Subpart W Stakeholders Conference Call July 11, 2013

ATTENDEES

EPA: Reid Rosnick, Susan Stahle, Angelique Diaz

Environmental Groups: Sharyn Cunningham, CCAT; Sarah Fields, Uranium Watch; Jennifer Thurston, INFORM

Uranium Industry/Other: Oscar Paulson, Kennecott; Mike Griffin, Strata; Dawn Coleman, Uranerz; Josh Leftwich, Cameco; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association; Darryl Liles, SENES

UPDATE

Reid began the call with a welcome and by taking attendance. Reid had one item to share. The Subpart W rulemaking package was sent to, and accepted by OMB on June 6, 2013. We received a preliminary set of comments this past Tuesday, July 9. We are currently reviewing the comments. We continue to be on track for a proposed rule this Fall.

DISCUSSION

Katie Sweeney: Why hasn't the rule been shown as "received" by OMB on their website. Reid: Will follow up with OMB and get an answer.

UPDATE: If you go to Reginfo.gov, and click on "Regulations under EO 12866 Review," it's listed as being under review since 6/10/2013.

Sarah Fields: Has put together a memo she will forward to EPA and Utah DAQ over White Mesa mill and impoundments in operation. Says there is no real regulatory clarification for when the first day of closure begins. Feels the Subpart W rulemaking must address when an impoundment is no longer subject to Subpart W. What does "until the day closure begins" mean? This needs clarification.

Reid: Thank you, Sarah. We have tried to address this in the proposed rule and you will have an opportunity to comment.

Jennifer Thurston: Can you shed any light on preliminary comments from OMB and will you post online?

Reid: Hasn't had a chance to look at them yet. Doesn't think it is anything major. When we are ready to publish the proposal, we will post OMB's comments, and they will be in the docket.

Next call: Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 11 AM Eastern Time.