

**Subpart W Stakeholders Conference Call  
July 2, 2015**

**ATTENDEES**

**EPA:** Reid Rosnick, Dan Schultheisz, (ORIA), Susan Stahle, (OGC), Sara Ayers, (OECA)

**Environmental/Tribal Groups:** Sarah Fields, Uranium Watch, Andy Bessler, NTAA

**UPDATE**

Reid began the call with a welcome and by taking attendance. Reid had a couple of items to share.

The process going on right now is to continue reviewing and responding to the comments, grouping together comments that make similar points, determining which comments can be addressed immediately and which comments may take longer to address. We are also working to determine which comments will be addressed by our contractor, as they for instance specifically worked on the risk assessment and economic impact analysis.

The workgroup met on July 1. We discussed an initiative from the Administrator on “rule effectiveness.” This initiative is meant to ensure that each regulation developed is as effective as it can be in achieving its intended benefits to human health and the environment. During the workgroup meeting we discussed several ideas for achieving this goal, and we are continuing the process. For this initiative we particularly count on the expertise of the Regional enforcement people. Our goal is to make this final rule meet the points outlined in the initiative.

We continue to follow EPA’s Action Development Process. The process is very similar to the one we used to produce the proposed rule. (Analytic Blueprint, Early Guidance, researching, responding to comments, writing the rule, Final Agency Review, OMB review, Administrators signature).

**DISCUSSION**

Sarah Fields: Can you tell me when many of the current rulemaking documents that are now EPA internal will be released? Will I need a FOIA? Also, EPA Region 8 will need to revisit their approval of the Pinon Ridge Subpart A application. They have permitted more than one impoundment. (This was a statement, no response was required). Also, given all the “flaws” in the proposed rule, EPA will need to re-propose.

Susan Stahle: It sounds like you are asking about internal documents that would qualify as deliberative. Those deliberative documents will not be released to the public.”

Reid Rosnick: Regarding re-proposal, EPA has committed to responding to all pertinent, timely comments.

Andy Bessler: Can you tell me when the responses to comments will be released? Also, will EPA address environmental justice issues? We have currently moved to EJ 2020.

Reid Rosnick: When the final rule is signed and published, EPA will release a response to comments document. I am certain that we will also address many major comments in the preamble to the final rule. Regarding EJ, EPA is required to respond to all comments pertinent to E.O. 12898: *Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*.

**No Further Comments**

**Next call: Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 11 AM Eastern Time.**

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