the MSG approves the content created by the IA, the IA will send the content to 18F for design and finalization of presentation. The content presented by Mr. Varnum is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/budget_and_audit_visualization_160610_junemsg.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Mr. Varnum's presentation; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*. A number of commenters identified gaps in the information presented:

- John Harrington, ExxonMobil, noted that the large number of linkages to other data and information sources makes it hard to understand exactly what information will be presented but that he could identify some gaps at present, such as that IRS auditors are continuously present onsite at companies, not just when audits are taking place.
- Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, suggested that more information could be included about non-tax revenues and that steps 2 and 3 presently have some redundancy that could be eliminated.
- Mike Matthews noted that companies are audited at the state level in addition to being audited by the Federal IRS.
- Danielle Brian identified a few linguistic concerns, such as the use of "such as" before "accounting principles" in the Data Validation introduction.

Given the need for further review and revision of portions of the Budget, Audit, and Assurance Process Addition, the MSG agreed to send the content created by the IA to 18F to begin creating the visualization while the IA works with the Online Advisory Work Group and the following subject matter experts to further revise any content that needs further work: Paul Bugala (George Washington University), Aaron Padilla (American Petroleum Institute), Phil Denning (Shell Oil Company), and Curtis Carlson (US Department of the Treasury).

- Sam Bartlett, International EITI Secretariat, commended USEITI on the high quality and clarity of the content created about US budget, audit, and assurance processes.

➤ **Decision: The MSG decided to send the US budget, audit, and assurance processes content created by the IA to 18F while the IA works with the Online**

Advisory Work Group and MSG subject matter experts to further revise any content that needs further work.

d) Twelve County Case Studies

Sarah Platts explained that the IA is updating the twelve county case studies included in the 2015 USEITI Report and is adding some minor content in some cases. Drafts of the case studies are available online at: <https://www.doi.gov/eiti/june-27-28-2016-meeting>.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Ms. Platts' comments; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*:

- Dan Dudis stated that the draft write-up for the State of Montana is at the scale and depth that he had been anticipating for the county write-ups in 2015. He inquired as to the possibility of trying to find additional data sources for the counties.
- Danielle Brian suggested that the sectors could search for additional data sources and provide them to the IA for consideration to be included in future years of USEITI reporting.
- In response to a question from Mr. Dudis about the possibility of including additional data in the county case studies for the 2016 USEITI Report, Ms. Brian and Greg Gould explained that expanding the county case studies is not included in the work plan for 2016. Mr. Gould added that the budget for contracts with the IA and 18F would need to be considered when deciding whether expanded county write-ups could be included in the 2017 work plan.
- Johanna Nesseth suggested that the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee and the IA could ask state-level contacts about additional data sources.
- Veronika Kohler recommended that decisions about how to expand the report be based on input and requests received from the public.

e) Coal Excise Tax Contextual Information

A draft of the information prepared by the IA about the coal excise tax is available online at:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/coal_excise_msg_20160607_vf.pdf.

While suggesting that the MSG move forward with deciding that the coal excise tax contextual information be sent to 18F for inclusion in the 2016 USEITI Report, Veronika Kohler noted that coal mining company representatives have recently left the MSG due to cut backs in the coal industry and thereby requested that the representative from Peabody Energy that is awaiting confirmation to join the MSG be allowed to review the coal excise tax information and provide input.

Greg Gould agreed with Ms. Kohler's request and suggested that the industry sector put forward the Peabody Energy representative as a "technical expert" now so that he can provide input even before being confirmed to join the MSG.

- **Decision: The MSG decided to send the coal excise tax contextual information to 18F for inclusion in the 2016 USEITI Report, with additional review and comment to be provided by industry sector coal industry representatives, as needed.**

2. 2016 USEITI Report (PDF) Executive Summary

Sarah Platts presented the outline for the executive summary to the 2016 USEITI Report to the MSG. She explained that the intention for the executive summary was to make it significantly shorter than the executive summary of the 2015 Report. Ms. Platts also mentioned that the 2015 Report would be archived online so that it would always be publicly available. The outline for the executive summary to the 2016 USEITI Report is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20160617_executive_summary_presentation_v_send_0.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Ms. Platts' comments; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*:

- John Harrington suggested that a description of USEITI be added to the executive summary outline.
- Keith Romig suggested that guidance about how to navigate the online report be added to the executive summary outline.
- In response to a question from Dan Dudis about whether infographics similar to those included in the 2015 executive summary would be included, Ms. Platts indicated that they would.
- Mr. Dudis inquired as to whether information comparing the 2015 and 2016 reports, such as the number of companies included and the types of quantities of revenues reported, would be provided anywhere. He noted that this is a standard element of reports that are issued annually.
- Mr. Harrington and David Romig questioned the utility of including such a comparison.
- Greg Gould agreed that it could be helpful to include year-to-year comparisons but explained that this is not included in the IA's 2016 scope of work. He suggested that the Secretariat would explore whether it could take this on internally and that, since the data and reports are provided online, readers can draw their own inferences comparing the 2015 and 2016 reports.
- Ms. Kohler suggested that the MSG discuss how the year-to-year comparison would be framed and reported so that, for example, the appropriate emphasis is placed on the level of company participation in reporting and reconciliation given that all revenue data is also provided through unilateral disclosure. Mr. Gould agreed that this would be important to discuss at a future MSG meeting.
 - *John Mennel expressed agreement about the importance of providing year-to-year comparison information and said that the IA would include*

this type of information. The framing and outline could be discussed by the Implementation Subcommittee.

- In response to a question from David Romig about disclosing the use of 2013 data for reconciliation in the 2015 Report and 2015 data in the 2016 Report (and thereby skipping 2014 data), Mr. Gould agreed that it would be important to clearly state that information in the 2016 Report as well as to provide the 2014 revenue data through unilateral disclosure.
- **Decision: The MSG decided to approve the Executive Summary outline for the 2016 Report with revisions suggested by MSG members: inclusion of background on USEITI, guidance about how to navigate the online report, and year-to-year comparative information.**

3. Update on Company Reporting and Reconciliation Process

Alex Klepacz and Kent Schultz, IA team members from Deloitte, provided an update on the company revenue reporting and reconciliation process. They reported on the materials that the IA has distributed to companies, the IA's communication process with companies, and the current status of company participation in reporting and reconciliation. Additional information is available in Mr. Klepacz's and Mr. Schultz's slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20160617_rr_msg_v_send.pdf.

In response to Mr. Klepacz's and Mr. Schultz's comments, Danielle Brian inquired as to whether it could be helpful to encourage additional companies to participate in reporting and reconciliation if MSG members were to supplement the IA's outreach efforts. Mr. Klepacz responded by explaining that the five companies that have informed the IA that they will not participate in reporting provided somewhat generic reasons for not doing so, such as having time and resource constraints. As such, it may not make much difference if MSG members were to do additional outreach.

D. Communications Subcommittee Update

Veronika Kohler, Chair of the Communications Subcommittee, provided an update on the Subcommittee's activities. She reported that the Subcommittee is revising the USEITI communications plan to focus on outreach around the 2016 USEITI Report with a particular focus on social media to engage the general public. She also reported that 84 people participated in a recent webinar held for the general public and that the Subcommittee is reaching out to Congressional offices. In addition, the IA held two sets of webinars for reporting companies, in Houston and Denver, with one set focused on non-tax revenue reporting and the other focused on tax reporting. Ms. Kohler also reported that the Department of the Interior sent a letter to reporting companies signed by Kris Sarri, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget. Ms. Sarri added that a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel, would go out to reporting companies on the day of the MSG meeting, June 27.

Finally, Ms. Kohler also reported that two public outreach sessions are planned for Montana (one public in Helena and one near or on the Blackfeet Nation) and one for New Orleans, Louisiana. These locations were chosen jointly by the Communications and State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittees because Montana has both the state and the Blackfeet Nation opting into USEITI and New Orleans was the only location in the earlier round of public outreach at which members of the public attended.

In response to Ms. Kohler's comments, members of the MSG asked the following questions and made the following comments; *responses are indicated in italics*:

- Was the public webinar recorded and, if so, is it accessible for MSG members to view? *Ms. Kohler: yes, the webinar was recorded and is available for viewing. DOI is also exploring how to turn it into a learning module for companies.*
- How receptive do companies seem this year to participating in income tax reporting? *Mr. Klepacz and Mr. Mennel: Although we are seeing more participation by company tax representatives in our outreach events, there was only one question asked across the four webinars. The IA will also be making a presentation at the American Petroleum Institute Tax Conference.*

E. State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee Update

Ms. Danielle Brian, Chair of the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee, provided an update on the Subcommittee's work. She reported that three states and one tribe have opted in, with discussions about opt-in progressing with a second tribe. Once approved by the MSG, the IA and 18F will use the same template for state-level reporting that has been created for Montana for other states opting into USEITI. She added that the Alaska state government wants to explore including revenue streams, such as pipelines, that the USEITI MSG has defined as out-of-scope for Federal reporting. Additional information is available in the presentation slides available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016june23_state_and_tribal_msg_slides_v4_1.pdf.

Editor's Note: For purposes of continuity, MSG discussion that was conducted during this portion of the meeting is included in the "State and Tribal Addition" section of the meeting summary (see page 9).

F. Implementation Subcommittee Updates

Greg Gould, Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee, introduced the key topics of discussion for the MSG from the Implementation Subcommittee: a revision of the EITI Standard has raised "beneficial ownership" and "mainstreaming" on the agenda for USEITI consideration. Presentations made on these topics and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Update on 2016 EITI Standard Revisions

Judy Wilson provided an overview of key elements of the revised EITI Standard. Her comments focused on seven requirements of the EITI Standard, updated requirements

around disclosure of beneficial ownership, updated requirements around data quality and assurance and the possibility of “mainstreaming” EITI reporting, and updated procedures for validation of country reports. Additional information is available in Ms. Wilson’s presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/eiti_2016_standard.pdf.

2. Beneficial Ownership Roadmap

Members of the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group of the Implementation Subcommittee presented information of their work group’s due diligence and discussions around the new EITI beneficial ownership requirement and the context for meeting the requirement in the United States. Work group members Paul Bugala (George Washington University), John Harrington (ExxonMobil), Jim Steward (US Department of the Interior), and Curtis Carlson (US Department of the Treasury) reviewed the following information and made the following points:

- The revised requirements around beneficial ownership disclosure are in the 2016 Standard;
- The considerations that would need to be taken into account would be explored in a required “roadmap” for disclosure, due this year, to address beneficial ownership by 2020;
- The beneficial ownership would very likely not apply to publicly held companies that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Instead, the requirement would apply to privately held companies that are registered under state laws.
- State laws do not compel disclosure by privately held companies of beneficial ownership.
- Federal laws governing extractive activity do not require disclosure of beneficial ownership.
- There are thousands of extractives companies operating on Federal lands, of which only about 10 percent are publicly traded. There are many other companies that operate on non-Federal lands.
- Various bills have been introduced in Congress to require the identification of beneficial owners over the past ten years. None of these bills would compel the public disclosure of beneficial ownership and none have been enacted into law.
- Compelling disclosure of beneficial ownership will likely be a very difficult undertaking in the United States given existing laws and regulations. The 2016 EITI Standard does allow countries to prioritize disclosure, for example by the largest companies first, with an intention to include all companies in disclosure by 2020.

Additional information is available in the presentation slides available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/beneficial_ownership_overview_presentation_drft_06_17_2016_v9.pdf.

Following the presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments:

Rationale of beneficial ownership disclosure

- The MSG should consider how disclosure of beneficial ownership could be most useful in the US context.
- Disclosure of beneficial ownership can help to fight illegal activity, such as money laundering and fraud. Recent disclosures about shell companies incorporated in the US and about the Panama Papers indicate the importance of this.
- Shell companies and the Panama Papers disclosures likely have little relevance to the extractive industries because these types of companies are unlikely to be engaged in extractive industry activities.
- From a global perspective, the EITI requirements around beneficial ownership could be very beneficial. US companies need to consider how to comply with the Corrupt Foreign Practices Act. However, implementation of beneficial ownership disclosure in the US just seems very logistically challenging.
- There is both a domestic rationale and an international rationale for disclosure of beneficial ownership. The former is to prevent someone with a political connection to come into ownership of a mineral resource in less than competitive ways and then benefit financially from that ownership. US law has various mechanisms, such as protections against conflict of interest, to guard against companies and individuals from illicitly coming into ownership of mineral interests. The international rationale for beneficial ownership disclosure is to mitigate the risk of international money laundering and financing of terrorist activities and the like. Various laws are being proposed in the US to address these international threats. So, in terms of the rationale for beneficial ownership disclosure as part of USEITI, the domestic rationale is largely addressed by existing US laws and the latter seems to be outside of what USEITI can meaningfully contribute to.
- It would be more accurate to say that the US has anti-corruption laws but that corruption still can and does take place here despite those laws.
- From the perspective of the International EITI Secretariat, is there any aspect of the international rationale for disclosure of beneficial ownership that is part of the mandate of EITI? *Response from Sam Bartlett, International EITI Secretariat: Some countries have had some success in addressing these trans-border issues by asking questions of the companies operating in their country. Although this is somewhat tricky, there is some potential for individual countries to have an impact on these trans-boundary issues through EITI.*
- States and tribes may not have the same level of control and transparency to combat corruption as those that exist at the Federal level.
- There may be corruption occurring that we are currently unaware of. For example, BLM officials and employees may hold ownership stakes in mineral

resources or in extractives companies. *ONRR Response: There are regulations that prohibit BLM employees from having these sorts of ownership stakes.*

- Without disclosure of beneficial ownership, we do not know whether these regulations are being violated.
- The Federal legislation that has been proposed and was reviewed by the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group presenters would make ownership information available to law enforcement authorities but would not make it publicly available.
- Unfortunately, those bills have been tabled for the past ten years and have not been enacted, and so prospects for that sort of legislation being enacted soon do not seem likely.

Companies to be included in beneficial ownership disclosure

- Instead of thinking about disclosure of beneficial ownership for tens of thousands of extractives companies in the US, the MSG may want to focus on a manageable subset, such as the companies included in USEITI reporting and reconciliation.
- The following criteria could be used to select a subset of companies included in beneficial ownership disclosure: companies operating on Federal lands, by revenue, by production, by number of leases.

Options that USEITI could consider around beneficial ownership disclosure:

- This could be an opportunity for USEITI to take an element of the EITI Standard and adapt it to be useful for US purposes. For example, USEITI could propose an approach to the International Board that would disclose beneficial ownership information to law enforcement officials to address corruption concerns but would not disclose beneficial ownership publicly.
- Particularly given that privately held companies are incorporated at the state level and that USEITI has neither the power to compel disclosure of beneficial ownership from these firms nor influence with state legislatures to change their laws, USEITI may need to explore adapted implementation around this issue.
- From the perspective of the International EITI Secretariat, would a description of the legal safeguards that the US has enacted to guard against conflict of interest and corruption satisfy the EITI beneficial ownership question? *Response from Mr. Bartlett: After conducting an assessment and creating a roadmap, the USEITI MSG can seek to make that case to the International Board. Each country is expected to present its assessment to the Board and make the case for what it can feasibly do to meet the beneficial ownership requirement.*

Other comments:

- Is there a prospect of the Department of the Interior promulgating new regulations around disclosure of beneficial ownership for companies operating on Federal lands?

- *Response from Greg Gould, Director of ONRR: The charge for USEITI this year is to develop a roadmap around achieving compliance with the beneficial ownership requirement by 2020. That roadmap could include the prospect of Federal rule-making. Generally, the roadmap requires USEITI to identify the potential hurdles to achieving compliance with the beneficial ownership requirement and possible strategies for surmounting those hurdles. The roadmap allows USEITI to help the International EITI Board understand USEITI's prospects for meeting this element of the Standard and, if needed, begin thinking about adapted implementation.*

Next steps around beneficial ownership disclosure:

- Greg Gould, Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee, proposed renaming the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group as the "Beneficial Ownership Work Group." The MSG approved this renaming and reconstitution of the work group.
 - The newly-named Beneficial Ownership Work Group will meet with technical experts, as needed, and will provide a report and proposal of a draft roadmap for compliance with the EITI beneficial ownership disclosure requirement to the MSG at the November 2016 MSG meeting.
 - Given the timeframe and lack of budget allocated for engaging technical experts by work groups, the Beneficial Ownership Work Group will likely consult with voluntary experts from the US Department of the Treasury and civil society organizations.
- **Approval: The MSG approved the renaming and reconstitution of the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group as the "Beneficial Ownership Work Group."**

3. Mainstreaming

John Harrington presented information about the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group's due diligence and discussions around the new EITI option to pursue mainstreaming of reporting. He explained that an increasing number of legal mandates coming into place in the United States, European Union, and other jurisdictions replicate some of the EITI requirements. So, the revised EITI Standard introduces the option for countries to include the reporting of EITI-related information through regular government channels as opposed to a stand-alone EITI report. Mainstreaming could also mean that some core elements of EITI, such as reconciliation of reported revenue, would no longer be required.

Mr. Harrington reviewed the principles underpinning mainstreaming, the procedures for mainstreamed disclosures, and the uncertainties for USEITI around participating in mainstreaming. Mr. Harrington noted that the EITI Board Chair indicated that the Board is intending to initiate mainstreaming with countries that can more fully meet all of the requirements in the EITI Standard, meaning that the US likely would not be considered in the first batch. Additional information is available in Mr. Harrington's presentation

slides, available online at:

www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/mainstreaming_msg_mtg_slides_2.pdf.

Following the presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of mainstreaming?
 - It would allow USEITI to avoid the cost of reconciliation and instead dedicate those resources to making the contextual narrative and overall reporting more robust. It could also provide an incentive for other countries to pursue strengthening their controls to a similar level as the US so that they can also forgo reconciliation.
 - *John Mennel, IA team member, added: Mainstreaming would also make the EITI process more sustainable in the sense that integrating reporting into normal government functioning is more likely to persist than a stand-alone EITI reporting process. Additionally, the US likely saw some benefits from the reconciliation process in 2015 in terms of cleaning up data, but the costs of reconciliation likely outweigh those benefits over time.*
 - *Sam Bartlett, International EITI Secretariat, also suggested that mainstreaming could have a public benefit in that it makes up-to-date information more readily and easily publicly accessible. For example, an internet search for royalty payments in their state should yield accurate data.*
- The concept of mainstreaming has been part of the thinking for USEITI from the beginning since EITI implementation was intended to spur greater transparency across the Department of the Interior. The inclusion of mainstreaming in the 2016 EITI Standard allows the US to formalize that greater transparency.
- The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) already undertakes significant effort to verify data with payers. The EITI reconciliation process could be seen as duplicative of this ONRR verification process.
- What is the mainstreaming feasibility study intended to address? In addition to working with the US Independent Administrator to conduct a feasibility study, would USEITI be able to work with the International EITI Secretariat? *Response from Sam Bartlett: Although the International Secretariat cannot commit to too much, it is assisting some countries with pre-feasibility scoping. In the US, the International Secretariat would like to see disclosure of tax payments. The US will need to examine what disclosure already exists and what further needs to be done.*
- Given that Australia joined EITI only in May 2016, what is their approach to mainstreaming? *Response from Mr. Bartlett: Australia is still a candidate country but previously ran a pilot EITI program for a few years. That pilot exercise was to test the hypothesis that EITI reconciliation would be redundant with the robust auditing processes that Australia already has in place.*

- What would the difference be between performing a pre-feasibility exercise and conducting the full feasibility study? *Response from Mr. Bartlett: The full feasibility study would be much more extensive. The pre-feasibility exercise could likely focus on scoping and likely hurdles and be prepared by the next MSG meeting in November. Another consideration for USEITI is that, with adapted implementation approved for the first two reports, a mainstreaming feasibility study could choose to focus only on Federal revenues or it could include state and tribal revenues given the need to report these beginning with the third USEITI report.*

Greg Gould, the Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee and head of the USEITI Secretariat, proposed that that USEITI Secretariat work with the International EITI Secretariat and the IA to conduct a pre-feasibility exercise for mainstreaming of USEITI.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the undertaking of a mainstreaming pre-feasibility exercise.**

G. Dodd-Frank Act Section 1504 Update

Greg Gould provided a high-level summary of the just released final rule for Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act that released by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on June 27, 2016. Mr. Gould's general and initial summary covered reporting requirements, the definition of "project," the types of payments included, relationship to USEITI, and the effective date of the draft final rule. Additional information is available in Mr. Gould's presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/dodd_frank_sec_presentation.pdf.

In response to Mr. Gould's comments, MSG members made the following comments:

- The definition of "project" in the SEC rule appears to have been drafted to align closely with EU and Canadian regulations.
- Throughout the rule, the SEC references the EU and Canadian regulations, as well as EITI and USEITI, in an apparent effort to align with these other entities.
- It seems that USEITI would be working at cross-purposes of this emerging consensus if it were to define "project" distinctly from these precedents.

H. Validation Discussion

John Mennel, IA team member from Deloitte, presented information about the EITI validation process and its implications for USEITI. He reviewed the EITI International Board's validation process, the indicators that the Board considers, the countries that are currently compliant with EITI and those that are attempting validation in 2016 and 2017, case studies from the validation process of select countries, notable changes to the validation process that were implemented with the 2016 EITI Standard, and the outlook for validation of the USEITI reports. Additional information is available in Mr. Mennel's presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20160620_validation_case_studies_v_send_updated_1.pdf.

In response to Mr. Mennel's presentation, MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions:

- Does the USEITI adapted implementation dispensation have a strict time limit? Does the USEITI plan for sub-national voluntary opt-in to USEITI potentially fulfill the requirement for sub-national participation? *Response from Sam Bartlett: The USEITI year 2 report (in 2016) will cover only 2016 and will thereby be covered by the adapted implementation dispensation. After the two-year dispensation, however, USEITI will need to have sub-national participation or apply for additional relief of some sort.*
- The USEITI adapted implementation request may have had two phases, with the first phase for sub-national opt-in and the second phase for reporting and reconciliation of sub-national revenues. The adapted implementation dispensation may not have been strictly time-limited, so this would need confirmation.
- If it is true that countries are waiting several years for validation due to delays from EITI International, is it possible that USEITI could be well on the way to mainstreaming by the time a US report is considered for validation? *Response from Sam Bartlett: There are fifteen validation requests overdue and they have been given priority by the International Board. That backlog will be cleared quickly. The Board will also take stock of the EITI financial situation in October 2016 and will thereby determine how many validations to undertake in 2017.*
- If the USEITI MSG decides to pursue validation of its 2016 report, could the International EITI Board meet that request? *Response from Sam Bartlett: To the extent possible, the International Board will strive to meet requests for expedited validation.*
- In terms of the likelihood for USEITI validation, in the past countries have been validated without fully meeting all EITI requirements and the presentation from John Mennel indicated that the EITI Board considers a scorecard holistically. However, Sam Bartlett has also indicated that a country needs to be "satisfactory" on all requirements in order to be validated. In order for USEITI to achieve validation, is "satisfactory" progress on each requirement needed or can is "meaningful" progress on some requirements sufficient? What are the requirements for validation? *Response from Sam Bartlett: All requirements have to be met. The EITI Board will make a final decision about a country's scorecard. The 2016 EITI Standard is quite clear that countries are required to have "satisfactory" progress on all requirements to achieve validation.*
- Prior to the 2016 Standard, the Board had more discretion to consider countries' reports holistically and validate them even if they had not met all of the requirements. The likelihood for the US report to be validated under the 2016 Standard is lower than it was under the 2013 Standard. *Response from John*

Mennel: Although there were countries that achieved validation without full compliance with company and revenue stream reporting, the gap that the US had in 2015 in terms of income tax reporting was quite significant. And the 2016 Standard sets a higher bar for validation.

- The International EITI Board ultimately decides whether a country is “EITI compliant,” correct? How is “compliance” with the EITI Standard different from “validation?” *Response from Mr. Bartlett: There are three stages to determine compliance: review by the International EITI Secretariat, review by an independent validator appointed by the EITI Board, and a final determination by the EITI Board.*
- The MSG is trying to guess at the intentions of the Board’s Validation Committee. The USEITI MSG has not been able to reach consensus about the disaggregation level of reporting and this may be a reason to be cautious about pursuing validation.
- There seem to be the following possibilities for USEITI pursuing validation: 1) submit the 2016 USEITI report for expedited validation; 2) submit for validation under the normal process, in which case the most recent report at the time of validation will be reviewed; or 3) request delayed validation.
- One additional consideration is that the 2016 Report would be considered for validation under the 2013 Standard whereas the 2017 report and later reports would be considered under the 2016 Standard.
- The USEITI MSG will have a better sense of the Board’s timeframe for validation after getting more information about the progress of the EITI fundraising campaign.
- Another validation risk is that the Board may not accept the USEITI definition of materiality. For next year, USEITI should expand the definition of materiality beyond only DOI revenues.
 - USEITI submitted its candidacy application under a definition of materiality that includes only DOI revenues.
 - *Response from Sam Bartlett: The Board is not limited to considering only the definition that was included in a country’s candidacy application. Doing so would discount any discussion or decisions that a country’s MSG makes after submitting its initial application.*
 - There are a number of companies in the mining sector that are not currently included in USEITI reporting because their payments to DOI do not meet the materiality threshold but that are voluntarily reporting their income tax payments. The Implementation Subcommittee should explore including these companies next year in order to help address the income tax reporting issue.
- The MSG needs to make a decision about how to handle state and tribal opt-in and, consequently, whether to submit another application for adapted implementation.

- The State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee should prepare a second request for adapted implementation. This application should state that USEITI is unlikely to ever undertake revenue reconciliation of state and tribal revenues.
- Mainstreaming could obviate the need for reconciliation.
 - *Comment from Pat Field, facilitator: We will need to clarify whether mainstreaming applies to all aspects of reporting or only to some aspects.*
- Given that the SEC has now released a rule for Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act and that the 2016 Standard creates a pathway for mainstreaming, the real hurdle for validation facing USEITI is the level of participation in corporate income tax reporting. USEITI clearly meets or exceeds every other aspect of the Standard. USEITI needs to test what arguments it can make such that it can be successful even without the tax reporting. Could the case be made that USEITI is on a glide path towards validation given the release of rules under Section 1504? If the MSG decides that the US report is unlikely to be validated, the MSG should then consider whether it makes sense to continue expending the resources to meet the Standard. Instead, USEITI could consider pursuing the spirit of the EITI without strictly striving for validation.
- The rulemaking under Section 1504 is not a given. The SEC previously released final draft rules and those rules were blocked by a lawsuit. Given the political dynamics around these issues, that could happen again. Furthermore, even if the rules are implemented, tax reporting would not come into effect until 2019, which is three years away. The MSG should be very cognizant of the message that it would be sending about American exceptionalism in that they would have to undertake reconciliation while the US chooses not to do so. Other countries have enacted laws mandating reporting from companies and what the US does around this will have an impact in other countries.
 - The MSG needs to choose between focusing on domestic priorities and foreign policy goals. It cannot accommodate both simultaneously.
 - Another important precedent to consider is the robust level of CSO participation in the US process and the very strong and proactive involvement, particularly around unilateral disclosure, from the government sector.
- I am dismayed about the comments that the USEITI report would not achieve validation. We have a report that all sectors should be very proud of, particularly given the factors on the ground. It could be helpful to have our other EITI International Board member, Ambassador Warlick, participate in and help inform these discussions. USEITI needs people at the Board level who understand the discussions that the MSG has had and who can advocate on behalf of USEITI with the Board. I would like to reiterate the request that Ambassador Warlick attend USEITI MSG meetings in order to understand the USEITI process.

- *Sam Bartlett has communicated very clearly that countries are required to meet all of the requirements in order to achieve validation. He also said he is impressed about the work that USEITI has done.*
- Reconciliation is still very important for the US process. There are safeguards in place in the US system, and yet the impetus for this work in the US was the revelation about corruption at the former Minerals Management Service (MMS). *Response from a representative from the State of Wyoming: After the MMS scandal, Wyoming audited its revenue-sharing program with MMS and did not find any revenue misallocation. While there were cultural and behavioral problems at MMS, it does not seem that there were problems with revenue allocation and distribution.*
- There is still a chance that the US could achieve validation if more companies participate in income tax reporting in 2016.
- More so that income tax reporting, for which regulations will be implemented at some point, state and tribal reporting and reconciliation will continue to be a challenge and hurdle for implementation because the MSG ultimately has no control over subnational participation.
- An additional validation risk facing USEITI is the low level of public participation in the US process. *DOI Response: The US put forward resources for public engagement but unfortunately was not able to achieve robust engagement.*
- Patrick Field, facilitator, summarized the following potential validation risks raised by MSG members:
 - Sub-national reporting and reconciliation
 - Project level reporting
 - Definition of materiality
 - Tax reporting and reconciliation
 - Number of companies that participated in reporting
 - Community engagement

Greg Gould, Chair of the Implementation Subcommittee, proposed that the USEITI Secretariat work with the International Secretariat and the IA to explore the prospects and risks for USEITI validation and provide a recommendation to the MSG at the November 2016 MSG meeting. Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight, and Emily Hague, American Petroleum Institute, would serve as liaisons between the Secretariat and their sectors. The Secretariat will also maintain open communication with MSG members throughout the process.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments were offered at the June 2016 MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting. Decisions will be recorded in an updated MSG Decision Matrix by the Secretariat.

Mr. Gould, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Brian, and Mr. Mussenden, in their roles as Co-Chairs and the acting DFO, made closing comments to the MSG, thanking the MSG, associated staff, the USEITI Secretariat, and the IA for their hard work. Mr. Mussenden, Acting DFO, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the June 27-28, 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Kris Sarri, Designated Federal Officer, and Paul Mussenden, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Committee Members

Civil Society

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Paul Bugala, George Washington University
Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition
Keith Romig, Jr., United Steelworkers
Michael Ross, Natural Resources Governance Institute
Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury
Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Industry

Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum
Phillip Denning, Shell Oil Company
Michael Gardner, Rio Tinto
John Harrington, ExxonMobil
Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Johanna Nesseth, Chevron

B. Committee Alternates in Attendance

Civil Society

David Chambers, Center for Science in Public Participation

Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

Chris Chambers, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

John Cassidy, Deloitte

Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte

Alex Klepacz, Deloitte

John Mennel, Deloitte

Sarah Platts, Deloitte

Kurt Schultz, Deloitte

Jen Smith, Deloitte

Andrew Varnum, Deloitte

D. Government and Members of the Public in Attendance

Michael Blank, Peabody Energy

Troy Dopke, Department of Interior Office of Inspector General

Nicole Gibson, Department of State

Emily Hague, American Petroleum Institute

Jeannette Angel Mendoza, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Mary McCullough, Chevron

Charles Norfleet, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Kathleen Richland, Department of Interior Office of Inspector General

Yvette Smith, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight

Suzanne Swink, BP

Micah Watson, Department of State

Greg Weissman, Chevron

Lance Wenger, Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor

E. Facilitation Team

Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute

Tushar Kansal, Consensus Building Institute

F. DOI MSG Support Team

Nathan Brannenber, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Jerry Gidner, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Jennifer Goldblatt, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Judith Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

VII. Documents Distributed

- MSG Meeting Agenda ([PDF](#))
- March 2016 MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))
- 2015 Signed Annual Activity Report ([PDF](#))
- Updated USEITI Terms of Reference ([PDF](#))
- Coal Excise Tax Infographic ([PDF](#))
- AML Visualization ([PDF](#))
- Budget and Audit Visualization ([PDF](#))
- Montana State Opt-In Visualization ([PDF](#))
- Montana Enlarged Mock-Ups ([PDF](#))
- Data Portal Analytics ([PDF](#))
- 18f Development Process ([PDF](#))
- County Case Studies:
 - Boone, Logan, and Mingo Counties, West Virginia ([PDF](#))
 - Campbell County, Wyoming ([PDF](#))
 - Desoto Parish, Louisiana ([PDF](#))
 - Elko and Eureka Counties, Nevada ([PDF](#))
 - Humbolt and Lander Counties, Nevada ([PDF](#))
 - Marquette County, Michigan ([PDF](#))
 - Pima County, Arizona ([PDF](#))
 - St. Louis County, Minnesota ([PDF](#))
 - Tarrant and Johnson Counties, Texas ([PDF](#))
 - Greenlee County, Arizona ([PDF](#))
 - Kern County, California ([PDF](#))
 - North Slope Borough, Alaska ([PDF](#))
- Executive Summary Outline ([PDF](#))

**UNITED STATES EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 8-9, 2016**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: MARCH 2016**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Kris Sarri presiding as Designated Federal Official (DFO) and Paul Mussenden presiding as acting DFO, convened the seventeenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on March 8-9, 2016 in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to make decisions on various recommendations for the 2016 USEITI Report from the Implementation Subcommittee; begin consideration of the future inclusion of additional commodities, namely forestry and other minerals; consider outreach efforts to the public around the 2015 Report and to companies around the 2016 Report; discuss both state and tribal opt-in efforts and updating the contextual narrative portions of the 2016 report around states and tribes.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- No endorsements were made by the MSG at the March 2016 MSG meeting.

B. Decisions

- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on project-level reporting. *(see page 8)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on revenue streams. *(see page 10)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on reporting template and guidelines. *(see page 11)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on company materiality. *(see page 11)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on sampling. *(see page 13)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on margin of variance. *(see page 15)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on holding webinars for companies' tax staff. *(see page 16)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on industry peer discussions. *(see page 17)*
- The MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on opt-in to USEITI reporting for out-of-scope companies. *(see page 17)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the December 2015 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 5)*

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the March 2016 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

➤ Co-Chairs:

- Review and distribute meeting summary from March 2016 MSG meeting to MSG members.
- Develop agenda for June 2016 MSG meeting.
- Provide guidance to the Subcommittees around consultation with external stakeholders. *(see page 28)*

➤ USEITI Secretariat:

- Explore means to enhance the transparency of the contracting process, including federal best practices around contracting. *(see page 7)*
- Request participation from highest-level DOI officials in outreach efforts to companies. *(see page 23)*
- Send out letters to companies that are tailored to the level of reporting and reconciliation that companies elected to participate in for 2015. *(see page 24)*

➤ Implementation Subcommittee:

- Consider the proposal for forming a work group focusing on defining materiality. *(see page 13)*

- Provide updates on progress and key themes raised in industry peer discussions during weekly conference calls. *(see page 17)*
- **Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group**
 - Explore how the EITI International Board’s recently announced “mainstreaming” policy could be applied in the US context. *(see page 8)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Based on analysis conducted during 2016 reporting and reconciliation process, report to the MSG on how much time and money a sampling approach would save on the part of the IA, companies, and the government. *(see page 14)*
 - Provide ongoing updates to the MSG about the number of companies likely to participate in different aspects of reporting and reconciliation. *(see page 17)*
 - Draft a proposal detailing an outreach strategy to companies around voluntary opt-in for out-of-scope companies. *(see page 18)*
 - Coordinate with USEITI Secretariat around communication with companies. *(see page 24)*
 - Present additional information about the content and intended direction of the state and tribal and budget, audit, and assurance visualizations to MSG members and continue working with the Online Report Work Group on an ongoing basis to confirm the direction of the online report. *(see page 27)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Create a meeting summary for the March 2016 MSG meeting.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Kris Sarri, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the USEITI MSG, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 32.

A. Opening Remarks

Ms. Sarri provided opening remarks by stating that USEITI will be working towards initiating validation and ultimately becoming an EITI compliant country in 2016. She recognized the hard work of the subcommittees and work groups between MSG meetings and the importance of coordination and collaboration across sectors, with the IA team, and among the other bureaus and offices within the Department of Interior and other agencies outside DOI.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI December 2015 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- “Decisions” will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- “Approvals” will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- “Confirmations” will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the December 2015 MSG Meeting with one minor edit. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available at:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/USEITI%20MSG%20-%20Dec%202015%20Mtg%20Summary%20vFINAL%20APPROVED%20%28160323%29.pdf>.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the December 2015 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Update on EITI Global Conference, Lima Peru

Two members of the EITI International Secretariat, Jonas Moberg and Sam Bartlett, joined the USEITI MSG meeting via teleconference. They provided a summary of proceedings at the Lima conference, including updates to the EITI Standard.

Mr. Moberg characterized the conversations at the Lima conference as deep and insightful. He noted that the Dominican Republic and Germany are joining EITI and observed that many Latin American countries are moving towards participating in EITI. Mr. Moberg stated that there is a growing recognition that EITI reporting in some countries has become overly dissociated from the functioning of their governments and so there is now a movement towards “mainstreaming” EITI into government’s other functions. He also mentioned the tension between the civil society sector and EITI leadership that arose in the Lima meeting around self-selection of board members and expressed confidence that the dynamic would improve under the leadership of the new Chair of the EITI Board, Fredrik Reinfeldt. He suggested that EITI needs to be “light touch” and not create unnecessary bureaucracy while also becoming more robust.

Mr. Bartlett focused his comments on updates to the EITI Standard that were agreed-to at the Lima conference. Key updates include:

- Option to “mainstream” EITI reporting through existing government systems.
- Provisions on beneficial ownership such that each country will need to agree on a roadmap for disclosing beneficial ownership by January 1, 2017 such that such disclosure is in place by January 1, 2020.
- Changes to validation procedures that include more disaggregated assessments and that encourage and reward continuous improvement.

- Provisions to encourage countries to undertake recommendations articulated in their EITI reports.
- Strengthened data accessibility requirements.
- Refinements to address inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Standard.
- A new requirement that MSGs publish their per diem policies.
- Restructuring of the EITI Standard to better align with the extractive industry value chain.

In response to Mr. Moberg's and Mr. Bartlett's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments; *responses from Mr. Moberg and Mr. Bartlett are indicated in italics*:

- A CSO sector member inquired about the role of the civil society organization (CSO) sector at the Lima meeting and about the tension between the CSO sector and EITI leadership.
 - Mr. Bartlett recounted that there were four key meetings in Lima, with the meeting of the outgoing EITI Board looking at a number of key governance issues. He noted that, with more civil society organizations participating in EITI, there was contention about how CSO organizations would be nominated for seats on the EITI Board. Subsequently, some CSO organizations declined to participate in the members meeting. Later, the meeting of the incoming EITI Board addressed and resolved the issues raised in the outgoing board meeting.
 - A CSO sector member added that the outgoing board chair, Claire Short, asserted that she could overrule the self-selection process of the CSO sector. The incoming board chair has a different approach than the outgoing chair and he acknowledged the process "foul" that had taken place. The commenter also noted that the US Government representative to the Board, Mary Warlick, was very supportive of the CSO position.
- CSO sector members inquired about the significance of the changes to the standard around a country making "meaningful progress" towards meeting the requirements articulated in the Standard.
 - Mr. Bartlett explained that the EITI Board will look at a given country's progress towards meeting the requirements of the EITI Standard and will make a judgment call about whether the country has made "satisfactory progress," "meaningful progress," or "limited progress" towards meeting the Standard's requirements. Achieving "compliance" with the EITI Standard will continue to require that a country meet all elements of the Standard. The new framework gives the board greater discretion to decide what consequences should be meted out to countries that are not in compliance. For example, for a country like Afghanistan that has been participating in EITI but that has very weak governance, the board can look at what steps the country is taking to move towards compliance.

- An industry sector member recounted that he attended the Lima conference as well and highlighted the final day of the conference that featured over 25 ministers attesting to the importance of EITI in their countries. He stated that, although the organization is having some growing pains, the underlying work remains robust and important.
- An industry sector member commended the work of the members of the USEITI Secretariat who set up the US booth and represented USEITI. She also noted that John Harrington has been appointed to the EITI International Board as an alternate member.
- A CSO sector member added that the US Co-Chairs met with their counterparts from Iraq who were very interested to learn that the platform for the USEITI online report is open source and can be used by other countries. She also noted that the Iraqi MSG has rules requiring minimum representation and leadership by women.
- Government sector members Greg thanked the USEITI Secretariat as well as Kris Sarri for engaging the USEITI team. They added that the USEITI online report is a strong example of how EITI can improve governance in implementing countries and that other countries are now looking at the US example.

3. MSG Terms of Reference

Ms. Wilson walked through a draft version of updated Terms of Reference (TOR) for the USEITI MSG. She remarked that the updated draft is intended to be more forward-looking than the existing TOR, which was drafted and agreed-upon at the inception of the MSG. Ms. Wilson requested that the sectors review the draft updated TOR and be prepared to comment and decide on whether to endorse the document at the June MSG meeting. The draft TOR is available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Updated%20USEITI%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20compared%203_16%201.pdf.

A CSO sector member commented that the federal contracting process to select the Independent Administrator was opaque and did not allow for input or guidance from the MSG. He noted that this opacity is particularly incongruent for a transparency initiative. The commenter suggested that the USEITI Secretariat explore other federal contracting processes, such as one used by the US Department of Energy in the nuclear fuel sector, and other best practices around federal contracting that are more transparent. Greg Gould, DOI ONRR, agreed to continue exploring means to enhance the transparency of the contracting process, including the federal best practices that the commenter referenced. The USEITI facilitator noted that the last bullet under the section of the draft TORs titled "X. Communications between the IA and the MSG" is intended to help address the commenter's expressed concerns, at least in part.

An industry sector member inquired as to the consequences of an MSG member violating the TOR. The USEITI facilitator noted that, informally, this can be addressed through conversations, while formal decision making as to the severity of the violation

and attendant consequences rests with the Designated Federal Official to recommend to the Secretary for action. This is covered in Section IX, subsection I of the draft TOR.

4. Subcommittee and Work Group Planning

Mr. Gould asked the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group to explore how the EITI International Board's recently announced "mainstreaming" policy could be applied in the US context.

C. Implementation Subcommittee Recommendations

The USEITI MSG received and discussed presentations and recommendations from two work groups of the Implementation Subcommittee: the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group and the Tax Work Group. Each of these sets of work group recommendations and accompanying MSG discussions and decisions are summarized below. *Please note that where deliberation is in service of a MSG decision, comments are attributed by individual names and affiliation.*

1. Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group Recommendations

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior, provided an overview of the six areas in which the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group made recommendations to the Implementation Subcommittee – with the Implementation Subcommittee now making those same recommendations to the full USEITI MSG. These recommendations were intended to set the stage for validation of the USEITI 2016 Report at the end of the year. The work group made recommendations in the following six areas:

- Project-level reporting
- Revenue streams
- Reporting template and guidelines
- Company materiality
- Sampling
- Margin of variance

The slides with Mr. Steward's overview and with recommendations from the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group are available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016Mar04_Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Work%20Group_MSG.pdf.

a) Project-level Reporting

Paul Bugala, member of the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group, summarized the work group's process and recommendation about project-level reporting for 2016. He explained that, given that extensive discussions about this topic had already been held in the Implementation Subcommittee, the work group concluded that the positions of the industry and CSO sectors are presently irreconcilable. As such, the work group reverted to a previous agreement and made the following recommendation to the Implementation Subcommittee – with the Implementation Subcommittee now making those same recommendations to the full USEITI MSG:

The recommendation of the Reporting and Reconciliation Workgroup is that the reconciled payment reporting of the 2016 USEITI should follow the first part of Section 5.2e of the EITI Standard that states: "It is required that EITI data is presented by individual company, government entity and revenue stream." We were unable to reach a consensus on a project-level reporting definition consistent with Section 5.2e in the necessary timeframe.

Please see pages 1-2 of the following document for the complete recommendation on project-level reporting from the work group:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

In response to Mr. Bugala's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments.

- Zorka Milin inquired whether the strong opposition to project-level reporting in the United States among many companies takes into account the fact that many of these companies that have operations in Europe will have to report at the project level in coming months under EU law.
 - John Harrington responded by explaining that, while there are differences of opinion among industry sector members, many companies are concerned about the prospect for competitive harm from revealing information at the project level and are also not convinced that this reporting will effectively further EITI's goals for greater transparency and fighting corruption in the United States. As such, the industry sector is in favor of waiting until the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) releases rules concerning project-level reporting under §1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act.
- Danielle Brian asked whether work group members anticipate that their recommended approach could risk validation of the USEITI 2016 Report.
 - Mr. Harrington suggested that the EITI Board is likely to be sympathetic to the fact that USEITI is trying to act consistently with SEC and EU rules and that, on this issue, SEC rules are in process and have not been put in place.
 - Mr. Bugala cautioned against assuming that the Board would be okay with the US approach because it is the Board's Validation Committee that ultimately makes the decision about validating the US report. He added that, even with this caution, he stands behind the work group's recommendation.
 - Mike LeVine, Oceana, suggested that, while this may be the right decision for the time-being, the MSG ultimately does not know what the implications for validation will be.
 - Greg Gould stated that the recommendation clarifies that company-level reporting can serve as a surrogate for project-level reporting until the SEC rule-making process is finalized. As such, the work group's recommendation should not present a validation risk.

- Ms. Milin responded that company-level reporting and project-level reporting are separate processes and are not substitutable.
 - Michael Gardner, Rio Tinto, opined that USEITI risks erring if it defines project-level reporting itself based on the disparate rules that have been released from the EU and Canada instead of waiting for the SEC. He provided the example of Quebec adopting a different definition than the rest of Canada.
 - Ms. Milin noted that her organization, Global Witness, has participated in discussions at the level of the EITI International Board about this issue and that the International Board has also agreed to disagree.
 - In response to questions from Chris Chambers, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, and from Ms. Brian, Mr. Gould confirmed that the federal government's unilateral disclosure of revenue data would remain at the company level until the SEC rule is finalized, at which point it will move to project-level reporting to the extent allowable by US law.
- **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on project-level reporting.**

b) Revenue Streams

Jim Steward recounted that the work group discussed the revenue streams to include in the 2016 USEITI Report. The discussion covered the revenue streams currently included in the 2015 USEITI Report, revenue streams that were intentionally excluded from the 2015 USEITI Report, as well as potential new revenue streams (e.g. forestry revenue).

Based on this discussion, the work group and the Implementation Subcommittee recommended to the MSG that no change be made as to the revenue streams included in the 2016 Report. The Implementation Subcommittee's complete recommendation can be found on pages 3-4 of the following document:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

Mr. Harrington added that, while BLM helium revenue would be excluded from the report as last year, a description of the government's helium policy will be included in the contextual narrative portion of the report, as it was in the 2015 report.

Keith Romig noted that, if additional commodities are included in the scope of USEITI over time, additional revenue streams pertaining to these commodities would need to be added.

- **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on revenue streams.**

c) Reporting Template and Guidelines

Mr. Steward explained that the work group discussed possible paths to streamline the burden associated with reporting and reconciling revenue streams, particularly the “ONRR Other Revenues” revenue stream. Mr. Harrington added that the work group ultimately could not determine whether any changes that it would recommend would lower the reporting and reconciling burden without reducing the quality of these activities. The work group hopes that the lessons that both the Independent Administrator and reporting companies learned from participating in reporting and reconciliation in 2015 will smooth the process for 2016.

The work group and the Implementation Subcommittee made the following recommendation to the MSG:

For the 2016 USEITI Report, no content changes will be made to reporting template and guidelines that were submitted in the 2015 USEITI Report.

Please see page 5 of the following document for the complete recommendation on project-level reporting from the work group and the Implementation Subcommittee: <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

- **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on reporting template and guidelines.**

d) Company Materiality

Mr. Steward recounted that the work group discussed the relevant year of data for reconciliation purposes, CY 2014 or CY 2015, and considered the advantages and disadvantages to both. The work group and Implementation Subcommittee recommended that USEITI use CY 2015 data in the 2016 report because it could increase company data availability and diminish the effect of company mergers, acquisitions, and divestures (e.g., which company is responsible for reporting the revenue for reconciliation). This would mean CY2014 data would not be required to be reported (but ONRR can unilaterally disclose this data for purposes of continuity and the on-line report).

In addition, following discussion, the work group and Implementation Subcommittee recommended that USEITI continue to use the same method of company determination, specifically by using only ONRR reported revenues, as was used for the 2015 report.

Finally, the group work group and Implementation Subcommittee decided maintaining the 2015 reporting and reconciliation threshold is an important step to achieve for the 2016 USEITI Report. An 80% threshold was used for the 2015 USEITI report; the workgroup decided that based on the company composition of 2015, the decisions of the MSG, and the outcomes of the 2015 report, that an 80% revenue threshold would

be appropriate for the 2016 USEITI report, given that in any year the actual dollar threshold in absolute dollars will vary based on market conditions and other factors.

Please see pages 6-8 of the following document for the complete recommendation on company materiality from the work group and the Implementation Subcommittee:
<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

In response to Mr. Steward's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments.

- Dan Dudis of Public Citizen questioned why company materiality should be defined using only ONRR revenues when there are companies, particularly in the hard rock mining sector, that do not pay significant revenues to ONRR but that do pay significant revenues to the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in corporate income taxes. He suggested that, even though corporate income taxes are confidential, proxy information, such as production volumes, could be used to determine which companies pay significant quantities in corporate income taxes to the IRS. Including these companies would provide a fuller picture of the extractives sector in the United States.
 - Ms. Milin responded that there does not exist a good proxy indicator for corporate income tax payments.
 - Mr. Dudis replied that there should be some statistical correlation between a company's level of revenues and the amount that it pays in taxes. If, in fact, there is not a strong correlation between these two variables, that itself is an interesting story for USEITI to share.
 - Ms. Brian supported Mr. Dudis' call for an exploration of avenues to include companies in USEITI reporting that make significant tax payments but are not considered material according to ONRR revenue collections.
 - Mr. Mussenden reminded the group that the MSG's focus for 2016 is on achieving validation of its report. He agreed that it may be worth exploring other avenues for including other companies but suggested that the MSG focus on making decisions that facilitate validation of the 2016 report.

Mr. LeVine and Ms. Brian inquired about the change in the composition of companies that would be included in the 2016 materiality threshold as compared to 2015. Per the IA, it was noted that seven companies dropped off from the 2015 to the expected 2016 report. Of those seven companies, five companies reconciled CY2013 revenues. Three (3) new companies will be added from 2015 to the 2016 report

- Mr. LeVine also inquired about the future implications work group's recommendation that USEITI stay at an 80% revenue threshold for 2016 as opposed to moving to the 90% threshold that had previously been envisaged.
 - Mr. Harrington explained that moving to the 90% threshold would draw in 74 companies, many of them smaller, and the work group has concerns that some of these additional companies may not participate in USEITI reporting.

The work group's recommendation only applies to the 2016 report and does not bear on future years.

- Ms. Kohler added that not all of the companies that were included in the materiality threshold in 2015 elected to participate in revenue reconciliation and that it may be harder to convince companies to participate in 2016 given the ongoing low price environment for commodities and given that some of the in-threshold companies have filed for bankruptcy protection.
- Mr. Gould noted that the July 2013 MSG meeting summary contains a statement indicating that the USEITI MSG would decide about the 2016 company materiality threshold based on the results of 2015 reporting.
- Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, suggested that the MSG decide to focus on percentage thresholds (e.g. 80% or 90%) going forward, as opposed to dollar revenue levels (e.g. \$50 million) so as to better account for fluctuating commodity prices.
- Mr. LeVine expressed his support for the Implementation Subcommittee's proposal to keep the company materiality threshold at 80% for 2016 but noted that this is a change from the MSG's previous planning and suggested that the MSG include a statement clarifying its intention.
 - Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, cautioned against including a statement of this sort as a caution against confusing USEITI's standard for validation.
- Ms. Brian and Mr. LeVine posited the importance of having the MSG affirmatively confirm that the decision to stay at an 80% materiality threshold for 2016 based on the results of 2015 reporting and other circumstances is not reflected in the USEITI candidacy application. They also pressed for the formation of a work group to focus on defining materiality for 2017 in order to separate out and rationalize two separate considerations: the level of revenue payments that USEITI considers to be "material" and the number of companies that are included in reporting.
 - Ms. Kohler responded to the proposal to create a working group focused on materiality by expressing concern about the MSG taking on additional priorities, beyond focusing on validation, in 2016.
 - Mr. Gould suggested that the International Board's focus on "mainstreaming" may allow for some efficiencies in reporting that could allow for consideration of other issues, such as defining materiality.
 - Mr. Harrington suggested that the Implementation Subcommittee consider the proposal for forming a work group focusing on defining materiality.

➤ **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on company materiality.**

e) Sampling

Mr. Harrington opened by reviewing the discussion about the use of statistical sampling as a way to streamline the reconciliation process from the December 2015 MSG meeting. He recounted that sampling may provide an opportunity to reduce some

amount of effort from the reconciliation process without diminishing the reporting of data from in-scope companies. He also noted that the United States has very high accounting standards and that the 2015 USEITI Report reconciliation results yielded no unexplained discrepancies.

Based on its exploration of the issue, the work group and the Implementation Subcommittee recommended that sampling not be used as the basis for reconciliation in the 2016 report but that the Independent Administrator use 2016 data to explore the benefits and methodology of sampling that may be used in subsequent USEITI Reports and share those results with the working group and implementation subcommittee.

Please see page 9 of the following document for the complete recommendation on company materiality from the work group and the Implementation Subcommittee:
<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Reporting%20and%20Reconciliation%20Workgroup%20Recommendations.pdf>.

In response to Mr. Harrington's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments.

- Mr. Gardner and Mr. Bugala requested that the Independent Administrator (IA) report back to the MSG on how much time and money a sampling approach would save on the part of the IA, companies, and the government.
- Mr. Gardner suggested that adopting a sampling-based approach could conserve USEITI resources around the reconciliation process and thereby free up resources to use in other areas of MSG interest, such as expanding scope to include additional commodities.
 - Ms. Milin suggested that the “mainstreaming” approach suggested by the International Board could be a more effective approach to conserving resources than trying to create a new, different sampling approach that may pose validation issues.
- Various MSG members raised questions about the implications of adopting a sampling-based approach for the prospects of achieving validation of USEITI reports.
 - Ms. Kohler suggested that adopting a sampling-based approach could actually enhance the prospects for USEITI being successfully validated since it would take the pressure off of needing to have all companies within the materiality threshold participate in reconciliation.
 - Mr. Bugala suggested that, with 69% of DOI revenue reconciled in the 2015 Report given the number of companies within the materiality threshold who participated in validation, hopefully USEITI can have 80% of revenues reconciled in 2016. The MSG has previously decided on the 80% threshold.
 - Mr. Matthews pointed out that sampling is a very widely-used and respected accounting and auditing approach that is widely used in the United States and Europe in the extractives industries and in other industries, including

when investigating suspected fraud. Sampling is not a “lesser” approach in any way.

- Mr. Harrington suggested that the IA should develop a detailed proposal for how sampling would work for the MSG’s consideration and that the MSG would then engage in a conversation with the International EITI Board about implementing sampling. Sampling would not be implemented unilaterally by USEITI.
- Ms. Kohler cautioned that the reporting and reconciliation process for 2016 will likely be smoother only for those companies that participated in USEITI in 2015, not for those companies that chose not to participate in reconciliation or those that newly-meet the materiality threshold. Several new companies are included in the 2016 report that were not included in the 2015 report. Furthermore, due to the industry’s financial downturn, some of those that opted to participate last year may not do so again in 2016.
 - John Mennel, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, stated that there three new companies that meet the materiality threshold in 2016 that did not do so in 2015. He also noted that Mongolia’s EITI has started using a sampling-based approach and that there are some EITI countries that are not reporting or reconciling 100% of company revenues and that are still achieving validation. He suggested that the MSG should discuss what approach would work for the US context.

➤ **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on sampling.**

f) Margin of Variance

Mr. Steward explained that the work group’s discussions explored raising the margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds. Through evaluation of actual 2015 USEITI Report reporting and reconciliation data, however, the work group concluded that reconciliation volume is not very sensitive to changes in the margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds and that order of magnitude adjustments would need to be imposed to have a material effect. As a result, the work group and Implementation Subcommittee recommended that no changes be made to margin of variance percentage or floor thresholds for the 2016 USEITI Report.

➤ **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on margin of variance percentage and floor thresholds.**

2. Tax Work Group Recommendations

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury, provided an overview of the Tax Work Group’s discussions and recommendations to the Implementation Subcommittee – with the Implementation Subcommittee now making those same recommendations to the full USEITI MSG. These recommendations were intended to set the stage for validation

of the USEITI 2016 Report at the end of the year. The work group made recommendations in the following six areas:

- Webinars for companies' tax staff
- Industry peer discussions
- Opt in for companies not in scope

The slides with Mr. Carlson's overview and with recommendations from the Tax Work Group are available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016Mar04_Tax%20Work%20Group_MSG.pdf. In addition, a more detailed version of the Tax Work Group's discussion and

recommendations is available at:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Tax%20Work%20Group%20Recommendations.pdf>.

By way of background, Mr. Carlson also explained that per the current SEC timeline for finalizing its 1504 draft rule, calendar-year corporate income tax filers are expected to report for the first time on their 2017 taxes by the end of May 2018. Out of the 41 in-scope companies for USEITI reporting in 2016, 32 use a calendar year for filing, two use a June fiscal year, and seven have no filing information available.

In response to a question from a government sector member about the seven companies that do not have tax filing information available, Mr. Carlson explained that these companies are privately held.

a) Webinars for Companies' Tax Staff

Mr. Carlson recounted that the Tax Work Group is recommending that the Treasury Department and the Independent Administrator (IA) lead meeting/webinars with in-scope firm's tax staff (in Houston and Denver, spring 2016), similar to last year's meetings with firms' royalty payment accounting staff. The goal of these meetings is to ensure greater understanding, encourage companies' tax staff to participate in USEITI tax reporting/reconciliation, and reduce burden on IA and industry by answering as many questions as possible before reporting and reconciliation begins.

In response to Mr. Carlson's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- Ms. Milin requested that the invitation for the webinars be shared with MSG members who would like to listen in. In response, Mr. Mennel explained that the 2015 company webinars were only for reporting companies in order to allow for candid discussions.
- In response to a question from Mr. Mussenden about whether an industry sector representatives would be reaching out to companies to encourage them to participate in webinars, Mr. Mennel responded to say that the IA would be inviting companies to the webinars.

- Mr. Gardner inquired about the aspect of the Tax Work Group’s recommendation that the IA ask member MSG companies (or reporting companies) to explain their experience with tax reporting and/or reconciliation.
 - Mr. Mennel explained that the IA would reach out to the point of contact in companies that participated in tax reporting in 2015 to inquire if they would be willing to share about their experience with the other companies participating on the webinar.
 - Mr. Gardner suggested that placing phone calls to these individuals could be helpful.
- **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on holding webinars for companies’ tax staff.**

b) Industry Peer Discussions

Mr. Carlson explained that the Implementation Subcommittee is recommending that efforts be made to continue discussions between industry members and within trade associations following the EITI Conference in Lima. Specifically, trade associations and companies will discuss the benefits of participating in USEITI with other in-scope companies, with a focus on participating in income tax reporting.

In response to Mr. Carlson’s comments, Ms. Milin requested that industry sector members participating in this peer-to-peer effort provide updates to other MSG members. Mr. Padilla agreed to provide these updates and Mr. Gould offered to add this as an agenda item to the weekly Implementation Subcommittee conference calls. Ms. Taylor suggested that the lessons from these peer discussions could help shape the IA’s and the MSG’s communications with companies. Mr. Mennel also offered to provide ongoing updates to the MSG about the number of companies likely to participate in different aspects of reporting and reconciliation.

- **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on encouraging industry peer discussions.**

c) Opt-in for Companies Not in Scope

Mr. Carlson stated that there may be companies not in-scope for 2016 reporting that wish to report and/or reconcile federal corporate income taxes and DOI revenue as part of their corporate citizenship and transparency efforts. The Implementation Subcommittee is recommending that these companies be allowed to opt into tax (and DOI revenue) reporting and/or reconciliation. This would not be an alternative to reporting requirements now or in the future.

In response to questions from MSG members about how opt-in reporting for out-of-scope companies would work, Mr. Mennel explained that the IA would conduct outreach to companies in the extractives sector that are already publicly disclosing their non-tax and tax payments to the government and give them the option to participate in

USEITI reporting. This reporting could take the form of completing the same form as in-scope companies are asked to complete, providing their already-publicly disclosed information to the IA, or simply affirmatively confirming numbers that the IA has gleaned from publicly available documents. MSG members offered the following comments.

- Mr. Gould added that it is important to have some sort of active participation in reporting from the companies, even if it is simply confirming the accuracy of publicly available data that the IA provides to them, in order for it to count as “reporting” under the EITI Standard.
- Mr. Padilla and Ms. Milin additionally suggested that, while the Tax Work Group has in mind a relatively small number of companies, especially in the mining industry, that are already voluntarily disclosing corporate income tax payments, the voluntary opt-in option can be offered to any company that would like to participate. Mr. Mennel added that, if the MSG decides to accept the Implementation Subcommittee’s proposal around opt-in for out-of-scope companies, the IA can draft a proposal detailing an outreach strategy to companies.
- Mr. Gardner suggested that companies are more likely to participate if the opt-in process is easier and less prescriptive. For example, filling in the same reporting form as in-scope companies would be more onerous and may discourage companies from participating. Ms. Kohler reiterated that the proposal from the IA should focus on making the participation by companies as easy as possible.
- Mr. Gould suggested that the USEITI report could have a separate table featuring data from out-of-scope companies that chose to participate in reporting.
- Ms. Brian questioned whether there should be more of a methodology, such as the size of companies, in terms of which companies are invited to opt into reporting. In response, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Milin explained that, since this is a purely voluntary offer to allow companies to participate in USEITI reporting, the methodology is not as relevant. Companies that the IA approaches but that choose not to participate in this supplementary opt-in process would not be named in any way. Mr. Gould added that ONRR has a list of larger companies in the extractives sector that it could provide to the IA in order to see which of those companies have already publicly disclosed revenue payments to the government.
- Phillip Denning, Shell Oil Company, and Mr. Padilla cautioned that, despite the MSG’s and the IA’s various efforts, companies may not choose to participate in corporate income tax reporting. In response, Mr. Carlson and Ms. Milin clarified that the voluntary opt-in process for out-of-scope companies would have no bearing on validation since the participating companies are out of scope. Ms. Milin added that the expectation for corporate income tax reporting and reconciliation from in-scope companies is clearly stated in the EITI Standard.

➤ **Decision: The MSG adopts the Implementation Subcommittee’s recommendation on opt-in to USEITI reporting for out-of-scope companies.**

D. Potential Other Commodities

The USEITI MSG received presentations and discussed considerations around introducing additional commodities to the scope of USEITI. The classes of commodities discussed were forestry and various other commodities (including additional metals, representative industrial minerals, and hydropower). Presentations by Michael Bechdolt, US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on forestry, and Keith Romig, on the inclusion of various other commodities, along with accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Forestry

Michael Bechdolt, BLM, joined the MSG meeting and made a presentation about the BLM's forest and woodland public land management program. Mr. Bechdolt provided background information such as the location of BLM public lands, the nature of forest ownership in the United States, and the nature of the forest and woodlands that BLM manages. He proceeded to review the statutory laws governing BLM's management of forests and woodlands and provided an overview of the timber harvest from BLM-managed lands including its volume, the timber sale process, revenues generated, and the distribution of timber sale receipts. Mr. Bechdolt also explained BLM's "stewardship contracting" approach to managing its forestry lands and touched on the harvest of special forest products that BLM also manages. Mr. Bechdolt's presentation slides are available at:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/BLM%20Forestry%20%20Presentation%20%20Updated.pdf>.

In response to Mr. Bechdolt's presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments *with responses by Mr. Bechdolt indicated in italics*.

- A CSO sector member inquired about BLM's role in managing mineral rights on non-BLM lands. A government sector member explained that BLM manages mineral rights on various non-BLM lands, including US Forest Service lands and some tribal lands.
- In response to a question from a CSO sector member, *Mr. Bechdolt stated that BLM's and the Forest Service's timber sales processes are very similar, with both taking about six to seven years to complete, with the possibility of expediting in case of forest fire.*
- CSO sector members asked about the BLM's management of its land to accommodate multiple uses and to account for protected areas. *In response, Mr. Bechdolt explained that one of the first step's in BLM's planning process is to allocate land for various uses, including cultural sites and riparian reserves. In addition, lands designated for timber production still contain constraints such as leaving a buffer of trees adjacent to streams.*

- In response to a question from a CSO sector member, a government sector member indicated that ONRR does not collect revenues resulting from timber production on US Forest Service lands.
- In response to a question from a CSO sector member, *Mr. Bechdolt stated that the downturn in lumber production in the late 2000s was due to the 2008 economic recession and collapse of the US housing market. (see slide #15)*
- A CSO sector member confirmed with Mr. Bechdolt that the US Forest Service manages approximately 90% of forest land while BLM manages the remaining 10%.
- A CSO sector member observed that, in contrast to minerals, timber and forest lands need to be managed. Landowners, including the federal government, pay for that management and both BLM and the Forest Service have come up with a mechanism by which timber companies contribute to forest land management through stewardship contracting. *(see slide #22)*
 - In response to a question from a CSO sector member, *Mr. Bechdolt explained that forest lands require management because the government's fire suppression policy over the past 80 years has resulted in much denser forests that require management to protect against forest fires. In addition, BLM manages forests for the benefit of rural, local communities under the 1937 Oregon & California Act.*
 - In response to a question from a CSO sector member about the differing mandates for BLM management under the 1937 Oregon & California Act and on Forest Service lands, *Mr. Bechdolt clarified that BLM interprets its mandate under the Oregon & California Act to manage for multiple uses although the act does speak to the sustainable production of timber specifically.*
- In response to a question from a government sector member about the mechanics of stewardship contracting, *Mr. Bechdolt explained that BLM values a stand of timber at a given amount and sells the right to harvest that stand to a company. In addition, BLM pays that same company an amount under stewardship contracting for habitat or other improvements. The company then takes the timber that it harvests from the timber stand, conducts stewardship work, and sells the harvested timber for the market price on the open market.*
- In response to a question from a CSO sector member about safety net and Secure Rural School payments to counties covered by the 1937 Oregon & California Act, *Mr. Bechdolt explained that 50% of receipts from timber sales in those counties continue to go to the counties with the balance of federal payments to those counties comprised of contributions from the general fund. (see slides #18-19)*
- In response to a question from a CSO sector member about data accessibility, *Mr. Bechdolt indicated that BLM's public lands statistics webpages (see: http://www.blm.gov/public_land_statistics/) provide useful data to the public but may not have data at the county level. In addition, secure rural schools payments are posted by county (see: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/ctypaypayments.php>).*

- In response to a question from a CSO sector member about special forest products revenues, *Mr. Bechdolt clarified that the revenue amounts shown on slides #25-26 indicate BLM collections for permits, not the value of the products harvested.*
- In response to a question from a CSO sector member about service contracts for building roads, *Mr. Bechdolt stated that both BLM and the Forest Service do let contracts for road construction.*
- The USEITI facilitator inquired about the total value of receipts to the federal government from timber production, observing that the federal government collects approximately \$12 billion from minerals production. *Mr. Bechdolt indicated that total federal receipts from timber likely totaled less than \$1 billion.*

Mr. Gould thanked Mr. Bechdolt for his presentation and responses to MSG members' questions. He also indicated that the USEITI Secretariat would try to line up a presentation from a representative of the US Forest Service at a future MSG meeting.

2. Other Commodities

Keith Romig made a presentation about expanding the scope of USEITI. He made the case that the current scope is limited and to only a subset of commodities extracted in the United States and that the MSG should consider expanding its scope to include additional commodities in the future. Mr. Romig proposed a four-stage program to expand USEITI's scope:

1. Additional metal commodities
2. Inclusion of representative industrial minerals
3. Inclusion of forestry
4. Evaluation of whether or not to include hydropower

Mr. Romig closed his presentation by noting that the inclusion of additional metals would not necessarily change the functioning of USEITI. However, adding industrial minerals, forestry, and hydropower would require changes in the form of added representation on the MSG related to these commodities, additional resources, and possibly changes in government data collection. Mr. Romig's presentation slides are available at:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Expanding%20the%20Scope%20of%20USEITI.pdf>.

In response to Mr. Romig's presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- In response to a question from an industry sector member, Mr. Romig stated that there is significant production of industrial minerals on both federal lands and on other, non-federal, lands.
- In response to a question from a government sector member about whether these new commodities would be included in the revenue reporting and reconciliation process, Mr. Romig suggested that an enhanced scope for USEITI

in future years could be reflected both in the contextual narrative and in the reporting and reconciliation aspects of the report.

- A representative of the IA team reported that adding limited contextual information about the proposed additional commodities would be covered under the IA's existing contract but that work beyond this, such as creating additional county case studies focusing on these commodities, would be beyond the scope of the IA's contract.
- A CSO sector member suggested that, since some of the proposed commodities are extracted primarily in one or two states, inclusion of the commodities could be linked to those states opting into USEITI.
- A government sector member noted that, although USEITI is focused on achieving validation for 2016, the presented information about including additional commodities is very helpful to consider for future years.
- An industry sector member observed that there are at least two paths to including additional commodities: through states including them via the state opt-in process and as a result of the MSG deciding to expand the scope of USEITI. She added that, if the MSG decides to expand scope, additional representatives to the MSG pertaining to the added commodities should be given additional seats on the MSG, not supplant the seats allocated to existing commodities.

E. Communications Subcommittee Update

Members of the Communications Subcommittee provided updates on efforts to outreach to companies around the 2016 report as well as general outreach efforts around the 2015 report. These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Outreach to Companies for 2016 Reporting

Isabelle Brantley, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, made a presentation about communicating with companies for the 2016 USEITI Report. She provided an overview and timeline of outreach activities including letters, webinars, emails, and conversations at the EITI Conference in Peru. She also provided additional detail about the planned webinars focused on non-tax revenue reporting and corporate income tax reporting. Ms. Brantley's presentation slides are available at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016Mar04_Communications%20Subcommittee_MSG.pdf.

In response to Ms. Brantley's comments, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments.

- A CSO sector member asked about the prospect of having more senior DOI officials, such as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, involved in communications efforts with companies in order to more effectively encourage companies to participate in USEITI.

- Mr. Gould noted that Kris Sarri, as the Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, is one of the most senior officials at DOI and will be signing the thank you letters to companies that participated in USEITI in 2015.
- Mr. Mussenden said that, although the USEITI Secretariat has previously made requests to secure participation from even more senior DOI officials, it would try again. He also suggested that outreach from senior officials at organizations in other sectors, such as the American Petroleum Institute, could also encourage company participation.
 - An industry sector member responded that, since the government initiated the implementation of USEITI, participation from senior government officials is critical so that companies perceive some benefit from their participation.
- A CSO sector member inquired whether DOI sent different “thank you for participating in USEITI in 2015” letters to companies based on whether they elected to participate in revenue reconciliation or income tax reporting.
 - An industry sector member responded that Communications Subcommittee opted to send the same letter to all participating companies on the theory that positive feedback would be more likely to elicit continued future participation.
 - An industry sector member added that it was very important that the thank you letters be sent to companies before they started receiving communication from the IA requesting participation for 2016. The Communications Subcommittee would be happy to work further in advance to develop the 2016 thank you letters and receive the MSG’s input on those.
- In response to a questions from an industry sector member inquiring as to how the IA would approach those companies that declined to participate in USEITI reporting in 2015, Ms. Brantley explained that the IA would approach them as if they are new to USEITI and would articulate why participating in 2016 is particularly important due to the validation process.
- An industry sector member noting that many companies needed longer than the allotted 90 days for reporting in 2015, asked how long companies would be given in 2016.
 - Ms. Brantley responded that companies would be given 90 days for reporting and 30 days for reconciliation. The IA hopes that the process will be easier in 2016 for the many companies that participated in 2015.
- An industry sector member requested that MSG members have an opportunity to review the letter that the IA is sending to companies to invite them to participate in the informational webinars and to participate in USEITI reporting.¹

¹ *Editor’s note:* The Independent Administrator provided a draft of the letter to MSG members at the end of the first day of the MSG meeting in order to provide MSG members a chance to

- In response to a question from a CSO sector member about the recipients of the IA's letter to companies, Ms. Brantley said that the letter would mostly go to the same points of contacts that the IA had in 2015, with some updates.
- A government sector member suggested that the USEITI Secretariat send out letters to companies that are tailored to the level of reporting and reconciliation that companies elected to participate in for 2015.
- An industry sector member noted that any letters to companies newly in scope for 2016 would likely need more background and explanation about USEITI.
- An industry sector member requested that the IA and the USEITI Secretariat coordinate their communications with companies.

2. Outreach Following Release of 2015 USEITI Report

Ms. Kohler reported that the Communications Subcommittee has been working on putting together outreach efforts around the 2015 USEITI Report including webinars to solicit feedback about the 2015 report and guidance for the 2016 report as well as outreach to Congress. The first webinar could be held in early April and, while it will be hosted in Washington DC, it will be available remotely online. It will likely be held after 2:00 pm (EDT) in order to facilitate participation from people in western time zones as well as the general public. Future webinars could also be tailored with issue- or location-specific information. Ms. Kohler also noted that USEITI has not received much public input or feedback from its existing public engagement channels.

Ms. Betsy Taylor, Virginia Tech University, as a member of the subcommittee, added that the intention is to record the webinar and post it online for public access. She also suggested that the webinar focus on asking participants what questions they would like to have answered by USEITI in order to more proactively engage participants.

A CSO sector member noted that Kern County, California has expressed interest in engaging with USEITI and that the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee hopes to have more information about holding a subcommittee meeting in a target community at the next MSG meeting.

F. Independent Administrator's Updates

Members of the Independent Administrator team from Deloitte provided updates on plans around quarterly updates to the online report as well as the overall timeline for 2016. These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Quarterly Updates to Online Report

Sarah Platts, Independent Administrator team member from Deloitte, presented an overview of the IA's project plan for creating the USEITI 2016 Report with a focus on the

review the letter and provide advisory comments. The IA took these comments and suggested edits under consideration and finalized the letter on the second day of the MSG meeting.

plan for updating the contextual narrative portion of the report. These updates will be quarterly and are proposed to include three new visualizations:

- Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Fund & Coal Excise Tax Contextual Information
- Concept for State & Tribal Additions
- Budget, Audit, and Assurance Process Visualization

In addition, Ms. Platts explained that the IA will support the addition of state and tribal information in the 2016 report, including contextual narrative content and available data; will update data and revise content for the 12 County Case Studies; and will write and design a short Executive Summary pdf report, and provide 18F with remaining data and content updates for the Online Report. Additional information is available in Ms. Platt's presentation slides, available at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016Mar03_Contextual%20NarrativeMSG.pdf.

a) MSG Discussion About Updates to Online Report

In response to Ms. Platts' presentation about the IA's plans for updating and developing new content for the contextual narrative in 2016, MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions.

- The USEITI facilitator inquired about the MSG's process for review and sign-off on the 2016 report materials. In response, Mr. Gould said that the Online Report Work Group of the Implementation Subcommittee is primarily responsible for working with the IA. The Online Report Work Group can also elevate concerns to the Co-Chairs, as needed. The Co-Chairs can choose to bring issues to the full MSG, to a Subcommittee, or to select MSG members for review and discussion. The executive summary portion of the 2016 report will undergo review by the full MSG.
 - A CSO sector member articulated the importance of allowing for the full MSG to review the content that will be included in the online report because MSG members are involved in outreach and have information and insight from users of the USEITI website about what types of content are of interest to them.
- A CSO sector member requested that the MSG discuss what new content and visualizations the IA should include in 2016. She also inquired about the relationship between the visualizations for state and tribal opt-in that the IA is developing and the work of the State and Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee.
 - IA team members explained that the IA will create up to five case studies that will be synthesized with the visualization on state and tribal additions.
 - A CSO sector member expressed concern about whether the IA may be double-counting its work around state and tribal opt-in because the final product would be a visualization that incorporates the case studies. In response, Ms. Brantley acknowledged that there is some synthesis of effort.
- A CSO sector member questioned whether the IA is being pushed to unnecessarily rush its process of developing the visualizations and other content for the report due

to an MSG-imposed deadline of November 2016 for completing the report (whereas the 2016 USEITI Report is due to the International Secretariat in March 2017). MSG members clarified that, since EITI requires that countries produce a report each year, USEITI will need to submit its report during 2016.

- An industry sector member inquired as to how the IA decided on the three visualizations that it is proposing to create.
 - An IA team member explained that the IA presented a work plan for rolling out the three visualizations at the December MSG meeting and proposed that the IA would work with the Implementation Subcommittee to develop these. The IA discussed the visualizations with the Online Report Work Group in January. At this MSG meeting, the IA would like to have input from the MSG about the proposed topics for the visualizations (although the IA has already begun developing the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Fund visualizations) and, going forward, the IA will continue working with the work group and with the Implementation Subcommittee to guide the development of the visualizations.
 - *Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Fund & Coal Excise Tax Contextual Information:*
 - Ms. Platts described the AML visualization as going into a lot more detail than was included in text form in the 2015 report. The coal excise tax is a separate visualization that would more briefly focus on what the excise tax is, the tax rates, and what is done with the revenues.
 - A CSO sector member suggested that, since the MSG discussed the AML issue extensively at the end of 2015, it may make sense for the IA to proceed with creating a visualization on that topic.
 - An industry sector member added that, while AML has been extensively discussed by the MSG, but that the inclusion of coal excise tax should be discussed by the MSG.
 - *Concept for State & Tribal Additions:*
 - Ms. Platts explained that the state and tribal additions component is intended to encompass many of the areas of the interest raised by CSO sector members, such as employment information. The section is not intended to duplicate the work of the State and Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee. The content of this section would be focused on synthesizing and presenting revenue data for states and tribes but would also include some explanation of the state and tribal opt-in process.
 - In response to a question from a CSO sector member, Ms. Platts stated that the section would likely initially focus on presenting information, including case studies, about states that are opting into USEITI but would also include more general data about other states.
 - *Budget, Audit, and Assurance Process Visualization:*

- Ms. Platts added that the IA is proposing a budget, audit, and assurance process visualization to help audiences both domestically and internationally understand the robust nature of these processes in the US.
 - Members of the industry and government sectors expressed support for including a visualization about the US budget, audit, and assurance processes in order to support USEITI's case for future mainstreaming of reporting.
 - CSO sector members countered that there are a number of important topics that could be included in the contextual narrative and the MSG should discuss how it would like to allocate limited resources since the IA is under contract to create only three visualizations in 2016.
- A CSO sector member requested that the IA provide more information about the content and datasets that would be used for the state and tribal and budget, audit, and assurance visualizations. She added that the Co-Chairs are proposing that the IA present the state and tribal additions material directly to the State and Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee.
 - An IA team member agreed to have the IA present additional information to MSG members but requested that the IA be given direction to proceed in coming weeks rather than waiting for the next MSG meeting, in June.
 - A government sector member suggested that the IA and 18F continue working with the Online Report Work Group on an ongoing basis to confirm the direction of the online report. The work group can consult with the Co-Chairs as needed.
 - An industry sector member added that the Co-Chairs can consult with experts from the MSG, as needed, on different elements of the report. She also noted that the Online Report Work Group should confirm the intended direction of the IA's work before the IA and 18F build out the online report in order to confirm that intended direction.
 - A CSO sector member also pushed for participation by MSG members in reviewing the content and design of the online report. This thread of the MSG's discussion is summarized in the next section.

b) MSG Discussion About Soliciting Non-MSG Input on Draft Materials

Building on the call for MSG members to participate in review of the online report, the MSG discussed the procedure by which MSG members could consult with informed stakeholders outside of the MSG and get feedback on draft versions of USEITI material.

- A government sector member differentiated between the Co-Chairs bringing in individual expert members of the MSG for consultation on specific topics and areas of the report that are under development, on one hand, and sending draft material to external stakeholders before it is finalized and made public, on the other hand. The Co-Chairs would do the former but MSG members would refrain from the latter.

- An industry sector member agreed with the previous commenter and noted that USEITI did not send out any material to external stakeholders for consultation during 2015. Doing so could raise expectations about what content will or should be included before materials are finalized by the MSG. She added that there are times when materials may not be accurate, as occurred with slides presented on the first day of the MSG meeting.
- A government sector member asked whether there should be any ability to solicit input from specific external stakeholders.
 - A CSO sector member noted that the CSO sector's constituency is much broader than that of the other two sectors. She requested agreement that the CSO sector would not be accused of violating the MSG's trust if it solicits input from specific individuals outside of USEITI.
- An industry sector member suggested that materials could be solicited as topical materials (e.g. "mining materials" or "oil and gas materials") rather than as "draft USEITI materials."
- An industry sector member expressed wariness about sharing any documents outside of the MSG.
- The USEITI facilitator noted that each sector works differently and that the CSO sector tends to be more diffuse than the government or industry sectors. He suggested that the MSG create guidelines for consultation with external stakeholders.
- A CSO sector member noted that 18F has requested help from the MSG on getting public feedback since very little public feedback has been received via the USEITI website. She added that 18F already shows draft material to outsiders.
 - Members of the government sector and the IA team clarified that 18F conducts both user research and usability testing. The latter is the only area in which 18F shows draft materials to members of the public and, when doing so, the agency is only asking for input about the usability of the website, not about specific content.
- A CSO sector member proposed that an area such as abandoned mine lands (AML), around which the MSG has already had extensive discussions, could provide a test case for consultation with outside stakeholders. She proposed to share draft AML material with the six top experts on AML.
- The USEITI facilitator requested that the Co-Chairs discuss this issue further and provide guidance to the Subcommittees around consultation with external stakeholders.

2. Timeline for the Year

Mr. Mennel, Independent Administrator team member, reviewed the IA's project plan for creating the USEITI 2016 Report. He highlighted key process points and milestones that will need to be met in order to successfully release the USEITI report by December. Additional detail about the 2016 project plan is available at:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Updated%20IA%20Project%20Plan%20as%20of%20030416.pdf>.

An industry sector member noted that, with the deadline for USEITI to submit its report for validation being March 2017, USEITI could consider releasing its 2016 report in the first quarter of 2017. He explained that, although EITI countries are generally required to produce reports every year, USEITI had 24 months after joining to publish its first report and published that report in just one year and so could argue for some flexibility with regards to its second report. All of that said, the commenter suggested that USEITI nevertheless aim to complete the 2016 report by the end of the year and thereby give itself some time in early 2017 to strategize about communicating with the EITI International Board. A CSO sector member responded by noting that the MSG's ability to frame the report in January 2017 may be constrained by decisions that the MSG is making at present.

G. State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee Update

Members of the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee provided updates on efforts to develop a methodology for inclusion of tribal information in the USEITI report as well as state opt-in to USEITI. These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Tribal Opt-in and Inclusion of Tribal Data

Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight, presented a proposed methodology for selecting tribes to opt into USEITI. The methodology consists of the following four questions:

- Does the tribe overlap with an MSG-prioritized state?
- Is the tribe represented on the MSG or in STRAC?
- Does the tribe make extractive data publicly available?
- Has the tribe shown a willingness to be transparent?

Additional information about the Subcommittee's methodology, including the number of tribes that meet each of these four criteria, is available in Ms. Steinle's presentation slides:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/State%20%26%20Tribal%20Subcommittee%20Presentation.pdf>.

Ms. Steinle also noted that the Subcommittee opted against including any Alaskan tribes in its analysis due to the complicated legal framework for these tribes, Alaska native corporations, and their involvement in the production of extractive commodities. She asked Veronica Slajer, North Star Group, to speak to this issue. Ms. Slajer explained that, for the most part, Alaskan tribes are not land-based tribes in the same way that most tribes in the contiguous 48 states are. The few land-based tribes that do exist are classified as Alaska Native Corporations and some of these, as well as some village corporations, are engaged in the extractive economy. There are three Alaska Native Corporations, in particular, that are actively involved with the extractive industries in

Alaska (one in oil and gas and two in mining) and the MSG will need to consider carefully how to describe the hybrid setup that exists in Alaska.

Jerry Gidner, Department of the Interior, added that the federally recognized tribes in Alaska do not have a land base and therefore do not receive revenues from the extractive industries. Instead, some of the Alaska Native Corporations are involved with the extractive industries and USEITI will need to decide how to classify these. Mr. LeVine added that, if USEITI expands to include forestry as an in-scope commodity, many more Alaska Native Corporations would be included. In addition, some of the Alaska Native Corporations work on non-native lands. Mr. Gidner noted that this latter consideration is not limited to Alaska; for example, the Southern Ute tribe in Colorado has an oil and gas development corporation that operates on non-native lands.

A government sector member suggested that the USEITI report with regard to tribes involved in the extractive industries be limited to naming the tribes, their number of members, and providing links to tribal websites. It would be up to the tribes themselves to decide whether to publicly share information regarding their revenue collections and payments. The commenter emphasized that the release of tribal revenue information can be very risky.

A CSO sector member suggested that USEITI will need to distinguish between tribal business entities and tribal government entities. Ms. Brian, subcommittee chair, concluded the discussion about tribes by noting that inclusion of tribal data would be limited to those data that are already publicly available and that the Subcommittee would need to indicate to the IA which tribes to focus on by April.

2. State Opt-in

Ms. Platts gave a presentation the MSG about state additions to USEITI. She began by reminding the MSG that the intention of state opt-in to USEITI is to focus on including state-level data in the contextual narrative portion of the report, not on reconciling state-level revenue data. She reported that the IA is working with the State & Tribal Opt-In Subcommittee to pilot the state opt-in process, including: integrating new participants, assessing currently available data, testing contextual narrative templates with stakeholders, and developing the state and tribal additions. Montana has chosen to opt-in to USEITI and is serving as the pilot for how to collect and organize the vast amounts of state data and will likely inform future opt-in efforts by states and tribes. Additional information about the opt-in process for Montana is available in Ms. Platts' presentation slides:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2016Mar04_State%20Additions_MSG.pdf.

In response to Ms. Platts' presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments.

- A government sector member inquired as to which Montana state agency is leading USEITI opt-in. A CSO sector member said that it is the Montana Department of Revenue and that the agency is recognizing that the types of information relevant for USEITI also implicates other agencies.
- A government sector member highlighted that each state has a different legal and revenue framework and so, while it is helpful for USEITI to have a template, it will not be possible to take a cookie-cutter approach to state opt-in. He also noted that the eighteen identified priority states are all hurting financially due to the fall in commodity prices and so USEITI will be more successful in soliciting state participation with easy asks that require minimal effort from the states. The focus should be on using public data.
 - A government sector member added that Wyoming is likely publishing all of the same data that Montana is publishing. He expressed agreement that each state would require a tailored approach and suggested that COPAS has information about the different fiscal regimes in each state.
 - A CSO sector member noted that the IA has been very careful not to ask Montana officials for too much of their time.
- An industry sector member reminded the MSG that progress on state and tribal opt-in has been notably slow and suggested that USEITI should proceed cautiously and deliberately with expanding and accept that the pace will be slow.
 - A CSO sector member expressed hope that, after the first couple of states opt into USEITI, progress for following states will be smoother. She also recognized the hard work from all three sectors on the opt-in effort.
- A CSO sector member suggested that state opt-in is relevant for “mainstreaming” efforts because it involves enhancing collaboration between agencies and sharing data in cost-efficient ways. She suggested that setting up forums for peer-to-peer learning could be useful to state opt-in. Another CSO sector member posited that universities may be able to set up those sorts of forums.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments were offered at the December 2015 MSG meeting.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Mr. Patrick Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, reviewed the action items and the decisions coming out of the MSG meeting.

Mr. Gould, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Brian, and Mr. Mussenden, in their roles as Co-Chairs and the acting DFO, made closing comments to the MSG, thanking the MSG, associated staff, the USEITI Secretariat, and the IA for their hard work. Mr. Paul Mussenden, Acting DFO, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

VI. Meeting Participants

The following is a list of attendees from the March 8-9, 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.

Chaired by Kris Sarri, Designated Federal Officer, and Paul Mussenden, Acting Designated Federal Officer, for the USEITI Advisory Committee, US Department of the Interior.

A. Participating Committee Members

Civil Society

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Paul Bugala, George Washington University

Michael LeVine, Oceana

Keith Romig, Jr., United Steelworkers

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

C. Michael Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Claire Ware, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes

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Michael Gardner, Rio Tinto

John Harrington, ExxonMobil

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

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Daniel Dudis, Public Citizen

Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Government

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior

Industry

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Chris Chambers, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

Nick Cotts, Newmont Mining
Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute
Nicholas Welch, Noble Energy Inc.

C. Members of the Independent Administrator Team in Attendance

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John Cassidy, Deloitte
Luke Hawbaker, Deloitte
Alex Klepacz, Deloitte
Sarah Platts, Deloitte
Kurt Schultz, Deloitte

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E. Facilitation Team

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F. DOI MSG Support Team

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Jerry Gidner, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
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Robert Kronebusch, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Chris Mentasti, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Judith Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

VII. Documents Distributed

- MSG Meeting Agenda ([PDF](#))
- December 2015 MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))
- Report and Reconciliation Workgroup Recommendations ([PDF](#))
- Tax Workgroup Recommendations ([PDF](#))
- Draft State Additions Template ([PDF](#))
- USEITI Updated Fact Sheet ([PDF](#))
- Data Collection Cover Letter to Companies ([PDF](#))
- Reporting Template Guidelines ([PDF](#))
- Reporting Template ([PDF](#))

- IRS Form 8821 ([PDF](#))
- Updated MSG Member Contact List ([PDF](#))
- Decision Matrix ([PDF](#))
- Terms of Reference ([PDF](#))
- EITI Procedure for Mainstreaming ([PDF](#))
- Updated EITI Standard ([PDF](#))
- IA Project Plan ([PDF](#))
- BLM: A Sound Investment for America ([PDF](#))
- O&C Lands Act Overview ([PDF](#))

VIII. Certification

Interested parties are asked to contact USEITI at useiti@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-0272 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the content of this meeting summary.

**UNITED STATES EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16-17, 2016**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PREPARED: DECEMBER 2016**

I. Introduction

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), with Paul Mussenden presiding as Acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), convened the nineteenth meeting of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) on November 16-17, 2016, in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to review and endorse the 2016 USEITI Report and Executive Summary; make decisions regarding the request for extending Adapted Implementation and the USEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap; approve the June 2016 MSG meeting summary, the USEITI MSG Endorsement of Open Data, and the 2017 USEITI Workplan; receive updates on the work of MSG subcommittees including the Implementation Subcommittee, Communications Subcommittee and the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee; and discuss miscellaneous issues including Independent Administrator recommendations for 2017, lease-level unilateral disclosure, mainstreaming, and U.S. validation.

Please note that, throughout this meeting summary, comments made by presenters, Independent Administrator (IA) team members, other non-MSG members, and those directly pertaining to an MSG decision are attributed to specific speakers. Other comments are provided without attribution in order to foster open discussion among MSG members excepting final deliberations prior to specific MSG decisions.

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II. Summary of Endorsements, Decisions, Approvals, Confirmations, and Action Items

A. Endorsements

- The MSG endorsed the 2016 USEITI Report, Executive Summary, and Appendix. *(see page 17)*

B. Decisions

- The MSG decided to submit the request for extending Adapted Implementation to the EITI International Board. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Board on or before January 1, 2017. *(see page 23)*
- The MSG decided to submit the USEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to the EITI International Board. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Secretariat on or before January 1, 2017. *(see page 37)*

C. Approvals

- The MSG approved the June 2016 MSG meeting summary. *(see page 6)*
- The MSG approved the policy statement titled “USEITI MSG Endorsement of Open Data.” *(see page 17)*
- The MSG provisionally approved the 2017 USEITI Workplan, with final approval pending from the MSG Co-chairs. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Secretariat on or before January 1, 2017. *(see page 10)*

D. Confirmations

- No confirmations were made by the MSG at the November 2016 MSG meeting.

E. Action Items

➤ Co-Chairs:

- Review and distribute meeting summary from November 2016 MSG meeting to MSG members.
- Develop agenda for February 2017 MSG meeting.
- Invite auditors, ONRR staff, and company experts to explain and explore standard audit and assurance processes already in place by February 2017. *(see page 24)*

➤ Implementation Subcommittee

- Consider discussion of jobs data, multi-year metrics of progress, conversion to common energy units, and production data for some minerals like gold for 2017 report. *(see section beginning on page 12)*
- Discuss DOI audit procedures and their applicability to the reconciliation process at November 30, 2016 meeting, as well as timing and next steps; prepare presentation on these issues for February 1-2, 2017 MSG meeting. *(see page 24)*
- Review reporting of various streams of revenue, thresholds, and level of effort required for such reporting given past two year's experience by December 2016 or January 2017. *(see section beginning on page 27)*
- Consider including scope and margin of variance issues in the 2017 USEITI Report. *(see page 27)*
- Consider IA recommendations on improving efficiency of the reconciliation process. *(see page 28)*
- In preparation for the February 2017 MSG meeting, consider whether to add additional commodities by December 2016, consider and vet any new country case studies, and submit required materials to ONRR by January 2017. *(see sections beginning page 12 and page 28)*
- Begin implementing activities from the Beneficial Ownership Roadmap for 2017. *(see page 35)*
- Work on developing documentation to support USEITI validation, especially in more challenging areas. *(see page 42)*
- Implementation Subcommittee workgroups explore possible areas of agreement on which requirements could be classified as "green" versus "yellow." *(see page 42)*
- **Communications Subcommittee**
 - Prepare 2017 Communications Plan considering both 2016 outreach experiences and MSG input by February 2017. *(see section beginning on page 19)*
- **State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee**
 - Engage Colorado, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania as well as interested tribes. *(see page 21)*
 - Obtain final list of states and tribal opt-ins by April 2017, and advise ONRR on whether to exercise IA contract option. *(see page 28)*
- **Independent Administrator (Deloitte)**
 - Review whether DOI audit procedures would satisfy EITI reconciliation requirements, the relative cost-effectiveness of these audit procedures as compared to the current USEITI reconciliation process, and the timeline for implementing any revisions to the USEITI reconciliation process. *(see page 24)*
 - Consider whether careful review and description of DOI audit procedures might help demonstrate the potential for mainstreaming of USEITI reporting. *(see section beginning on page 24)*

- Prepare proposal for additional visualizations/topics for the 2017 Report to be decided by the MSG at the February 2017 meeting by December 2016 or January 2017. *(see section beginning on page 30)*
- Conduct mainstreaming feasibility assessment by February 2017. *(see page 37)*
- Explore whether there adjustments to scope and margin of variance could reduce the level of effort required of companies and the government. *(see page 27)*
- **General Services Administration (GSA) 18F**
 - Provide information to the MSG on where to find detailed implementation notes on the USEITI website. *(see section beginning on page 12)*
- **USEITI Secretariat**
 - Conduct initial desk audit regarding validation pre-assessment and discuss with the MSG. *(see section beginning on page 38)*
- **USEITI Process Facilitator (Consensus Building Institute)**
 - Distribute action items from the November 2016 MSG meeting.
 - Create a meeting summary for the November 2016 MSG meeting by December 2016.

III. Presentations and Key Discussions

Greg Gould, Co-Chair of the USEITI MSG Government Sector and Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) at DOI, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. All individuals in attendance introduced themselves. A full attendance list can be found in Section VI – Meeting Participants, page 43.

A. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Paul Mussenden, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Natural Resources Revenue Management, DOI, provided opening remarks. He noted several key milestones that would occur in the meeting, including approving the second annual EITI Report. He also suggested that the upcoming political transition was likely on the minds of many MSG members, and that those in government were focused on making sure it will be smooth and orderly. He reminded MSG members that this would be the last USEITI MSG meeting of the current administration; for this reason Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and National Security Council Member Mary Beth Griffin would both be speaking to the group to thank members for their efforts.

Pat Field, facilitator from the Consensus Building Institute, then provided a broad overview of the agenda for the upcoming two days.

B. USEITI MSG Business

The MSG conducted the following items of business during the course of the MSG meeting.

1. Terminology and USEITI June 2016 Meeting Summary

Judy Wilson, USEITI Secretariat, reminded meeting participants that the MSG has agreed to employ three terms to differentiate between different types of actions that the MSG takes:

- “Decisions” will indicate significant actions and agreements by the MSG key to meeting EITI international standards.
- “Approvals” will indicate lower-level decisions by the MSG, such as approving work plans, meeting summaries, process changes or additions, etc.
- “Confirmations” will confirm decisions that the MSG has previously made.

The MSG approved the meeting summary of the June 2016 MSG Meeting. A copy of the final, approved meeting summary is available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_june_2016_mtg_summary_v4_160913.pdf.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the meeting summary from the June 2016 USEITI MSG meeting.**

2. Update from EITI Board Meeting

Mary Warlick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State and member of the EITI International Board Finance Committee, provided an update on the EITI Board meeting held in Kazakhstan in October 2016. She reported that it was a productive meeting that tackled a variety of issues, including internal governance, decision-making procedures, financial sustainability, and Candidate Status safeguard requirements.

Regarding internal governance issues, Ms. Warlick noted that the Governance and Oversight Committee, which she chairs, had been working to advance a series of reforms designed to help the organization function more effectively, including issues related to nominations for the next Chair of the EITI International Board, annual performance reviews for the Executive Director and Head of the Secretariat, and term limits for the Head of the Secretariat. The board conducted a performance review for the Head of the Secretariat in advance of the board meeting, and agreed to extend the term of the Head of the Secretariat for an additional two years until the end of 2018.

With respect to board decision-making procedures, Ms. Warlick noted that the board is a consensus-based organization but that there have been instances where members have not been comfortable with the nature of the consensus achieved. The Governance and Oversight Committee developed suggestions for providing greater clarity around how decisions are made. Most of the committee’s resolutions on the issue were approved. The Oversight Committee is now working to clarify language in the board manual and drafting amendments to the relevant articles.

With respect to financial sustainability, Ms. Warlick noted that identifying sustainable funding sources for the EITI Secretariat represents a key challenge. While supporting countries have dedicated substantial funds to supporting EITI efforts, much of this has been distributed through a World Bank trust and through bilateral aid programs. The U.S. has not put money into funding the Secretariat even as there is a feeling that the Secretariat is taking on an increasing amount of work, in particular related to validation. The Board discussed how to obtain agreement on a minimum or mandatory funding level. Companies agreed to provide a range of \$20,000-\$60,000 in support depending on the size of the company, but the country constituencies were more divided. The U.S. would not commit to mandatory country contributions absent an expenditure review mechanism being put in place, even though the U.S. wants to support the EITI Secretariat and recognizes that the Secretariat's work is important and impactful. The U.S. hopes to make annual contributions for one to two years going forward. The U.S. also expressed a desire for the Secretariat to seek additional funding from foundations.

The board meeting also included a number of discussions on candidate status safeguard requirements. In advance of the meeting, Azerbaijan had taken a number of positive actions, for example dropping criminal charges against members of civil society. But the board still determined that Azerbaijan had not met EITI's civil society standards. John Harrington from Exxon Mobile, who also attended the board meeting, added that validation for Azerbaijan was not a close issue because the country had taken key actions only days before the board meeting. Ms. Warlick noted that the board was requiring Azerbaijan to take additional actions prior to the next board meeting to maintain its candidate status.

Ms. Warlick added that board members expressed concern about whether countries that have recently been validated — such as Mongolia, Indonesia, Peru, and Timor Leste — would be able to meet Candidate Status safeguard requirements moving forward. Similar concerns were expressed regarding the fourteen additional countries that will be ready for review in February 2017, and the seventeen country validations that will be initiated in 2017. There are concerns that a number of countries may eventually face suspension. Some board members suggested that it will be important to look to successful countries for lessons learned.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions following Ms. Warlick's presentation; *Ms. Warlick's responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*:

- Countries are facing the application of new safeguards and are wondering what they mean. Countries must make satisfactory progress on all four key components of the safeguard requirements in order to avoid triggering a decision on whether they will be de-listed. Countries are facing significant challenges on the civil society engagement component, even though the meaning of this component is not fully defined. Eventually, the board will need to consider the criteria for this component more fully. However, with respect to

Azerbaijan, this was not a close issue. *The EITI Board will have to reassess this situation in a few months.*

- Civil society safeguards are very important and are also a significant cause of challenges to validation. Are there lots of examples of other countries where the civil society situation is as extreme as in Azerbaijan, or is the issue generally less significant elsewhere? *Everyone agrees that civil society engagement is central to EITI. Requirement 8.3(c) is the new standard; it was altered last year and gets revised every three years. While it is important to set high standards and Azerbaijan clearly had more work to do on this issue, the jury is out regarding the rest of the validations. If nine out of every ten countries end up not meeting the standard, then it might be necessary to reevaluate the grading.*
- Countries are concerned about what happens if a government does all it can to open up space for civil society, but civil society groups still do not participate in the EITI process. While some countries have definitely closed civil society space, in others it is not clear how to evaluate the lack of civil society engagement.
- What are other Board members asking about or commenting about regarding the candidacy of the U.S.? *There is interest in how the candidacy of the U.S. is progressing, and concerns about how the U.S. will meet some requirements. However, there is a broad cross section of countries that have expressed appreciation at the assistance the U.S. has provided and that have suggested USEITI is a model.*

3. Workplan

Chris Mentasti, ONRR, reviewed the 2017 USEITI Workplan. He noted that the MSG is required to update and approve its workplan every year. The workplan must be linked to EITI principles, reflect the results of consultations with stakeholders, involve measurable and time bound activities, identify funding, be available to the public, be reviewed and updated annually, and include a timetable for implementation that is aligned with reporting and validation deadlines. Mr. Mentasti then proceeded to review the various sections of the workplan narrative.

Mr. Field suggested that participants pay special attention to the list of goals for 2017 appearing on page 7 of the draft workplan. Participants offered the following comments and asked the following questions; *responses from Mr. Mentasti are in italics:*

- Veronica Slajer, North Star Group, suggested it would be helpful to institutionalize some of the language in the workplan, so it is not connected to any particular administration.
- Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition, suggested adding clarity to the first sentence in the background section, to avoid suggesting the initiative began in 2011.
- Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, suggested adding a goal around redefining the universe of companies that are considered “in scope” through some other means besides the 80% of revenues approach. He suggested the current list of companies is heavy on oil and gas, and light on mining.

- Mr. Harrington concurred with this request. He added that the goal should be to reevaluate the basis for selecting companies for inclusion in reporting.
- Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, suggested this approach could involve reviewing the materiality threshold, which is based on payments to ONRR. *Mr. Mentasti commented that he believed that is how this issue is currently phrased in the document.*
- David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, requested that the third bullet on page 8 be changed from “pre-feasibility” to “feasibility.”
- Paul Bugala, American University, asked whether there might be additional detail about the beneficial ownership process in the more detailed work plan. *Mr. Mentasti replied that all of the action items at the end of the beneficial ownership section were included in the narrative draft.*
- Mr. Mussenden suggested adding a bullet under national priorities stating “Leadership by example.”
- Ms. Slajer commented that it might be helpful to mention work that has been done with other countries, for example the bilateral work with Mexico, and note that this work is continuing into 2017. *Mr. Mentasti replied that this work is mentioned in the document in general terms.*
- Mr. Mussenden suggested adding a bullet under “funding and resource constraints” to request “any funding required to support validation,” generally, in order to reflect a small, \$10,000 contribution for validation. Mr. Gould noted that the desire is for this funding to be an annual payment.
- Mr. Romig asked whether, given that the MSG had discussed new work streams related to reviewing margin of variance, adding information to data portal, and other issues, it might be necessary to add those items into the workplan.
 - *Mr. Mentasti replied that it is possible to tentatively approve the document and then add these items after the fact.*
 - *Mr. Field clarified that the MSG can provisionally approve the workplan and then the Co-chairs can approve it with these additions.*
 - *Mr. Harrington added that it is a living document that is frequently changing.*

The 2017 USEITI Workplan was provisionally approved, pending the Co-chairs’ final approval.

- **Provisional approval: The MSG provisionally approved the 2017 USEITI Workplan, with final approval pending from the MSG Co-chairs. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Secretariat on or before January 1, 2017.**

4. Committee Member Retirement

Mr. Gould announced that Mr. Harrington would be retiring and leaving the MSG. Mr. Gould and other committee members thanked Mr. Harrington for his service and wished him the best.

C. Comments from Senior US Government Officials

Two government officials — Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior, and Mary Beth Goodman, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Development and Democracy, National Security Council — offered comments to the MSG on the value of its work.

1. Remarks by Secretary Sally Jewell

Secretary Jewell offered remarks thanking the MSG for its work, praising the USEITI website, and noting the importance of the accomplishments and mission of the MSG. A full transcript of Secretary Jewell's remarks can be found in the appendix beginning on page 45.

2. Remarks by Mary Beth Goodman

Ms. Goodman provided additional words of thanks to the MSG. She noted that as a Senator, President Obama was inspired by EITI and its potential to transform economies in developing countries. There has been a huge amount of progress in the intervening years. When the Administration entered office there were 30 countries implementing EITI, mostly in the developing world. Now there are 51. The U.S. was the first of the world's major economies to announce its participation, and the results have been transformative.

Members of the MSG have been trailblazers in this effort, and have helped both to transform how we convey information in the U.S., and to expand and broaden EITI internationally. Internationally, President Obama has announced that this effort is part of an open government partnership, which involves seven heads of state. Within this partnership, there is a significant body of work involving private sector, civil society, and governments in anti-corruption efforts related to extractives. The USEITI online portal will be displayed at the next open government partnership meeting in December.

Ms. Goodman concluded by noting that she looks forward to hearing more about the MSG's work in the future.

D. Review and Approval of 2016 EITI Report and Executive Summary

Members of the Independent Administrator (IA) team from Deloitte and the team from GSA 18F provided updates on the reporting and reconciliation process and the 2016 EITI Report and Executive Summary. These updates and accompanying MSG discussions are summarized below.

1. Review of 2016 Reporting and Reconciliation

Alex Klepacz, IA team member from Deloitte, presented on the 2016 Reporting and Reconciliation Results. He noted that 25 companies reported and reconciled revenues out of 41 that were eligible, 12 companies reported taxes out of 38 eligible, and 7 out of 38 reconciled taxes. There were 21 explained variances, no unexplained variances, and 10 companies with variances. Compared to 2015, fewer companies reported and reconciled revenues, the same number reported taxes, and a greater number reconciled taxes. In 2016, 79% of total government non-tax revenue for in-scope companies was reconciled, versus 81% in 2015. Additional information is available in Mr. Klepacz's presentation slides, available online at: [XXXX].

MSG members made the following comment and asked the following question following Mr. Klepacz's presentation; *Mr. Klepacz's response is indicated in italics:*

- Are the types of variances recurring, such as the timing issues that have occurred in the past, or are there signs that companies are learning to avoid them? *There was a new issue this year with pay.gov. BP corrected it and others will do so as well. However, the other variances are not new issues. They include timing issues and accounting issues such as royalties being placed in the bucket of bonuses.*
- In terms of the degree of eligible reporting by companies, the data look fairly consistent from 2015 to 2016. Given market conditions and the number of companies in bankruptcy, keeping these numbers fairly even should be considered an accomplishment.

2. Review of Executive Summary

Sarah Platts, IA team member from Deloitte, reviewed updates to the 2016 Report and Executive Summary. She noted that the 2016 Executive Summary is significantly abbreviated as compared to the Executive Summary in the 2015 USEITI Report. New sections in this year's summary include state and tribal opt-in information and three new additions approved by the MSG: abandoned mine lands (AML) visualization, coal excise additions, and audit controls processes in the U.S. At the start of each section there is a callout box that explains how to find more information in the full report online. The review process for the Executive Summary involved distributing multiple iterations to the Implementation Subcommittee, the Co-chairs, and the Online Advisory Workgroup for their review and feedback.

Mr. Gould expressed thanks to Ms. Platts, and reminded MSG members that the majority of the information from last year's report is still available online. He suggested that the combination of the brief Executive Summary and the larger online report represents an excellent way to provide information to the public.

Mr. Mussenden asked the group for feedback or suggestions on the 2016 Executive Summary, and MSG members offered the following comments:

- Moving forward, more should be done to make sure MSG members all agree that the Executive Summary and the online portal accurately reflect their

thinking. For example, in the Contextual Narrative Subcommittee, there was a decision to break out jobs in extractives by commodity at the state and national levels, but this is not reflected in the Report. Jobs are the first issue that comes up in public outreach sessions.

- The Executive Summary is very strong. Moving forward, USEITI should develop a page where readers can see how many companies were eligible each year, how many reported, and what their revenues and taxes were. This would help readers identify overall trends and see whether participation is increasing.

3. USEITI Report/Data Portal

Michelle Hertzfeld and Corey Mahoney, GSA 18F, reported on progress and updates to the full 2016 USEITI Report and Data Portal. Ms. Hertzfeld noted that the website had benefitted from significant improvements over the past year, including process improvements that allowed the design team to get new usable information up on the site. She noted that because the MSG only meets two to four times a year, the Online Advisory Workgroup served a critical role in providing quick feedback, allowing the 18F development team to continuously test and add new information and develop new features.

Ms. Mahoney, a content designer with 18F, demonstrated various portions of the website. She noted that she and the other members of the team at 18F are very proud of the site and excited about what it can do. She explained that in a previous iteration, the website was organized by dataset. This confused users, who for the most part did not understand the datasets. Now, the site's "Explore Data" function is organized by location. The team discovered that users are interested in exploring data about the region in which they live. Currently, there is a national profile page and a series of regional profile pages.

Ms. Mahoney showed the page for Texas to the MSG, demonstrating how the page includes all location based datasets, walks users through these datasets in a logical way, and pulls in relevant contextual information. There is also improved mobile navigation and display, and connections between the state profiles and nearby offshore areas and case studies.

Ms. Mahoney suggested that the state profile pages are well set up to manage information coming from opt-in states. For Wyoming, Montana and Alaska the state-level data is incorporated seamlessly. There is also deep contextual information in a state governance section at the bottom of the page, and new color schemes and glossary items. Users can click on maps, expand them, see what numbers correspond to the maps, and see full tables of relevant information. The maps update by year.

There is also a "How It Works" section, which now has more of a Q&A format. This section contains all information that is non-location based, such as the AML reclamation program, company excise tax information, and audit and controls information.

Lastly, there is a “What’s New” section, which summarizes what is new on the website.

Ms. Mahoney offered an explanation of the data on revenue, economic impact, and jobs. She noted that the revenue data has lots of contextual information, which was confusing users, so there is now a chart that organizes revenue according to process. The chart includes pre-production revenue, during-production revenue, and actual rates. For revenue from production on federal land, there is data down to the county level. There is a state revenue section, but in most cases contains no information, except for the three opt-in state pages. There are data on ONRR disbursements back to the state and, if relevant, the data are out by offshore and onshore disbursements. There are economic impact data mostly down to state level, covering the full state, not just federal lands. There are two types of jobs data: data on wage and salary jobs down to county level, and self-employment data at the state level only.

In the discussion following Ms. Hertzfeld and Ms. Mahoney’s presentation, MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions, organized by theme; *direct responses to questions and comments are in italics, with the speaker indicated, as relevant.*

Clarifying questions

- Mr. Mussenden asked for clarification on the source of the underlying data activity at the state and county level. *Luke Hawbaker, IA team member, replied that they come from state and county level governments.*
- Mr. Mussenden next asked where production-level data is located on the website. *Robert Kronebusch, ONRR, answered that it is located in Explore Data ➔ Production. It comes from ten years of data from ONRR Form 2014, reported to ONRR in its production and royalty reports. Royalty reports by county are also available in the USEITI Report.*
- Mr. Mussenden asked whether production on state land is included.
 - *Mr. Kronebusch replied that it is not included, at least not from federal ONRR sources.*
 - *Ms. Mahoney added that there are a number of different production data sets that feed into the USEITI Report. They have production on all lands, US Energy Information Administration (EIA) datasets, and federal lands production. In each section, they have a data and documentation link to detailed notes on where data comes from, data sources, and how they used the data.*
- Mr. Mussenden asked whether this information can be accessed both through the location-based portion of the site and through “Explore Data”; *Ms. Mahoney replied in the affirmative.*

Overall impressions

- Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that the website has exceeded expectations, in particular through its very usable and accessible use of rolled up data, and policymakers have begun referring to it already.
- Stella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum, added that the website is excellent and that it is especially helpful to put so much information on one page. She suggested it will benefit research, analysis, and policymaking.
- Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, suggested it is important to let the public know about the limits of the data, and whether it is confusing or potentially inaccurate. She added that it would be helpful to have more of an indication of the category of the state level information, such as whether it is from the coal or natural gas sector, and that the state level data should also include renewables. Next year, she said, USEITI should give some more careful consideration on how to present this data. Ms. Taylor also suggested it would be helpful to obtain notes from 18F on how decisions were made on what datasets to include on the website. *Ms. Hertzfeld promised to direct the MSG to the portions of the website that contain this information.*

Jobs and revenue data

- Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, asked whether jobs are identified. *Ms. Mahoney answered that jobs appear under "Economic Impact." If extractive industry jobs comprise more than 2% of state employment, that number is noted on the state page and there is a link to that data for the state. State pages will also note any significant "all lands" production information, and make note of the profile of landownership in the state. If a state ranks in the top five among states in production of any resource, that resource is listed on the state page. There is information on energy production across the state regardless of land ownership, and ten-year trend lines that update automatically. The state pages also include federal land production, for which there is county level data.*
- In response to a question from Mr. Mussenden on whether it is true that data from the state and county come from production on federal lands, *Ms. Mahoney answered yes, and Mr. Kronebusch added that the state data come from EIA. Ms. Mahoney further added that the EIA data generally do not include county level data.* Ms. Brian asked whether the economic impact data are for all extractives, not separated by commodity.
 - *Ms. Hertzfeld replied yes, and noted that they were uncomfortable using the commodity categorizations because they were different from what appears on the site elsewhere.*
 - *Mr. Hawbaker added that the datasets used for the "Economic Impact" section are very rarely broken out by commodity.*

Unit conversions

- Mr. Matthews suggested it would be helpful to add a feature allowing users to convert MBTUs to megawatt hours generated, which would make it possible to

compare the cost of production of coal versus natural gas using the same units. *Ms. Mahoney replied that the website does not currently offer unit conversion, although it does have definitions of units. She suggested this is an area where they could improve usability going forward.*

- Mr. Dudis added that convertibility is important, but comparisons among energy types should not just be about price. There are other things that are important to the U.S.'s energy mix beyond just cost.
- Ms. Farrell suggested that for civil society, until USEITI takes into account the full spectrum of what "cost" means, the website needs to be clear about the limits of what it presents. Any cost analysis on the site should be clearly defined.
- Mr. Romig suggested that USEITI's focus should be on transparency of revenues as it relates to payments to the government, not other issues like cost.

Transition from 18F to the Department of Interior

- Paul Bugala, American University, asked about what challenges are expected in light of the upcoming transition of creation of the USEITI Report from 18F to the Department of Interior, and what is being done to make sure the data remain as useful in the future as they are today.
 - *Mr. Gould commented that there should not be any changes. They do not intend to change the data gathering process or the technical expertise of the staff.*
 - *Ms. Hertzfeld added 18F will be working closely with the Department of Interior over the next fiscal year to help ensure a smooth transition.*

Usability

- Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, commented that the portion of the site that helps users navigate other websites is very helpful, and suggested a chat room would be another helpful addition. She also suggested they should consider the reusability of the info-graphics and the site overall. Currently, screen capture is the only way to capture some of the charts for use in Powerpoint. They should make it easier to reproduce the charts and print them out. *Ms. Hertzfeld replied that they are working on this last issue and that there are a few upcoming improvements but that these suggestions will need to be discussed further.*
- Ms. Brian asked whether it might possible to provide production data at less aggregated levels, as aggregated data is less useful.
 - *Ms. Hertzfeld replied that the ability to provide something less aggregated depends on the type of production data.*
 - *Ms. Mahoney added that there are two datasets. First, there are EIA data, which were available previously, and are nationwide for energy commodities only. Second, with EITI, they now have data on production on federal land down to the commodity. They have data on a lot of*

commodities, but on each state page they only show the commodities available in that particular state.

Non-royalty bearing commodities and USGS data

- Mr. Gould asked whether the production data include only royalty bearing commodities, and Ms. Brian added that there is a concern that they may be inaccurately representing that production is not occurring just because there is no revenue data. *Ms. Mahoney replied that they have been as careful as possible about the phrasing on this issue. For example, they have said, "There are no data about production of gold and silver on federal lands."*
- Ms. Brian noted that USGS collects some data on non-royalty bearing commodities, and asked whether they could include that data in some form.
 - *Mr. Gould noted that the USGS data are accurate but not complete.*
 - *Ms. Mahoney added that they have discussed linking to the USGS pages.*
 - *Ms. Hertzfeld noted that the USGS data are released in the form of research reports in pdf form and with each commodity structured differently. She suggested it would be extremely labor intensive to integrate these data into the USEITI report without obtaining the data in a machine-readable format.*
- Ms. Brian asked whether it would be possible to speak with USGS to see if it has a dataset they could use. *Mr. Gould responded that the USGS data are typically compiled for research reports, and they may be many years out of date. The USGS reports provide useful historical data, but they are less useful as a source of yearly summary data.*
- Mr. Mussenden commented that considering the value of the USGS data, it might be helpful to better understand the data's shortcomings and how they could be enhanced. *Ms. Mahoney responded by noting that they link to the USGS data when possible and when they're available, for example in the contextual information for some opt-in states in contextual information. They have not found a way to do this programmatically for every state.*
- Mr. Dudis suggested that instead of saying there are no data for commodities like gold and silver, it might be more accurate for the site to say "N/A." He also asked why there are data on the site about obscure minerals, but not gold and silver. *Mr. Gould noted in response that they have information for royalty-bearing minerals on federal land, not minerals governed by statutes that do not require royalty payments to mine. The Mining Act does not require them to collect royalties, but all of those other obscure minerals are royalty bearing. And there is a lot of state production for which they do not receive revenue.*
- Ms. Taylor suggested that going forward they should conduct a systematic evaluation of the quality of the data, and bring key decisions to the MSG. She noted her concern that the pressure to get data up on the portal has led to quiet decisions on data quality, which has meant some data are not considered publicly available. If data that do not rise to the standards do not appear on the

website, it makes it look like that data do not exist. She suggested they need a more systematic and thorough conversation on how to grade quality of data.

- *Mr. Field commented that the MSG had long conversations in previous years on USGS data, as well as the jobs data. Those were transparent decisions made by the MSG.*
- Ms. Taylor responded that when there is in fact production and they are simply not using a data source, they need to be careful not to represent that there is no production.

Final comments

Mr. Mussenden thanked the design team for reviewing the online report and the data with the MSG. He expressed excitement at how the website has been continuously improved and allows the MSG to respond in real time to user needs, and suggested that the report is less a final product than an evolving model for how to enhance public access to information. Even though the hard rock minerals data are incomplete, they can still generate important debate among users. Other countries, like Germany and Mexico, as well as EITI International, are already using the USEITI site as a model. The value of what the MSG and the design team have accomplished is being validated. The MSG then endorsed 2016 USEITI Report, Executive Summary, and Appendix.

- **Endorsement: The MSG endorsed the 2016 USEITI Report, including the online report, the executive summary, and the appendix.**

E. Meeting the EITI 7.1B Open-Data Requirement

Judy Wilson discussed and presented a draft USEITI MSG Endorsement of Open Data policy document. Under Requirement 7.1.b, which will come into force on December 31, 2016, the EITI International Board will require MSGs to “Agree on a clear policy on the access, release and re-use of EITI data.” Ms. Wilson noted the key components of the USEITI approach to open data, including a January 2009 memorandum on rapid and accessible disclosure, a May 2013 Executive Order on open and machine readable government information, a December 2013 national action plan on open government, and a February 2015 discussion on open government data principles as the standard for contextual data in the USEITI Reports. Additional information can be found in Ms. Wilson’s presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/eiti_open_data_requirement.pdf.

Ms. Wilson suggested one minor revision to the language in the draft USEITI MSG Endorsement of Open Data, and requested the MSG endorse the policy with this revision. Ms. Johanna Nesseth, Chevron, suggested adding a sentence on documentation of which datasets are being used and why. With these two changes, the MSG approved the Endorsement of Open Data.

- **Approval: The MSG approved the policy statement titled “USEITI MSG Endorsement of Open Data.”**

F. Communications Subcommittee Update

1. Results of October Montana and Louisiana Outreach

Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association (NMA) and Chair of the Communications Subcommittee, reported on the outreach and listening sessions the subcommittee has implemented. She noted that the MSG is now conducting what it terms “listening sessions.” On September 15, 2016, it conducted a session with Congress to showcase the USEITI report. The overall reaction was positive, and participants asked thoughtful questions on a variety of topics from USEITI’s relationship to Dodd-Frank to the selection of the materiality threshold.

There were two listening sessions in Montana from October 5-6, 2016, and another listening session in Louisiana on October 19, 2016. The sessions were used to highlight the case studies that the subcommittee believed would attract greater participation. The Communications Subcommittee publicized the events through flyers, email lists, local media contacts, and social media blasts, and worked with the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee. The Communication Subcommittee’s email list alone now has over 600 personal and organizational recipients. The Communication Subcommittee also distributed information to roughly 20 local organizations.

Although there were good discussions in these meetings, the level of participation is still lower than they want. Ms. Kohler suggested it is possible they may not be doing a good enough job disseminating information, but noted that they engaged in substantial additional effort and it did not result in additional participation.

2. Status of 2016-17 Communications Strategy

Ms. Kohler suggested that the MSG might rethink its strategy for outreach and the listening sessions. She noted that the Communications Subcommittee tried to be strategic in its outreach and planning for the Montana and Louisiana listening sessions, for example by making them easy for participants to attend, holding them at convenient times, and engaging with local leaders or conveners, but these approaches did not increase the level of public participation as compared to the previous round of outreach sessions. The subcommittee might need to consider overhauling its approach. For example, it might opt not to send representatives from all sectors, it might utilize the MSG more, or it might rethink which stakeholders to target. Additional information can be found in Ms. Kohler’s presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/outreach_communication_presentation_nov2016_msg.pdf.

Ms. Kohler highlighted three main questions for future consideration:

- How can the Communications Subcommittee address limited turnout? Should it use forums with built in audiences?
- What kind of focused advertising works best on the local level?

- Which stakeholder groups is USEITI trying to attract, people from the county, students, members of Congress, or others?

During the facilitated discussion following Ms. Kohler's presentation, Mr. Field suggested participants think about successful meetings where lots of people have shown up, and the factors that made these meetings successful. MSG members made the following comments, organized by theme; *direct responses from Ms. Kohler are indicated in italics.*

Messaging

- People show up when they are angry about something, when there is a decision about to be made, when there is controversy surrounding an issue like corruption, or when the meeting involves something very local and directly connected to them. It is hard to get people to come out to "good news" events. Unless there is interest in both the subject matter and the people involved, meetings are unlikely to succeed. For these reasons, USEITI should try to directly link its information to a local policy issue or ongoing policy conflict, in which the data could help create a platform for debate. However, it should avoid being locked into any one controversy. In addition, it should message by geography and demographic, and not publicize using a one size fits all model.
- Targeting people through organizations can be effective. People may be open to new ideas or points of view endorsed by organizations with which they are affiliated. In addition, in the current political climate, communities likely will be paying a lot more attention to how development is conducted. This may present an opportunity for USEITI to foster increased interest in its work.

Advice for more effective meetings

- USEITI should explore engaging in preexisting events, conferences or public meetings, and working with partner institutions such as a local university, local representatives at a high school, or a rotary meeting. However, it should be aware that partnering and joining other events involves a longer planning timeline. In addition, industry representatives may have greater difficulty reaching out to people and getting on a meeting agenda as an EITI member, and it may be easier using a different rationale.
- The best events on complicated policy issues are held in Washington, because people in Washington understand what you are talking about and they know how to translate it back to their constituents back in the states. It is difficult, and more resource intensive, to do events outside Washington even if you use a local partner.
- The Communications Subcommittee should market its meetings by highlighting data of local concern, like the number of jobs created in your county, or the money being brought into your county. *For these most recent sessions, the*

Communications Subcommittee created one-pagers with this kind of information, and it was not effective in increasing participation.

- How does the Communications Subcommittee currently work to keep those people who do show up engaged? *The subcommittee uses sign up sheets at all events and if someone calls in it gets their information and puts them on its email list. Except for in Louisiana and with Congressional outreach, for the most part there have not been repeat attendees.* An MSG member suggested that instead of providing a flier that provides answers, the Communications Subcommittee could ask provocative questions like, “How many jobs have been created?” or “How much money is being generated and how much is coming back?”
- The Communications Subcommittee should do more to document the discussions at the listening sessions, so it can share the key messages that come out or the controversies that interest people with the MSG.

Representation at USEITI meetings

- The MSG may want to revisit the Terms of Reference stating that individuals should not represent the EITI process, so that all subsectors do not need to be represented at every outreach event. Historically, civil society and industry come from different perspectives, with industry trying to justify the value of its work to local communities, and civil society groups being somewhat hostile to industry interests. Over the past few years, members have built a lot of trust within the MSG, and at this point USEITI may be able to have representatives speak across constituencies, for example civil society could speak to the role of industry. *The subcommittee has not proposed this yet, and if it did so it would come back to the MSG first for input. The subcommittee may have a proposal on this issue in February.*

Targeting stakeholders

- USEITI should consider whether it is engaged in a “wholesale” or “retail” activity in collecting and disseminating information, and target more specific sets of stakeholders. It might try to speak more directly to undergraduates, graduate students and others in the communities and states it is working in who may have the time to actually use the data and but do not know it exists. USEITI could also ask university professors to integrate it into their work. Graduate school professors are always looking for datasets for their students to mine and analyze. Other potential target stakeholder groups include policymakers in Washington, DC or state capitals, legislative staff, state civil society, auditors, and landowners interested in pricing data.
- USEITI should explore developing partnerships with schools and universities. However, there is a question as to whether USEITI can go directly on campuses. USEITI cannot go on private campuses, but it may be able to go on public university campuses. The issue is about receiving gifts. However, USEITI has engaged in some outreach to universities. It has developed a list of deans at

particular schools, focusing on 18 priority states, and sent out emails. There may be a need to reach out in a more personal way, such as by phone.

- As USEITI moves forward with this work, it will be critical for MSG members to use their existing networks. For example, with Alaska and Wyoming in 2017, USEITI should put MSG people in the lead who are from those states.

G. State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee Update

1. Report Out and Update on Engagement with States and Tribes

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight (POGO), Co-Chair, provided an update on engagement with states and tribes. Ms. Brian thanked MSG members for helping get Alaska, Wyoming, and Montana to agree to opt in to USEITI. She asked MSG members to reflect on which states it should be targeting in the future. For example, last year they connected with a representative from North Dakota who was enthusiastic about further engagement, and North Dakota already has a lot of information online.

Ms. Brian provided an update on tribal opt in. She noted that the Subcommittee recently had a meeting with the Blackfeet Tribe, which invited them to come back for a day-long meeting to talk about what opt-in would mean. They are also planning to try to reengage with the Osage tribe in 2017, which has expressed interest. They are hopeful there will be at least one tribe opt-in in 2017.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics, with the speaker indicated, as appropriate:*

- USEITI should target specific contacts. Dennis Roller, state auditor for contracting in North Dakota, should be its next target for engagement in North Dakota. Rinn Peterson from Colorado is another potential contact.
- The MSG should continue to use the process that Deloitte has developed for state and tribal outreach. How many states are in the Deloitte contract? *Deloitte representative: The current contract has three states and five total if tribes are included.*
- The USEITI should consider counties that stood out when MSG members were conducting calls to states about counties that were going to be featured, and use the information and contacts it gained from those calls. However, it is hard to say definitively which stood out without documentation. *Ms. Brian: In addition, there is a goal to target more East Coast states because currently USEITI is concentrated in the West.*
- USEITI should think about using a regional approach, since pipelines cross state lines.
- If there is interest from states outside the list of 18 states, could those be brought to the subcommittee? For example, in Virginia parts of the state would be very interested. *Yes, the subcommittee would not turn people away.*

2. Presentation of Request for Extending Adapted Implementation

Mia Steinle, Project on Government Oversight, summarized a draft document being developed to request an extension of Adapted Implementation for USEITI's subnational and tribal opt-in. She noted that the MSG is requesting an extension for subnational reporting to the EITI International Board in light of the barriers to getting all states involved in USEITI. The document also notes that tribes are not subnational governments in the U.S. and USEITI does not believe they fall under the scope of EITI. Because the international audience might not understand the structure of tribal governance and sovereignty in the U.S., and why tribes should not be part of EITI unless they agree to it voluntarily, the document tries to lay this case out carefully.

The document also attempts to show how and why the MSG's view of what opt-in entails has evolved. Before, they had outlined three steps to the process: first they establish a point of contact, second they get a state member on the MSG, and third they move forward with enhanced opt in. Now, they no longer believe they can have members of subnational governments on the MSG because it would not be possible for the MSG to function with an additional 50 members. They have worked and will continue to work to ensure that subnational governments are involved even if they are not on the MSG, and the document describes the various degrees of engagement by Alaska, Wyoming, and Montana.

Jerry Gidner, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, provided further detail as to why tribes cannot be considered "subnational entities" under EITI standards. Tribes are sovereign entities and own their mineral resources. When the federal government collects revenue on these lands, it does so as a trustee and directs all of it back to the tribes. This trust responsibility prohibits the federal government from releasing data or compelling the tribes to release it. The document also notes important progress that has been made on these issues, such as the fact that three tribal governments have representatives on the MSG, and reports that they are in continued discussions with tribes.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions; *direct responses to questions and comments are indicated in italics*:

- Mr. Mussenden commented that initially they referred to this as a request for partial adapted implementation because they can satisfy the requirement for disclosure of payments from the federal government to states. He noted that, in the document, he did not see much discussion of this fact.
 - *Ms. Steinle replied that they took the relevant language from the USEITI candidacy application and bolded the relevant portions of the requirement.*
 - Mr. Mussenden added that USEITI can satisfy the language in Requirement 5.2(a) because USEITI fully discloses transfers from the federal government to the states. He suggested noting this in the request for adapted implementation.

- Mr. Romig suggested that they should include in this request more about voluntary reporting and the government's move towards unilateral disclosure. Unilateral disclosure is a strong pillar of their application process, he suggested, and they have built most of the website around it.
- Mr. Harrington noted that since the U.S.' validation has been deferred until 2018, USEITI may want to look at this issue more closely next year and see if it can make the argument persuasively. *Ms. Steinle responded that this is a renewed request for an extension and it doesn't include a specific date.*
- Mr. Mussenden asked whether there was a decision to separate out the unilateral disclosure argument from this request.
 - *Ms. Brian responded that no such decision had been made to her knowledge, and noted that they can look to add more information on unilateral disclosure into this request.*
 - *Ms. Steinle suggested that this would be a good idea as long as they are clear that it is a Department of the Interior disclosure and not an MSG disclosure.*
- Mr. Romig commented that this document has been developed and vetted, and he did not want to delay it. However, given that they have talked a lot about this topic over the last 1.5 years, and emphasized that their data is reliable, he suggested they should include language about the strength of their unilateral disclosure.

The MSG agreed to add language to the document explaining that federal transfers to states have been unilaterally disclosed. Subsequently, the document was amended and the MSG decided to submit the Application for Extension of Adapted Implementation to the EITI International Board.

- **Decision: The MSG decided to submit the Application for Extension of Adapted Implementation to the EITI International Board. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Board on or before January 1, 2017.**

H. IA Recommendations for 2017

There were a series of presentations and discussions on IA recommendations for 2017.

1. Improving the Efficiency of the Reconciliation Process

John Mennel and Alex Klepacz, IA team members from Deloitte, presented ideas on how to make the reconciliation process more efficient over time without losing the value of transparency or disclosure. Mr. Klepacz noted that EITI Requirement 4 asks for reconciliation of data, taxes, and revenue. The question is how to meet that requirement more efficiently. The U.S. has now gone through the process for two years, and 19 of the 21 issues that came up in year two were also seen in year one. The IA team had considered three ideas to improve efficiency: sampling, review of the Department of Interior (DOI) audit process, or addressing margins of variance.

a) Sampling

With respect to sampling, the IA recommended a sample size of 27 companies, including all 10 of the companies in the largest size strata, 9 of 13 companies in the middle size strata, and 8 of 18 companies in the bottom size strata. They then looked at the data they received for the full reconciliation process and compared it to what they would have received through sampling. Under the sampling procedure, total government non-tax revenues for in-scope companies went down, as did the total number of companies reconciled.

Mr. Mennel noted that IA was recommending not to go forward with sampling for at least another year for two reasons: 1) EITI countries are required to have a representative sample but because of the voluntary nature of reporting, USEITI might not have enough companies to create such a sample; and 2) right now USEITI has 80% of revenue accounted for, and that percentage would go down under sampling. This could result in bad optics before the EITI Board.

An MSG member asked the following question on sampling; *the response from Mr. Mennel is indicated in italics:*

- Is sampling intended as a one-time exercise to demonstrate whether it can meet the letter and spirit of the requirement, or would USEITI switch to it as means of reporting each year? *The idea was to assess whether USEITI should switch to it on an ongoing basis, and the IA team believes that this would not be advisable at this time.*

b) Review of DOI Audit Procedures

Mr. Klepacz reported on the IA's review of DOI audit procedures. As part of the annual DOI audit process, an independent auditor performs set of procedures, including sampling and testing, to make sure financial statements meet a certain standard. In October 2016, the IA was asked whether USEITI could repurpose this audit process and see if it might satisfy EITI requirements, potentially with some modifications. The IA is set to begin looking at this question, and whether it might be more cost-effective than the current reconciliation process.

Mr. Gould noted that the Implementation Subcommittee would address this issue at its November 30, 2016 meeting, and have a conversation on timing and next steps. There will be a presentation on it at the February 1-2, 2017 MSG meeting. Mr. Gould also reminded the MSG of its intention to include a broader discussion of these issues as part of the contextual narrative, so it can be well documented in the 2017 Report if the MSG decides the new approach workable. An IA representative cautioned that it is unlikely these issues could be resolved in time for reconciliation in 2017. Given that EITI Requirement 4 specifies that governments and companies must provide data, and those data must be reconciled, the approach would likely need Board approval.

Mr. Mussenden suggested that if the IA's analysis supports the view that the current processes are equivalent to reconciliation, then the MSG would promote these processes. He suggested that this analysis may not be completed in time for companies to utilize it in 2017, but if so then the MSG would aggressively pursue it.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on DOI's audit procedures, organized by theme; *direct responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker's identity noted as appropriate.*

Clarifications and overall reactions

- What does reconciliation actually involve and how deep is the review? *Mr. Klepacz: It involves looking at the payments made and reported by companies, and the information provided by government on revenues reported by companies. The IA reconciles the two numbers and both governments and companies confirm their information is correct. If the company and government both report the same numbers, it is considered reconciled. But if the numbers are different, and outside a margin of variance, then the IA works with both to determine the source of the discrepancy. For example, it could be an issue related to timing, to pay.gov, or to classification.*
- This new approach might not just be more efficient, but also more meaningful and thorough. Currently you get companies' data and DOI's data. But DOI's data has come from those same companies. This new approach would use Treasury Department data on money received, and match it with companies' reporting to DOI. *Mr. Mennel: That characterization of the current approach is not entirely correct. USEITI is not just reconciling company data with company data. It is reconciling what ONRR shows it is owed with what companies say they're providing.*

Safeguards in the current system

- ONRR has a well-developed system and might already be doing what has been suggested.
 - *ONRR Representative: ONRR has a process involving thorough up front edits and data mining to make sure reported figures are reconciled.*
 - *Mr. Mennel: The IA will take a look at this issue. It's a fairly complicated topic so the IA should look at it carefully. The IA is looking at transaction level detail and finding opportunities to clean things up. It's possible the audit procedures will involve a broader set of transactions and be more comprehensive.*
 - *Industry representative: ONRR receives reporting from Oil and Gas Operations Reports (OGORs). Companies are required to submit volumetric information with meter statements, and they get audited on those meters. The auditor considers meters to be similar to cash registers, and they must match the money companies are reporting. The meters*

must have all the required technical specifications and controls, and the volumetric data are evaluated carefully.

- *State Representative: Sometimes, states audit the federal system. In our state, for example, we initiated an audit and arrived at our own conclusions to make sure the state was getting its distributions as appropriate. The U.S. audit process exceeds anything EITI could ever hope to achieve. Reconciliation adds no value in the U.S., and the issue is simply whether to meet the EITI standard.*
- The initial reporting USEITI makes each year is from information reported by industry. It is not audited information. *Industry representative: The information has multiple safeguards to ensure it is accurate. Companies are required to notify the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) prior to any meter calibration on a transfer meter, and there are representatives from multiple institutions present witnessing the meter reading. BLM and BSEE get the meter statements and compare them against the reported data that companies file. They are looking monthly at the volume information on key company assets to ensure it matches both the company and the pipeline. Companies also need to show a pipeline statement and deliver it to BLM and BSEE for review. And when companies get audited, this information is turned over again.*
- USEITI needs to explicitly and carefully express where the data is being reported so that there are no questions about USEITI's process when the U.S. is validated. *Mr. Mennel: That is a good point. USEITI already does a fair amount of describing of the validation and controls process in the U.S. This process will help USEITI dig into details even more.*

Industry perspectives

- Industry has new evaluation rules and regulations coming into place in 2017. They will be costly and require realignment of resources. Industry is paying more attention to these requirements, which are mandatory, than to EITI, which is voluntary. In addition, companies are currently going through divestitures, which makes things even more complicated. With commodity prices at their current level, my company has 30% less staff than the first time it did this. Moving forward it will be difficult to maintain the same level of participation.
- The reconciliation process is labor intensive. It takes three or four man-weeks for big companies to do this. Just completing the report takes a lot of time, and then reconciliation takes even more time. The last few years that my company did it, it found nothing of substance. If USEITI were to make it easier it would find a lot more companies willing to participate.
- Companies have to be so careful that there are no inadvertent mistakes made with respect to their mandatory reporting requirements. They are working with fewer resources, managing new requirements, and trying to fulfill requirements that have stiff penalties for any inadvertent errors. They are unlikely to spend additional resources on something voluntary like EITI. *ONRR Representative:*

ONRR constantly tries to make changes and improvements to its process. ONRR tries not to penalize routine mistakes.

Timing

- Although the IA recommendation was to look at the audit process next and make any changes to the reconciliation process in 2018, the MSG should consider whether USEITI can implement recommendations on the DOI audit process and reconciliation in time for the 2017 Report.
 - This is unlikely to be possible in 2017. Unlike the recommendation on margin of variance, which is entirely within the control of the MSG, the recommendation on the audit process involves other parties and will take longer. The MSG needs to ask the Board if it can do what the IA is suggesting.

Concluding thoughts

- Initially, the review of DOI audit procedures was also for purposes of determining the potential for mainstreaming. USEITI should include some linkages to that issue in the report.
- It is clear there is a lot of interesting work at many levels to ensure this data is accurate. However, that is not clear to the public. More information on DOI's audit procedures would help build trust in USEITI's processes. It is critical to document these procedures comprehensively.
- Despite the rigor of the ONRR process and industry data, it might not be sufficient to meet the international standard.

c) Scope and margin of variance

Mr. Klepacz next discussed potential changes to the scope and margin of variance of reporting as part of the MSG's annual agreement on the reconciliation process. The IA found examples of variances where the low dollar values of particular transactions resulted in high variance percentages. In one example, a 64.62% variance resulted from a \$2,000 difference in reporting by the government and the company. Given that there are now two years of variances that have all been explained, the IA has suggested that it should study whether there may be ways to adjust the scope and margin of variances that could reduce the level of effort by companies and the government. USEITI now has 40 documented variances, all of which have been explained, and may be able to make some helpful changes.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on scope and margin of variance; *responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker's identity noted as appropriate:*

- One company had to investigate a \$25,000 variance after generating millions of dollars in offshore extraction, instead of focusing on doing their jobs and perfecting safety and performance. *Industry representative: That variance resulted from a field problem.*

- Should these ideas be included in the Report?
 - *Mr. Mennel: They are amplifications of Recommendations 2 and 5. They're not in the Report because those are supposed to be broader recommendations, and because the MSG's thinking has progressed in the few months since the Report was drafted. In addition, this presentation is giving us the details behind the recommendations in the Executive Summary, and the MSG can add it to the Report next year.*
 - *Mr. Field: CBI will make sure to report on these ideas in the meeting summary.*
- Timing issues are very common. Companies and the government spend a huge amount of time reconciling the differences between their fiscal years. USEITI needs clear ways to spot timing issues that lead to variances and fast track them. How can USEITI address the calendar year reporting issue systematically to eliminate wasted time and effort when this issue comes up unexpectedly? *Mr. Klepacz: Now that the government and the company know of this particular issue, they can predict it moving forward and be able to address it very quickly. However, there is no way to look immediately at a variance and see that it is a timing issue. Unless you dig into it you can't know the cause.*
- The Executive Summary does not quite reflect what the MSG is hearing today. It states that USEITI should "include greater disclosure of transaction-level detail." That sounds like the exact opposite of what MSG members are now suggesting. This discussion should be documented, and the website should be supplemented when USEITI goes to the International Board.
- The MSG should be cautious about how it talks about margin of variance. The margin of variance exists because USEITI decided variances below a certain threshold are not material.

Mr. Mennel summarized the IA's recommendations on these options moving forward. Of the three options identified, the IA recommended that sampling not go forward for next year, but sampling could be revisited in the future. The IA also suggested that they review the DOI audit procedures to see if it is possible to supplement or replicate the reconciliation process, to implement in 2018. The IA also suggested the MSG take forward the recommendation to review the reconciliation scope for 2017 in light of the history of transactions they have developed. Additional information can be found in Mr. Klepacz and Mr. Mennel's presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/rr_efficiencies_msg_presentation_20161109_vfinal.pdf.

Mr. Gould suggested that the subcommittee would consider the recommendations in the coming year.

2. Key 2017 Decisions and Decision Dates

Sarah Platts reviewed the decisions that the MSG will need to make in February 2017. These include deciding which if any new commodities will be added to the scope of

reconciliation. Adding a new commodity would impact reporting and reconciliation, which requires MSG approval. Per Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements, materials on this issue would need to be submitted to ONRR by January 17. Adding a new commodity would also mean generating two new county case studies. For these reasons, if there are any new commodities people want to add, this needs to be brought up to the subcommittee so they can be vetted.

In addition, the State and Tribal Subcommittee will need a final list of states and tribal opt-ins by April. Currently, the IA contract does not include state and tribal opt-ins or new commodities. They can be included if ONRR exercises an option, but ONRR needs to know to do this in time.

The February 2017 meeting will also involve deciding on new contextual narrative additions. In the meeting, the group will need to approve the topics, but not the actual work products. Ms. Platts noted that potential contextual narrative additions for 2017 include the following topics:

- A special highlight on renewable resources
- A special highlight on forestry
- An interactive way to sort through and navigate the laws, statutes, and regulations based on relevant lands and natural resources

Mr. John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, added that the February meeting could include more than these three topics, and members were free to suggest additional ideas.

Ms. Platts concluded her presentation by reviewing the reporting and reconciliation timeline for 2017 and the 2017 timeframes and deliverables. Additional information can be found in Ms. Platts's presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/20161108_2017_key_dates_and_decisions_vfinal.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on Ms. Platts's presentation; *responses from Ms. Platts and Mr. Cassidy are indicated in italics, with the speaker indicated:*

- Where did the three contextual narrative ideas come from?
 - *Mr. Cassidy: The IA collected them throughout the year. The IA tries to keep track of ideas people discuss in MSG or Subcommittee meetings.*
 - *Ms. Platts: They reflect what the IA has heard from members about spaces where there may be opportunities to tell more of the story from the U.S. perspective.*
- It would be helpful to talk about different types of technologies.

- Before the MSG decided on the content for the first report, there were some good materials developed regarding USEITI's thinking on renewables and forestry. The MSG should review those materials.

I. Lease-level Unilateral Disclosure

Robert Kronebusch presented on the potential for DOI to move forward with lease-level unilateral disclosure, a step beyond the current unilateral disclosures. He noted that DOI currently unilaterally discloses calendar year 2013-2015 revenues at the company, revenue stream, and commodity levels on the USEITI Data Portal. There is a \$100,000 per company (and its affiliates) reporting threshold. He then reviewed the ONRR definitions of "lease," "right-of-way" (ROW), and "right-of-use and easement" (RUE) as they would relate to the SEC Dodd-Frank Section 1504 definition of a "project". He noted that the current lowest level of reporting that comes to DOI and ONRR is in the form of a lease. ONRR gets paid on the basis of leases, ROWs, and RUEs.

Mr. Kronebusch reviewed the number of leases, ROWs, and RUEs reported to ONRR in CY2015 (~47,000), which were disclosed on the data portal, and provided data on lease sizes. He noted that the Section 1504 project definition references agreements and that DOI has "communitization agreements" and "unitization agreements," and offered definitions for each. He suggested that unitization agreements can be very large, up to 1 million acres. He then presented figures on the number of agreements reported to ONRR in CY2015. The total number of leases, ROWs, RUEs, mines, and agreements for CY2015 was over 57,000, or roughly 10,000 more than the total number of leases. This is because, even though agreements aggregate leases, a single lease can be associated with many different agreements. The relationship between leases and agreements is complicated, and roughly a third of all leases are involved in communitization or unit agreements.

Mr. Kronebusch further noted that BLM and ONRR have different lease naming conventions and OSM collects at the mine level not the lease level. Additional information can be found in Mr. Kronebusch's presentation slides, available online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/lease-level_udr_presentation_final_11-09-16.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on Mr. Kronebusch's presentation, organized by theme; *direct responses from Mr. Kronebusch, his colleague at ONRR, Nathan Brannberg, and others are indicated in italics, with the speaker identified as appropriate.*

Overall reactions and clarifications:

- Has ONRR looked at geographic interconnections? For example, in the Gulf of Mexico, there is one facility measurement point for oil and one for gas and they cover a dozen leases. Industry would call that one project and it could create a reconciliation problem. Does ONRR have all that information in its system? *Mr.*

Kronebusch: Yes, ONRR has all the information. Production is reported to ONRR at the facility measurement point, to a level of detail of every lease or agreement and well. That's where ONRR does some of its up front editing.

- It creates a reconciliation problem if ONRR reports at the lease level and industry reports at the project level. *Mr. Kronebusch: For reporting at the facility measurement point (FMP) level, there would need to be agreement on what the project is or how many FMPs come together. Some projects have multiple FMPs.*
- Is ONRR looking at both offshore and onshore production? *Mr. Kronebusch: Yes.*
- A ROW is in perpetuity, but the situation is not so clear with leases. USEITI should clarify this issue in the definitions, and not presume everyone knows these details.
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: With a lease, normally you have 10 years to produce and if you do, then it is in perpetuity, but if you don't it's not.*
 - *Industry representative: There is a primary term specified in the lease, and as production is maintained the lease will continue until production ceases.*
 - *Mr. Field: If USEITI goes to this level it sounds like there's a definitional issue of making sure people understand the details.*
- Could you clarify the sources of the data?
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: The source of the ONRR payments data is Form ONRR-2014, which covers oil and gas, NGLs, helium, and some others. For coal and solids it's Form ONRR-4053, the production and royalty report. For the items that cannot be paid on those two forms, ONRR used direct billing activities. Direct billing represents 1-2% of the total revenue.*
 - *Mr. Brannberg: For direct billing, also known as accounts receivables billing, there are a lot of rental payments, meaning that it involves a lot of contracts even if the total amount of revenue is relatively small. The rental payments are shown by lease.*
- What are the sources of revenues in the charts you showed? *Mr. Kronebusch: An estimated 80 is royalties. Bonuses and Rents are also a big source of revenue.*

Understanding unitization and communitization agreements:

- How much do unitization agreements affect accounting and how much are they a response to geology? It would be helpful to understand more about how unitization agreements relate to existing leases, and how many of them there are compared to unique leases. *Mr. Kronebusch: One difference is the complexity regarding reporting royalties. As far as ONRR is concerned, it doesn't matter whether it's a lease, an agreement, or anything else. For companies, it might be tougher because if it's an agreement they have to aggregate all their wells. Roughly half of what is reported to ONRR is from standalone leases and roughly half is from agreements. For auditors, it is important with agreements to make sure every lease is getting the correct allocation, because they have different*

royalty rates and you want to make sure the government gets every dollar it is due.

- What does it look like in practice for industry to report on communitization agreements versus unitization agreements? *Industry representative: With communitization agreements, they want to isolate well by well, so they can see the meter statement on the well head and know it is being reported for that communitization agreement. With a unit, companies take all the wells in that unit and accumulate them, typically designated to an FMP. Each lease will be given an allocation percentage of the unit, and companies will ignore the individual wells. It is easier to track the volume as they're commingled at the FMP.*
- For unitization agreements, the idea is that everyone agrees to an allocation for extraction that they agree is fair for a common reservoir, after a lot of analysis. They agree on an overall allocation but do not measure every well, and measure at the custody transfer point for the entire reservoir. For communitization agreements, they agree on every well. *Mr. Kronebusch: When royalties are reported for agreements, ONRR gets both the lease number and the agreement number. You need the lease number because that is how money gets distributed to the states, counties, or tribes.*

The Trade Secrets Act

- How do you determine if there is a Trade Secrets Act (TSA) problem and how is it handled in the reports?
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: The experts in the government determine what they feel could potentially cause competitive harm. If the government discloses numbers four or five months after the end of the year, and look at yearly not monthly revenues, some might conclude that there is minimal potential for competitive harm.*
 - *ONRR representative: When a request for information comes in, staff look into it to see if it might reach a threshold for causing competitive harm. It is easier for us to respond to these types of requests on a case-by-case basis than to report everything annually. The latter requires tremendous resources and time, although technically it is not difficult. The MSG should discuss this resource issue now and next year.*
- If you determine there's a Trade Secrets Act (TSA) problem, how is that reflected in the reports?
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: Currently in the data portal, there is a "W" for withheld, reported by the company. For oil and gas, if you go to the state website for a lease's production and have the lease number, you could theoretically figure out the price per barrel or mcf. For solid minerals it is stricter.*
 - *Industry representative: As long as there is a delay in the release of the information and it is broken down annually, not by month, there is less risk for companies in oil and gas. For hard rock it is different.*

- USEITI should be sure to explain to and educate the public about why there may be TSA issues with coal and other minerals, to avoid suspicion. USEITI should explain how unitization and communitization agreements work, and potentially even provide visualizations. It should look into creating an animated training module for the data portal.
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: ONRR already has reporter training two to three times a year and has many presentations on what these agreements are, and the life of a lease from cradle to grave. There are many kinds of educational materials like this that USEITI could put on the data portal.*
 - *ONRR representative: The MSG could add this as a special topic to next year's report. Linking the data portal to some of ONRR's training is a great idea. For example, ONRR has a new training system where it uses videos that the MSG could link into the data portal.*

Steps towards ONRR setting up a lease-level disclosures system:

- If ONRR decided to perform lease-level unilateral disclosure, would it just be a matter of feeding data into a spreadsheet once it is set up? *Mr. Kronebusch: ONRR has the information and could do it. ONRR had to do it for this presentation.*
- Based on information on bonuses and rents by lease, should USEITI present the revenues by lease? Would this be more meaningful than doing it by agreement?
 - *Mr. Kronebusch: Doing it by the lease only makes sense. Everyone can agree on what that number means, and it's simpler to track. With agreements it is difficult to keep track of all the layers.*
 - *ONRR representative: ONRR is committed to reporting out the leases at some point. ONRR wants to make it automated, so it does not need to create a spreadsheet each time. Otherwise, the data is out of date very quickly. ONRR has a system where you can send in a FOIA request and the staff will get back to you with the information. This works fairly well and if ONRR changes it, it wants to do it right.*
- From an industry perspective, if this is just unilateral disclosure of lease level data, then this could be a wonderful approach. But if USEITI tries to reconcile projects to the leases it could get messy, and industry likely will not report everything at the lease level under SEC 1504.
- From a stakeholder perspective, it would help to see what the leases look like without having to do a FOIA request, so you can know more about who the industry players are in your community. These developments are part of a wonderful story about something emerging from USEITI that is creating searchable, usable data that is making government more efficient.
- BOEM is already providing lease-level disclosure in the Outer Continental Shelf, so there is the beginning of a precedent for this in DOI.
- What is the source of the wait for ONRR to implement this? *ONRR representative: It is a matter of getting ONRR's technology to the point where it*

can do this in an automated fashion. It is a capacity challenge with respect to implementing a business intelligence unit.

- Does ONRR intend to unilaterally disclose lease level information where it can, except for when there is a TSA issue? *ONRR representative: Yes, ONRR is committed to doing that when it can do it in an automated fashion. If the MSG feels strongly it needs to do it in the interim using a spreadsheet to meet its mandate, then ONRR could do that but it may not make a lot of sense.*
- State and county level reporting seems of more interest to communities than lease level reporting, since leases cross several counties and likely will not mean a lot to people. Currently, the U.S. has reporting by state and county and should at least continue it at that level. However, both are useful and there are also reasons for the lease level data.

The EU system and EITI requirements:

- How does the EU manage this reporting issue? *Industry representative: The EU has a definition that is similar to the SEC definition. In the EU, projects are defined at the lease contractor agreement level, although there's a different term of art. There is the ability for some aggregation above the contract level, but the principle is close to a contract level.*
- What does the EITI require? *Industry representative: EITI says that once you start reporting at the project level though the SEC, you need to do that for EITI as well.*
- Does the EITI standard require reporting or reconciliation? *Industry representative: It requires reporting, but that's because project level reporting hasn't really started. Industry does not think it's practical to reconcile on a lease or project level. The government receipts aren't gathered on a project level. It would be difficult to package and report them.*
- USEITI should clarify that the EU rule is already in effect. Companies registered in the EU need to report revenue with respect to worldwide production including in the U.S. So companies there have already reported at the project level. And now SEC 1504 is being implemented.
- Is the expectation that industry will only release this data on an annual basis and USEITI would never go to real-time reporting, to avoid competitive harm? *ONRR representative: ONRR will be studying that issue as it implements this. ONRR sees some opportunities for real-time disclosure as information comes in, but it is not near to implementing that and it would need to consider how to put in appropriate protections.*
- Anything USEITI does that is common between the EU and the U.S. with respect to reporting will be helpful. Under EU Directive 10, it looks like the project is defined at the state level. Does anyone know how that will be implemented?
 - *Industry representative: It's subnational and project disclosure, but current reports may just have state level disclosures.*

- *Civil society representative: We have begun analyzing this issue and reaching out to industry colleagues to ask for the rationale for reporting at the state level. It is pending further analysis. In the EU Accounting and Transparency Directives "Project" is defined as "the operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession or similar legal agreements and form the basis for payment liabilities with a government". There is no reference made to a definition based on a political boundary, such as a state.*

J. Beneficial Ownership Roadmap

Jim Steward, Department of the Interior, Paul Bugala, American University, and Mr. Harrington presented on work by the Beneficial Ownership Workgroup and sought approval from the MSG of a Beneficial Ownership Roadmap. They noted that guidance from the International EITI Secretariat requires that implementing countries agree and publish roadmaps for their beneficial ownership disclosures by January 1, 2017. In addition, implementing countries must request, and companies must disclose, beneficial ownership information for inclusion in their EITI reports as of January 1, 2020.

The presenters commented on areas in which the U.S. addresses beneficial ownership issues currently, such as the U.S. government's efforts within the G8's Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and a new rule and proposed legislation coming from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. They also reviewed existing avenues for disclosure of information on beneficial ownership in the U.S., including information collected by states, the IRS, and the SEC. They suggested, however, that DOI does not collect beneficial ownership information, and noted that the Workgroup would benefit from developing a more effective understanding of DOI authority. Additional information can be found in Mr. Steward, Mr. Bugala, and Mr. Harrington's presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/beneficial_ownership_presentation_draft_10-17-16.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on the presentation; *direct responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker identified as appropriate:*

- Zorka Milin, Global Witness, suggested that the U.S. efforts are welcome but insufficient. She asked whether DOI would have authority to request information on beneficial ownership pursuant to its statutory requirement to determine interest in a lease, and suggested DOI might base its authority more broadly on issues related to conflict of interest or breaking the law. *Lance Wenger, DOI Office of the Solicitor, responded that DOI doesn't have a specific statute mandating it can gather this information. It does have a variety of different standards allowing it to get certain information, but the information it can gather under relevant statutes is limited by type of information and purpose. DOI is not authorized to gather more granular beneficial ownership information. DOI*

could, however, look into using the prohibitions on members of government owning leases in order to gather some additional information.

- Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute, suggested that as the MSG considers next steps, a helpful frame could be to think of the problems that can arise from beneficial ownership, and which if any might be concerning in the U.S. He noted that, in the U.S., there are strong instruments preventing conflicts of interest in government, but there may be concerns about whether the public will get a good deal from the extraction of public lands and waters, or whether public policy will be used to enrich individuals.
- Isabel Munilla, Oxfam America, commented that regardless of the specific concerns in the U.S., the U.S. will need to meet the EITI requirement. The draft roadmap should map the existing system in the U.S. and how specifically it fits with the EITI requirements. This exercise might expose problems on coverage of companies, systems for collecting the data, and what governs public access.
- Mr. Dudis suggested that the group should look beyond just the federal context because the majority of all mineral extraction does not take place on federal land and because conflict of interest legislation in states and municipalities has important impacts. He also suggested that the MSG should look at how other countries have tried to define this issue, and be guided by a consideration of past scandals in the extractive industry that could have been prevented or exposed if additional beneficial ownership information had been available.
- Mr. Harrington noted that industry, and in particular large publicly held companies, are sympathetic to the beneficial ownership agenda. These companies face a big challenge with respect to due diligence in developing countries. The question is just mechanically how to implement it.
- Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association, expressed support for the idea of looking towards where the problem is and where the U.S. might still be vulnerable.
- Curtis Carlson, U.S. Department of the Treasury, noted that the beneficial ownership roadmap is focused on federally owned resources and there is no central database for privately owned resources and that in the U.S. there are a lot of privately owned resources.
- Mr. Bugala commented that there are examples in the U.S. where the creation of shell companies and the inability to identify beneficial owners has had detrimental effects. There are also examples of incorporated companies operating anonymously overseas.
- Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, commented that the U.S. is the only country in world that has private ownership of minerals, and that the judicial system is the most appropriate remedy to problems between private owners.

Mr. Field concluded the discussion by asking members if there were any objections to approving the draft roadmap and forwarding it to the EITI International Secretariat.

There were no objections and the MSG decided to submit the USEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to the EITI International Secretariat.

- **Decision: The MSG decided to submit the USEITI Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to the EITI International Secretariat. The USEITI Secretariat shall transmit the document to the EITI International Secretariat on or before January 1, 2017.**

K. Mainstreaming

John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, presented the IA's assessment of the feasibility of mainstreaming. He commented that mainstreaming is based on an idea that drafting an annual EITI report may not be the best use of time for every country; it might be preferable to automate the process and make it part of the everyday business of the government and companies. He clarified that mainstreaming does not change what the EITI standard requires; rather, it is another way of meeting the requirement.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the various steps for mainstreaming, noted that from now into next year the MSG is focused on studying the feasibility of mainstreaming, reviewed next steps in the IA's feasibility study, reviewed current processes and procedures related to mainstreaming in the U.S., and suggested a number of potential areas for the U.S. to improve its EITI performance and potential for success with mainstreaming. Potential areas for improvement include doing more to showcase unilateral disclosure already occurring in the U.S., filling the gap on tax and project-level reporting through SEC 1504, and better explaining the audit requirements that currently exist. He concluded by noting that a decision on mainstreaming did not need to be made at the present MSG meeting. Additional information can be found in Mr. Steward and Mr. Cassidy's presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/mainstreaming_msg_vfinal.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on the presentation; *direct responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker identified as appropriate:*

- I thought the MSG had agreed to conduct a pre-feasibility study, not a feasibility study.
 - *Mr. Gould: The MSG did discuss a pre-feasibility study. ONRR opted to have the IA start on a full feasibility study in order to keep moving forward if USEITI is to pursue mainstreaming. If there are concerns about this, the MSG can discuss this further.*
 - *IA team member: Upon review, the IA determined that the differences between a pre-feasibility study and a full feasibility study were minimal.*
- You mentioned the politics have changed on Dodd Frank. How so? *IA team member: There is now increased uncertainty on what might happen. Dodd Frank would play an important role if mainstreaming goes forward. The IA's view is*

mainstreaming would be a multi-year process, and in many ways would follow a parallel path with SEC 1504.

- What EITI documents authorize the criteria that the data must be comprehensive, up-to-date, and reliable, and are they really an adequate scoping for whether government data is helpful? *IA team member: The comprehensive, reliable and up-to-date standard is from the validation guidelines document. Two additional criteria might be data quality and transparency.*
- Commenters expressed diverse opinions on the significance of corporate income tax reporting and reconciliation. One suggested that what matters is that the USEITI numbers are adding up in reconciliation, and the taxes would therefore add up as well. Another commented that even if the Treasury Department has excellent systems, the U.S. is still falling short on making tax information publicly available. Another noted that it would be helpful for civil society to indicate if its priority right now is EITI compliance or tax reporting, so that USEITI can prioritize its efforts. *Mr. Cassidy noted that the IA will set up stakeholder interviews on the tax issue, which will likely happen between now and February. Mr. Mennel suggested there is an argument that what is required by 1504 is sufficient for mainstreaming.*
- There were various perspectives on how much of a “deal breaker” the tax issue will be for the U.S. One suggested it would definitely be a problem with the EITI International Board. Another noted that ONRR worked closely with the SEC to use USEITI as a means for compliance with the 1504 standard and suggested that will bode very well for mainstreaming. *An IA team member commented that it is impossible to know whether tax reporting is a deal breaker at this time. No other feasibility study has been conducted and the only other country going forward on mainstreaming is Norway. The language in the standard says “all transactions,” which implies all companies. However, it is reasonable to assume that the board will draw the line somewhere short of “all transactions” for the sake of practicality but USEITI will need to make a case for where the line should be.*
- USEITI might be able to look at mainstreaming as an opportunity help maintain momentum on government efficiency.

L. Validation Discussion

Mr. Gould initiated the conversation on validation by noting that the current date for the U.S. for validation is April 2018. He suggested the MSG enter the conversation on validation believing that the U.S. will be found compliant but also recognizing that the U.S. probably cannot be found compliant within the existing standard. There will be a global discussion on the standard that the U.S. can influence.

After these initial comments, Ms. Wilson presented an overview of validation. She reviewed the purposes of validation, steps in the validation process, key areas of validation requirements, and the core requirements any country must meet to avoid suspension. She also reviewed a draft pre-assessment for USEITI, estimating the level of progress by the U.S. on various EITI requirements. The draft pre-assessment included

the following suggested findings, using the color scheme of the International Secretariat to indicate the degree of progress:

- Satisfactory progress (marked green) on relevant requirements related to MSG oversight, licenses and contracts, monitoring production, revenue allocation, and socioeconomic contribution.
- Meaningful progress but still not satisfactory (marked yellow) on some revenue collection requirements.
- Progress beyond what is required (marked blue) on public debate and data accessibility.

Additional information and the detailed suggested findings can be found in Ms. Wilson's presentation slides, available online at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/validation_overview.pdf.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on the presentation, organized by issue; *direct responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker identified as appropriate.*

General comments:

- Under the current validation system most countries will fail, so there will need to be a conversation about flexibility for countries that are doing good things but cannot fully comply with the standard. The compliance challenges the U.S. is facing are not unique.
- There are opportunities within the standard, such as mainstreaming and adapted implementation, that the U.S. should take advantage of to maximize its chances. The U.S. does not have risks in areas like civic space, and it is making many disclosures that are exceeding the standard, which it can highlight. It can also be specific about areas where it has risks, like participation level of reporting and corporate income tax reporting.
- USEITI should not try to define down the standard in order to make it easier to comply. EITI was created to give people insight into where money was coming from in the extractive sector. The fact that USEITI not been able to do so speaks to some of the governance difficulties and corruption in the U.S.

Direct subnational payments:

- Direct subnational payments is yellow but if the USEITI Secretariat were to make it green the board would likely agree. *Ms. Wilson: It indicates USEITI has pursued adapted implementation.*

Data timeliness:

- Data timeliness should be blue because the requirement is no more than two years, and in the current USEITI report it is one year. *Ms. Wilson: That is a good point. The MSG should consider changing it.*

Data comprehensiveness

- Some commenters suggested that data comprehensiveness should be green instead of yellow because it is USEITI's fundamental program. Others suggested yellow is appropriate because many companies have not participated in revenue reporting. These commenters noted that the U.S. has gone above and beyond in some areas of data comprehensiveness (like unilateral disclosures) but is behind in others (like tax reporting), so it evens out to yellow. *Ms. Wilson explained that draft pre-assessment coded this issue as yellow because the government is prohibited from full disclosure of tax revenue and company reporting is voluntary. While Dodd-Frank Section 1504 may improve things, it is not yet implemented so USEITI cannot take credit for it. In addition, government reporting specifically is marked blue, but the overall requirement is marked yellow.*
- Some of the mining companies that are not in USEITI's current universe have shown greater willingness to disclose their taxes. If USEITI expands the universe of its companies, a side effect might be an improvement in USEITI performance on tax reporting.

Data quality

- The data quality requirement looks at the U.S.' audit and assurance practices and how USEITI ensures the quality of the government's unilateral data reporting. USEITI has done a great job of this in the 2016 Report and it should be green.

Disaggregation

- MSG members expressed various opinions on disaggregation. One highlighted the impact of the fact that the U.S. decided not to disclose project level revenues, while another noted that a U.S. regulator has made a commitment to project level reporting using a definition consistent with the global standard. One suggested that disaggregation should be marked "N/A" instead of yellow, because project-level data is not relevant to implementation of the standard, while another suggested it should be green because USEITI has disaggregated by company and commodity and that is the definition of disaggregation until SEC 1504 comes into effect. Another suggested that, regardless of the coding, the MSG should note that it does not think it will be a material issue for validation because the board is waiting until the EU and SEC rules are in place before enforcing the standard.
- In response to a question about whether USEITI needs company level and lease level data for the 2017 Report to say that it has met the disaggregation standard, *an IA representative noted that the main requirement is consistency with the SEC rule when it comes into effect. An ONRR representative further commented that Dodd Frank and the SEC rulemaking allow the U.S. to publish data at company levels but that the MSG can still continue discussions on project-level reporting.*

The EITI International Board will decide if the USEITI MSG's definition of success complies with the guidelines.

- Some comments focused on strategies for meeting the requirement even before SEC 1504 comes into effect, for example by ONRR reporting lease level data. One commenter noted that the Section 1504 law is in place and in effect, which means companies are required to be implementing the law even though first reports won't be out until 2018-19.

Documentation

- The MSG has been good about documenting recommendations from the IA and the associated MSG discussions. The requirement is that the MSG must discuss these issues and document how and why it has decided to address them, and the MSG in fact does that in its meetings.

Nature of the assessment

- Procedurally, what does the MSG need to do? *DOI and ONRR representatives and Mr. Field: The USEITI Secretariat will conduct an initial desk audit and MSG representatives can discuss it with them before the MSG submits it to EITI International. For the International Board to accept the application, the USEITI MSG must reach consensus, but there may be ways to finesse the issue of consensus. Then the International Board will make the final decision.*
- It is in the MSG's best interests to be in full agreement on the scoring for each requirement. It would a powerful statement to send to the Board to say that the U.S. is in complete compliance with the standard and that the full MSG agrees with this self-assessment.
- Can the U.S. still be validated if it fails on one issue? *ONRR and DOI representatives: Overall it is a broad grading system, except for the four requirements that EITI countries cannot fail: government engagement, company engagement, civil society engagement, and timely EITI reporting. The Board will make a determination on every individual requirement then look at all of those assessments cumulatively. They will look at USEITI's implementation in the context of the U.S. and the challenges USEITI has before it.*

Next, Ms. Wilson discussed the validation timeline and consequences of various validation scenarios, depending on the board's assessment of overall progress. She noted that after the first validation, countries have only one additional chance to achieve compliance 3 to 18 months later. If a country is found compliant, it will be reevaluated in three years. Details can be found on Ms. Wilson's presentation slides, as noted above. Participants offered the following comments and questions:

- The U.S. should be light green overall, but the EITI Board seems to believe that the U.S. is orange, indicating inadequate progress, primarily due to the tax issue. The USEITI Secretariat does not think this is a fair assessment. There are other countries considered green that have just as many issues as the U.S. To address

this issue the MSG should come to consensus that the U.S. is light green, and present that to the Board as a unified MSG on April 1, 2018.

- Participants differed in their predictions for how the Board is likely to react to the U.S. candidacy. Some suggested the Board may change how it thinks about validation issues after considering other countries because it will want to avoid suspending a large number of its members. Others suggested that the most essential part of EITI is transparency to citizens on revenues from the extractive sector, and if USEITI cannot provide that through tax information the Board will likely see it as a big problem. One participant suggested that in light of this potential outcome, MSG members should do everything they can to influence the regulatory process in the U.S. in a positive direction. One other participant questioned whether the U.S. will be compared to other wealthy countries or to poor countries that have severe capacity problems.
- Regarding the timing, the Board is currently way behind its validation schedule. It is unlikely that 18 months will actually be the maximum amount of time countries will receive until their second validation. For the U.S., the second validation will be at the end of 2020 at the earliest. It is likely that the regulatory situation in the U.S. will be more settled in time for the U.S. to survive the validation process.
- One participant suggested that USEITI could overcome challenges to validation if companies represented in the MSG agreed to disclose their taxes. Other participants noted that this issue is outside the control of MSG industry representatives, who have tried hard to educate their industry colleagues and leaders. Because corporate decisions on whether to disclose taxes are often made at the Board of Directors level, it is very difficult to get them to pay attention to EITI.

Mr. Gould outlined next steps on validation for USEITI, noting that the Implementation Subcommittee will be working on developing strong documentation to support USEITI's application, especially in the more challenging areas. Mr. Mussenden suggested it might be helpful for Implementation Subcommittee workgroups to explore possible areas of agreement on which requirements could be classified as "green" versus "yellow." Ms. Wilson suggested the MSG should be prepared well before the April 1, 2018 deadline with its validation pre-assessment.

IV. Public Comments

There was one public comment on Day 1 and a second on Day 2. On Day 1, Henry Salisman from the Navajo Nation commented that the data portal looks beautiful and thanked the MSG for its work. On Day 2, Henry Salisman, from a Navajo Nation thanked the MSG for its work. He noted he is a Native American citizen interested in the policy. In listening to the conversation, he heard lots of issues related to transparency, beneficial ownership, and the subnational status of Native American tribes, and he appreciated seeing Native American representatives on the MSG.

V. Wrap Up / Closing

Chris Mentasti, USEITI Secretariat, reviewed the decisions made during the meeting. Mr. Field reviewed the action items and noted that they would be distributed to the group.

Mr. Mussenden, DOI and Acting DFO, closed the meeting with some final words. He noted that he had an incredible experience working with the MSG, and it had been wonderful to observe the evolution of the USEITI project. He suggested that USEITI cannot move forward unless there is consensus, and he was heartened and encouraged by the group's ability to work together. He praised the MSG members, wished them well, and thanked them for the opportunity to collaborate with them. Mr. Mussenden adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

VI. Meeting Participants

A. Participating Primary Committee Members

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Paul Bugala, American University

Lynda Farrell, Pipeline Safety Coalition

Mike Levine, Oceana

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

Betsy Taylor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Government

Curtis Carlson, Department of the Treasury

Greg Gould, Department of the Interior, USEITI MSG Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming - Department of Audit/Mineral Audit Division

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

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Phillip Denning, Shell Oil Company

Susan Ginsberg, Independent Petroleum Association of America

John Harrington, ExxonMobil

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Zorka Milin, Global Witness

Jana Morgan, Publish What You Pay
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Industry

Aaron Padilla, American Petroleum Institute
David Romig, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas
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Michele Hertzfeld, GSA 18F
Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
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VII. Documents Distributed

- MSG Agenda ([PDF](#))
- June MSG Meeting Summary ([PDF](#))
- Executive Summary and Reconciliation Report ([PDF](#))
- MSG Endorsement of Open Data ([PDF](#))
- Beneficial Ownership Roadmap ([PDF](#))
 - Guidance Note 22 ([PDF](#))
- Request for Extension of Adapted Implementation ([PDF](#))
- USEITI Work Plan Narrative ([PDF](#))
- USEITI Work Plan Spreadsheet ([PDF](#))
- USEITI Reporting Decision Matrix ([PDF](#))

VIII. Transcript of Remarks by Secretary Jewell, November 16, 2016

Thank you all and thanks to all of you in the multi-stakeholder group for your hard work on this. It makes me very proud of our country and what we're able to do when we work together. I'm very proud of the work you do. And a special shout out to the Co-chairs, Veronika Kohler and Danielle Brian. Thank you very much. And of course our team at Interior. Paul [Mussenden] has been the champion for this and enlightened me on the whole process when I first got here, and Greg Gould. I'm really proud of the work that they've done and the work that all of you have done, bringing the perspectives of industry, the broad society, and government together.

I had an opportunity to talk with the governor of Alaska, and I appreciate their efforts joining this, and the governor of Wyoming. I was in Mexico not too long ago and urged Mexico to step up as an EITI country. They lose somewhere on the order 30% of their nation's resources between when it is produced and when it's sold and accounted for. There are a whole variety of reasons for that. But the purpose is to address the challenges of resource rich countries where it doesn't benefit all people.

I've played on the website and it's terrific. It's not something I might do for recreation, but it's great and it's making it easier to use. That's really important. I want to thank you

for the work you do and how proud you make me. Few people understand how resource extraction on public lands works in the country.

We just did an event earlier today with Blackfeet tribal leadership — we had them all in my office — and Devon Energy. Devon was voluntarily relinquishing its leases in the Badger-Two Medicine area in Montana. This is a sacred site to the Blackfeet Nation. It's an area bordering Glacier National Park.

There's growing awareness that places are appropriate for development and some places are too special for development. EITI helps shine a spotlight on where development is happening, how important it is to the economy and our country to power our future, and also that it needs to be done in the right ways in the right places. You're helping shine a spotlight and put the data in a much more usable format than it would be available otherwise. I think that's really helpful.

The other thing I'd say is it was really chatty when I walked in here. I think that's terrific. Because we might be considered in some cases to be at opposite sides of issues, but when we come together as human beings with a common interest and love of our country, a common interest in economic development, and environmental protection. And if you're a company extracting resources, you want people to know how much you're contributing to the Treasury of the United States. This is exactly what you're doing. We shouldn't be sneaking around and we are not sneaking around.

From the first iteration of the website to where we are now it keeps getting easier to use, and more fun for recreational use. What you're also doing is providing a template, open source, that other people will use. The richest country in the world should be doing that. As the only G7 nation involved in this we are really putting ourselves out there. Open government data is really important.

I was in California for other business. I spent time visiting Google. Google has taken landsat data provided by USGS — what our nation's lands looked like since the satellite functions of 1970s. It's taken all of those magnetic tapes and put them in petabytes of machine-readable format. You can now go to Google Earth and look at a time lapse since the 70s, and see the changes in the landscape, see what's happened to reservoirs, see what's happened to development, see the impact that we have had, see what happened from Superstorm Sandy — it's very obvious when that came through. Open data, machine-readable data, accessible data, in a way that puts it in the hands of ordinary people, helps ordinary people make extraordinary decisions about not just the here but about future generations. That's what you've done with EITI. I want to congratulate you. Now we need to just get certified as an EITI country and then we can take what we've done to the rest of the world as we're already encouraging countries to do. I'm very proud of the work you do. Thank you.

To my colleagues in the Department of Interior who are going to be looking at a transition in political leadership but not a transition of career staff, the importance of staying the course on something like this I can't overstate enough. Those of you in civil society and the industry sectors, and other stakeholders, put yourself in the seat of our career staff right now who have no idea who they're going to be working for. It has got to be really difficult. Things like this help move our nation forward and there's no reason we should go backwards, and they won't because of the work you're doing in this multi-stakeholder group.

A profound thank you to all of you. This is will be my last meeting with all of you, I can guarantee that — unless I become a stakeholder, but I'll take a long break before I do that.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to get to know your work, to meet with you in a setting like this, and see the contributions you've made that will make a difference not just now but for many generations to come. Thank you and congratulations.