



Triebisch, Margaret <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>

Re: Amended Royalty Policy Committee Charter

1 message

Devito, Vincent <vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov>
To: "Triebisch, Margaret" <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 3:17 PM

This is approved. Thank you.

On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 3:13 PM, Triebisch, Margaret <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Good Afternoon Mr. Devito,

Attached is the amended charter for the Royalty Policy Committee. Please review and provide me with your electronic surname by cob tomorrow, Friday, June 2, 2017.

Congratulations on being designated as the Chair of the Royalty Policy Committee. The Charter is being amended to reflect this new designation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Margaret

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Margaret Triebisch
U.S. Department of the Interior
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State of New Mexico
Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

March 3, 2009

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0002

Dear Secretary Salazar:

I am writing to nominate Joanna Prukop as New Mexico's representative to the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Revenue Management program. Ms. Prukop is the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. She can be reached at 505-476-3221 or Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us.

Mr. Valdean Severson remains New Mexico's alternate member of the committee. I understand that his appointment was processed earlier this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Cottrell, my Energy & Environmental Policy Advisor, at 505-476-2241 or Sarah.Cottrell@state.nm.us if you need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico

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Ms. Ryan Alexander
President
Taxpayers for Common Sense
651 Pennsylvania Ave SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Alexander:

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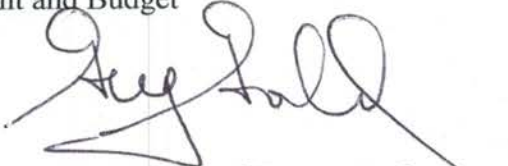
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Memorandum

To: Secretary

Through: Amy Holley 
Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

From: Gregory J. Gould 
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

Subject: Response from Secretary Zinke to Ms. Ryan Alexander, President of Taxpayers for Common Sense.

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APR 26 2017

The Honorable Matthew Mead
Governor of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Governor Mead:

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The Honorable Gary Herbert
Governor of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas 78711

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The Honorable Doug Burgum
Governor of North Dakota
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

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The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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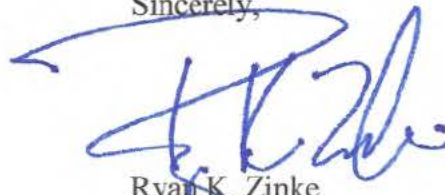
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The Honorable Steve Bullock
Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana 59620

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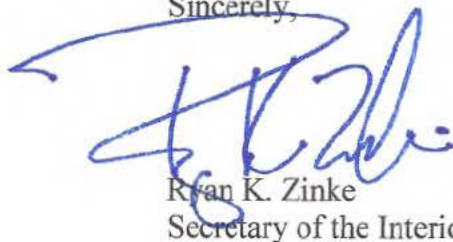
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Governor of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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Governor of Colorado
Denver, Colorado 80203

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Sacramento, California 95814

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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The Honorable Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

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The Honorable Jo Ann Batisse
Chairwoman, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road 56
Livingston, Texas 77351

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Poplar, Montana 59255

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Chairman, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana
P.O. Box 850
Browning, Montana 59417

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The Honorable Bill John Baker
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

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The Honorable Eddie Hamilton
Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
P.O. Box 38
Concho, Oklahoma 73022

Dear Governor Hamilton:

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The Honorable Harold Frazier
Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation
P.O. Box 590
Eagle Butte, South Dakota 57625

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The Honorable Harlan Baker
Chairman, Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
96 Clinic Road
Box Elder, Montana 59521

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The Honorable Daniel Courtney
Chairman, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
2371 N.E. Stephens, Suite 100
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

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The Honorable A.J. Not Afraid
Chairman, Crow Tribe of Montana
P.O. Box 159
Crow Agency, Montana 59022

Dear Chairman Not Afraid:

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The Honorable Kerry Holton
President, Delaware Nation
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

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The Honorable Chester L. Brooks
Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo Boulevard
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006

Dear Chief Brooks:

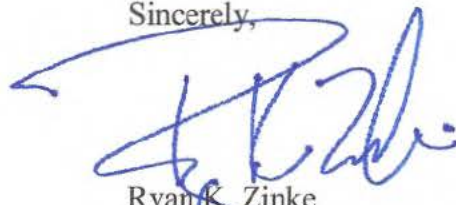
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Chairman, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
P.O. Box 607
Geyserville, California 95441

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The Honorable Clint D. Wagon
Chairman, Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation
P.O. Box 538
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514

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Chairman, Hopi Tribe of Arizona
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

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President, Jicarilla Apache Nation
P.O. Box 507
Dulce, New Mexico 87528

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Chairman, Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, Oklahoma 73015

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President, Navajo Nation Arizona, New Mexico & Utah
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Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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Chairman, Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation
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The Honorable Lawrence "Jace" Killsback
President, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
P.O. Box 128
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

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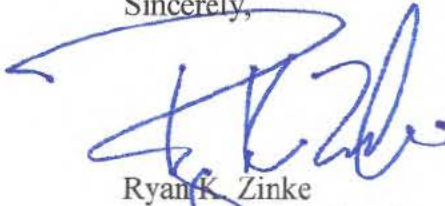
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The Honorable John R. Shotton
Chairman, Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians
8151 Highway 177
Red Rock, Oklahoma 74651

Dear Chairman Shotton:

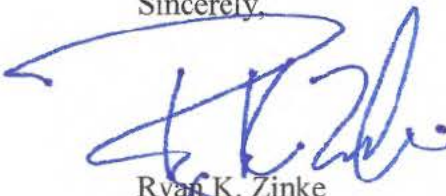
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President, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 470
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

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Tribal Chair and CEO, Poarch Band of Creeks
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, Alabama 36502

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Chairman, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
20 White Eagle Drive
Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

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Governor, Pueblo of San Felipe
P.O. Box 4339
San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico 87001

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The Honorable Lawrence A. Montoya
Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana
2 Dove Road
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico 87004

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The Honorable Carl B. Schildt
Governor, Pueblo of Zia
135 Capitol Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, New Mexico 87053

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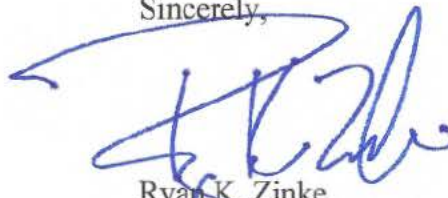
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Chairman, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation
P.O. Box 256
Nixon, Nevada 89424

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Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

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Governor, The Chickasaw Nation
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74821

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Chief, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Drawer 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702

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Principal Chief, The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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Town King, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
P.O. Box 188
Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

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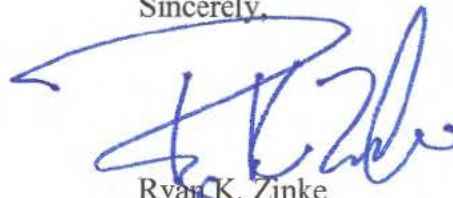
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The Honorable Mark Fox
Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation
404 Frontage Road
New Town, North Dakota 58763

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Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona
P.O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634

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Chairman, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation
P.O. Box 190
Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026

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Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
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Towaoc, Colorado 81334

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Ryan K. Zinke
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

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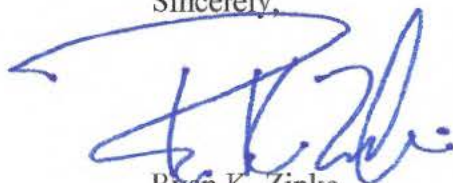
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1327 E. 72nd Avenue, Unit B
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President, Village of Crooked Creek
P.O. Box 69
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Principal Chief, The Osage Nation
P.O. Box 779
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

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Memorandum

To: Secretary

From: Amy Holley *Amy Holley*
Acting Assistant Secretary- Policy, Management and Budget

Subject: Royalty Policy Committee – Letters to Governors of States and Tribes

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Your signature is requested on the attached letters.

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Governor
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2323 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Subject Text: Re: State of Wyoming's nomination to the Royalty Policy Committee

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2323 Carey Avenue
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April 21, 2017

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From: Mead, Matthew H.
Governor-Elect
State of Wyoming
Herschler Building, 2E
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Subject: Re: State of Wyoming's nomination to the Royalty Policy Committee

Response Summary: REQUEST SECRETARY SIGNATURE: Letter to WY Governor Mead thanking him for his recommendation to the Royalty Policy Committee

Lead Response Office: ONRR
Response Writer: Malcolm

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Through: Amy Holley
Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

From: Gregory J. Gould
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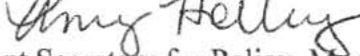
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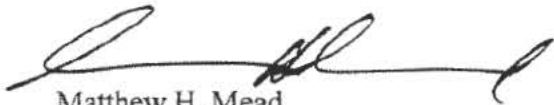
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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

May 24, 2017

The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Thank you for notifying me of your action to establish the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) and providing the opportunity to submit nominations for primary and alternate RPC members. I am pleased to offer my nomination of Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott to serve as a primary member and a nomination of John Crowther to serve as an alternate on behalf of the State of Alaska.

As an Alaska Native, in years of leadership of the Sealaska Corporation, and now on behalf of the State Lieutenant Governor Mallott has long expertise in the areas of resource development, renewable energy resources, and the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations. Likewise, John Crowther has served the State working for the Alaska Department of Natural resources for a number of years, and he is an extremely knowledgeable source on all things related to Alaska's mineral and energy resources. We will be putting his expertise to work in my Washington DC office to make sure Alaska's interests in these areas are well-represented, as the ability to develop our significant natural resources is paramount to our success as a state.

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Sincerely,

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Bill Walker
Governor

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cc: Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior

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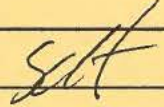
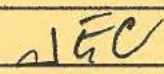

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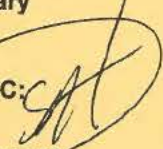
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From: Walker, Bill
 Governor of Alaska
 Juneau, AK 99811
Subject: Recommendation to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee
 Byron Mallott-primary and John Crowther-alternate

Response Summary: REQUEST SIGMAC AUTHORITY: For (2) letters thanking the Governor for his recommendations of Byron Mallott and John Crowther to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee

Lead Response Office: PMB
Response Writer: C. Callaway

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Memorandum

To: Secretary

Through: Amy Holley *Amy Holley*
Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

From: Gregory J. Gould
Director *Gregory J. Gould*

Subject: Response from Secretary Zinke to the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of the State of Alaska.

Attached for your review and signature is the response to the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of the State of Alaska, for his nominations of Mr. Byron Mallott and Mr. John Crowther to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee.

On April 3, 2017, we published a Federal Register Notice announcing the establishment of the Committee and requesting nominations for primary members and alternates to serve on the Committee for a three-year term. On May 3, 2017, we published a Federal Register Notice extending the nomination period through June 2, 2017, and on June 2, 2017, we published another Notice extending the nomination period through July 3, 2017. The group will consist of up to 28 representatives from Department of Interior, States, Tribal nations, companies, and the general public.

I recommend that you sign the attached letter.

*Crowther - Yes
(Alternate)*

Mallott - NO

FYI - Current Consideration

*James Schindler
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May 24, 2017

The Honorable Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Thank you for notifying me of your action to establish the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) and providing the opportunity to submit nominations for primary and alternate RPC members. I am pleased to offer my nomination of Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott to serve as a primary member and a nomination of John Crowther to serve as an alternate on behalf of the State of Alaska.

As an Alaska Native, in years of leadership of the Sealaska Corporation, and now on behalf of the State Lieutenant Governor Mallott has long expertise in the areas of resource development, renewable energy resources, and the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations. Likewise, John Crowther has served the State working for the Alaska Department of Natural resources for a number of years, and he is an extremely knowledgeable source on all things related to Alaska's mineral and energy resources. We will be putting his expertise to work in my Washington DC office to make sure Alaska's interests in these areas are well-represented, as the ability to develop our significant natural resources is paramount to our success as a state.

I look forward to the benefits of the meaningful and valuable work of the Royalty Policy Committee, and appreciate your full consideration of my nominees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

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cc: Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior

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Subject Text: Support of the nomination of energy stakeholder to the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC)

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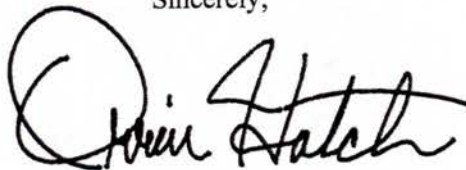
I am writing in support of the nomination of Mr. David Crabtree as an energy stakeholder member to the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) within the Department of Interior's (DOI) Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). Mr. Crabtree's extensive legal background and professional experience in the energy sector make him an ideal non-Federal candidate to represent the industry in accordance with the RPC's Charter.

As you well know, the previous administration's January 2017 ONRR Rule, *Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform* (the Rule), raised significant concerns among various industry members, and I have heard from my constituents of the negative economic impacts that the Rule could have on my home state of Utah. From the outset of the Rule's promulgation, ONRR expressed a stated goal of simplifying the process of valuating royalties; however, in reality, the Rule adds additional ambiguity and uncertainty for members of electric cooperatives and gives the federal government the ability to modify existing leases and royalty agreements with little recourse of justification. In addition, the rule unfairly derives coal valuation for royalties in a manner that hurts remote regions, which causes a significant increase in electric rates for Utah cooperative members.

For these reasons, I applaud the DOI's April 2017 announcement that the agency is working to either repeal the Rule in its entirety or make dramatic alterations, and I look forward to the ensuing certainty and clarity for the regulated community that this will provide. While DOI works to reevaluate federal royalty collections and establish a new RPC, I believe that Mr. Crabtree will offer a unique and valuable perspective that will benefit this process. Specifically, as the General Counsel for Deseret Power, he will ensure that the RPC takes into consideration the needs and positions of electric cooperatives across the country.

To ensure that the needs of cooperatives in Utah and the country are met during this process, it is imperative that they have a voice on the RPC. Mr. Crabtree, would be an outstanding addition to this group, while making sure that the voice of rural America is heard. I have worked with Mr. Crabtree and the good folks at Deseret Power on many issues over the years, and he has my full trust and confidence to serve on this committee.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
U.S. Senator

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Gary Batton
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5-22-2017

Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Royalty Policy Committee

Secretary Zinke,

Thank you for the letter dated April 26, 2017 concerning the establishment of a "Royalty Policy Committee". The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the tribal members own a substantial amount of oil and gas interest. Also, Congratulations on your appointment to lead the Department of the Interior.

According to the letter, you are accepting nominations for members to serve on the committee. The objective and scope of activities will be beneficial to the Tribe as well as our Choctaw members.

I would like to nominate Mr. Charles E. Robertson as our delegate to the committee. Mr. Robertson has over 36 years of experience in dealing with Indian oil and gas revenues. He retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Minerals Management Service with over 30 years of employment. He started his own consulting firm that deals strictly with Indian Minerals Consulting. He is also the Executive Director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has contracted with Mr. Robertson to handle our Minerals Division. His resume is attached. Please consider him as a valuable member to this committee.

I would like the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience. Please call my office if your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

Chief Gary Batton
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Attachment

CHARLES E. ROBERTSON
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES MINERALS CONSULTING, INC.

Office Address: 3115 West 81st Street
Tulsa, OK 74132
crobertson3@cox.net
918-794-4446 fax
918-230-4462 phone

Education: Northeastern State University
Tahlequah, Oklahoma
B.S. - May 1969

Present Position: Director - Five Civilized Tribes Mineral Consulting, Inc.

Work History: Minerals Management Service
Program Analyst 1999-2002

Resolved oil and gas related problems and/or issues brought by Indian Tribal representatives or by individual Indian mineral owners. Utilized automated tools, retrieved and analyzed data, identified problems and worked with other interior Agencies and royalty payers, as applicable, to initiate a corrective action. Responsible for coordinating and conducting outreach meetings for the benefit of Indian mineral owners including Tribal governments. Meetings provided education and advice for the mineral owners on issues regarding all aspects of their oil and gas leases.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Realty Officer 1971-1999

Set Up the Inherited Minerals Resources Office, to assist heirs affected by the 1947 Act.

Started the Outreach Program for the B.I.A. Muskogee Area Office, Mineral Department.

Appraised mineral interests of Individual Indians of the FCT, for sales through District Court, pursuant to the Act of August 4, 1947.

Manager of the Minerals Program responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all aspects involved in the leasing of individual and tribal restricted lands of the Five Civilized Tribes. Responsibility

included resolving critical or unusual problems for a broad range of complex realty projects.

Served as a technical authority regarding the laws, regulations, and policies affecting tribes under Muskogee Area's jurisdiction. This included the Osage and Miami Agency Tribes. Duties included consultation as to the status of the tribes property holdings to determine if the property in question was trust, allotted, inherited, restricted, unrestricted, and/or taxable or non-taxable.

Responsible for the conservation and development of oil, gas, sand, gravel, and other mineral deposits on individual Indian and tribal-owned lands. Responsible for the mineral deposits on the Arkansas Riverbed for the direct benefit of the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Tribes.

Established quarterly meetings to provide updates of pending court cases, royalties received, new lease recommendations, and to answer questions the tribes had regarding their property. Directed the coordination between various governmental agencies involved in the quarterly meeting project in order to bring together the government agencies in one location for the Individual Indians and Tribes convenience and benefit. This required in-depth knowledge of sub-surface leasing regulations, laws, directives, policies, and guidelines and the ability to apply the governing rules, and regulations.

Provided technical assistance to the agencies' land resources personnel, Arkansas Riverbed Authority, tribal contract personnel, tribal officials, tribal councils, self-governance tribes, individual tribal members, branches of the BIA, MMS, BLM, OTFM, and other branches of Government, private industry, and the general public on matters concerning the minerals leasing program. Started outreach meetings, and seminars, to inform and educated as required. This required an in-depth knowledge of regulations, procedural directives, and policies with respect to oil and gas royalty collection, distribution, and accountability.

Work involved various types of real property interest in forty-one (41) counties in Oklahoma with checkerboard ownership covering over a million acres. Title and land ownership dates back several generations and title transfers are often undocumented. These problems required thorough research to make conclusive determination, which must stand scrutiny under legal proceedings and court testimony.

Thoroughly familiar with Federal and State Statutes; United States Code Annotated; Code of Federal Regulations; Departmental BIA, MMS, BLM, and OTFM Manuals; Secretarial directives; policies; procedural directives; Solicitor's opinions; Court Cases and established criteria dealing with the Five Civilized Tribes.

Special Task Force: Four Corners Trust Services Laboratory Team: Appointed by Vice-President Al Gore to evaluate, re engineer, and streamline bureau processes in the Farmington, New Mexico Indian Minerals Office in 1996. This led to improved fulfillment of the Department's fiduciary responsibility to Navajo allottees.

Chair of the Arkansas Riverbed Federal Negotiation Team: Appointed by Deputy Secretary of the Interior to facilitate and negotiated a resolution and settlement to a long-standing dispute involving United States Government and various Indian Tribes regarding the Arkansas Riverbed.

Services Provided: Customized Royalty Report: Breakout of MMS Financial Distribution Report (FDR) into monthly reports, showing Tribe's share of royalty from a lease, with total income for a particular month or year. (TRIBES ONLY)

Customized Production Report: Breakout of MMS 3160 Production reports, on a well-by-well basis. (TRIBES ONLY)

Lease Review Analysis: Analysis of production, royalty income and participation factors, to insure correct payment have been made on a lease-by-lease basis. (TRIBES ONLY)

Inspection Report of Mineral Estate: Analysis of all mineral interest by Section, Township & Range. Insure that mineral interest is either lease or unleased and if producing oil or gas, Tribes are receiving royalties. If not leased and producing, work with Tribes to secure a lease. (Tribes Only)

Oil and Gas Leasing: Expert Advice on lease terms provisions and departmental oil and gas lease contracts as well as District Court approved oil and gas leases.

Tax Questions: Why are certain minerals taxable and some not?

Regulations of the FCT: Analysis and consultation related to oil and gas leasing.

Code of Federal Regulations: Analysis and consultation related to oil and gas leasing.

Outreach Meeting: Analysis and consultation on related to oil and gas leases and it related problems.

Copies of Acts of Congress related to Five Civilized Tribes.

How to determine if a lease is a District Court Lease or Departmental oil and gas lease.

Historical well and production information for District Court leases.

How to determine if a Division Order is correct. Information from Mineral owner is required.

Spacing orders and Unitization agreement approved by the Oklahoma Corporation and their effect on your royalties.

Philosophy:

I pride myself on three (3) key elements:

- 1) identifying a problem;
- 2) understanding the nature of the problem; and
- 3) developing a solution for each problem identified.

My small company is committed to excellence. This excellence will be found in all of our services. My company's clients are our greatest assets, and I am personally dedicated to serving your needs.



United States Department of the Interior

Office of the Secretary

JUL 31 2017

Terri Parton
President
Wichitas and Affiliated Tribes
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005

Dear Ms. Parton:

Thank you for your letter dated June 2, 2017, to Secretary Ryan Zinke, recommending Vanessa Vance, Treasurer of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee for the Department of the Interior. We appreciate your recommendation and will give Ms. Vance full consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 208-7351 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lori Mashburn
White House Liaison



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

SEP 22 2017

Mr. John Tahsuda
Principal Deputy Secretary – Indian Affairs
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Tahsuda:

I am pleased to appoint you as a nonvoting, ex-officio member of the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). Your appointment is effective the date of this letter.

The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary, through the Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, on current and emerging issues related to energy and mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee will also advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to the development of such resources, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform.

Enclosed for your information and review is a copy of the charter which outlines the structure and functions of the Committee. Mr. James Schindler is the Designated Federal Officer and will contact you shortly regarding the scheduling of the Committee's first meeting. Mr. Schindler can be reached at (202) 208-3126.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on the Committee and look forward to seeing the important contributions that the Committee makes to the Department's energy and mineral resource policy.

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary of the Interior

Enclosures

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Lead Response Office: ONRR
Response Writer: ONRR (202) 513-0370

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WHL	L. Mashburn	09/07/2017
SOL-Ethics	S. Currie	09/13/2017
SOL	D. Jorjani	09/20/2017
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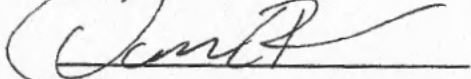
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From: Zinke, Ryan
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 Department of the Interior
 1849 C Street, NW
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 28 Primary members and 26 Alternate members
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1 message

Mashburn, Lori <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
To: "Schindler, James" <james.schindler@boem.gov>
Cc: Margaret Triebisch <margaret_triebisch@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 5:33 PM

James,

Please remove Gavin Clarkson from the RPC and replace with John Tahsuda. Tahsuda starts Tuesday as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in Indian Affairs. He will be the top political in that hallway.

Lori K. Mashburn
White House Liaison
Department of the Interior
202.208.1694



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

Memorandum

To: Secretary

From: Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy

Subject: Royalty Policy Committee Appointments

Attached for your review and approval is an appointment package recommending 52 primary and alternate members to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). This appointment package contains the appointment letters for your approval and signature.

All 52 appointees shall serve a three-year term to begin on the date the letters are signed.

The ONRR staff, several Interior officials, and I have thoroughly reviewed the nominees' qualifications and we are confident that the nominees are well qualified to serve on the Committee.

The Committee was established on April 21, 2017 and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is 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.

Following your signature, please return the package to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. If additional information is necessary or you have questions regarding the Committee, please contact me. Thank you.

Attachments

ORRIN G. HATCH
UTAH

MATT SANDGREN
CHIEF OF STAFF

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September 6, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
c/o Ms. Kim Oliver
Office of Natural Resources Revenue
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to recommend John Andrews for appointment to the newly reinstated Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) within the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). Mr. Andrews' extensive legal background and professional experience in the energy sector make him an ideal non-Federal candidate to represent the states in accordance with the RPC's Charter. Utah's Governor Gary Herbert previously nominated Mr. Andrews for one of the six positions on the RPC reserved for states that received more than \$10 million annually in Mineral Leasing Act revenues.

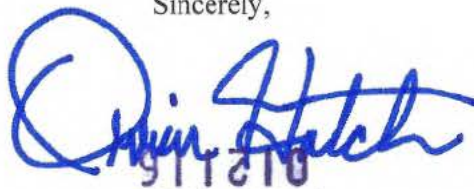
Mr. Andrews currently serves as the Associate Director and Chief Legal Counsel for the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). In this role, he oversees the acquisition and valuation of oil and gas, coal, renewables and non-energy mineral holdings, including supervision of legal disputes related to mineral royalty valuation. The State of Utah incorporates federal oil and gas valuation standards into its mineral leasing program, which has resulted in Mr. Andrew's strong familiarity with federal royalty valuation. Mr. Andrews' pre-SITLA private legal practice also included federal and Indian royalty valuation.

One aspect of Mr. Andrews' experience is particularly of note for the proposed RPC. As an agency responsible for state trust lands mineral development, SITLA is charged with achieving balance between maximizing revenue for the mineral owner and maintaining a viable and prosperous mineral industry on state trust lands. SITLA has substantially increased revenues for Utah's school trust from mineral development compared with prior state land management agencies while creating an industry-friendly, environmentally responsible system for minerals management on state trust lands.

Throughout his career, in both public and private service, Mr. Andrews has developed a perspective that understands that successful energy and mineral development on federal lands requires a sound foundation of legal and policy expertise. Mr. Andrews has participated in every step of policy development for public lands mineral activities, including working with Congress to pass over five substantial pieces of public lands legislation into law.

I highly recommend Mr. Andrews for appointment to the RPC, and I believe he will be an asset to your administration.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
U.S. Senator

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Oliver, Kimiko <kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov>

Fwd: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee

Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
 To: kimiko.oliver@onrr.gov

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 10:58 AM

FYI...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mashburn, Lori" <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
Date: August 24, 2017 at 10:55:45 AM EDT
To: "Triebsch, Margaret" <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>, "Schindler, James" <james.schindler@boem.gov>, Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee

Hello Margaret,

Below are the names approved for the RPC. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
 Lori K. Mashburn
 White House Liaison
 Department of the Interior
 202.208.1694

STATES - Primary Members

John Andrews (Utah)
 Clinton Carter (Alabama)
 John Crowther (Alaska)
 William Darby (Texas)
 Brent Sanford (North Dakota)
 Andrew McKee (Wyoming)

STATES - Alternate Members

Mark Edwards (New Mexico)
 Lynn Helms (North Dakota)
 Hans Hunt (Wyoming)
 Daniel Saddler (Alaska)
 Jerry Strickland (Texas)
 Shawn Thomas (Montana)

INDUSTRY - Primary Members

Matthew Adams (Cloud Peak)
 Estella Alverado (Anadarko)
 Randall Luthi (NOIA)
 Marissa Mitchell (Recurrent Energy)
 Patrick Noah (ConocoPhillips)
 John Sweeney (VWR Corporation)

INDUSTRY - Alternate Members

Jennifer Cadena Fortier (Incremental Oil & Gas)

Gabrielle Gerholt (Concho)
Albert Modiano (US Oil & Gas Association)
Greg Morby (Chevron)
Kathleen Sgamma (Western Energy Alliance)
Kevin Simpson (Shell)

TRIBES - Primary

Russell Begaye (Navajo Nation)
Christopher Adam Red (Southern Ute)
Charles Robertson (Choctaw Nation)
Everett Waller (Osage Mineral Council)

TRIBES - Alternates

Harry Barnes (Blackfeet)
Bidtah Becker (Navajo Nation)
Neil McCaleb (Chickasaw Nation)
Leslie Shakespeare (Eastern Shoshone)

ACADEMIA/PUBLIC INTEREST - Primary

Roderick Eggert (Colorado School of Mines)
Monte Mills (University of Montana School of Law)
Van Romero (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology)
Daniel Ruzs (Wood Mackenzie)

ACADEMIA/PUBLIC INTEREST - Alternates

Kwame Awuah-Offei (Missouri University of Science & Technology, Mining Engineering)
Graham Davis (Colorado School of Mines)



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Mr. Daniel Ruzs
Wood Mackenzie
324 Five Farms Drive
Stevensville, Maryland 21666

Dear Mr. Ruzs:

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Van Romero, Ph.D.
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
801 Leroy Place
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Dear Dr. Romero:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a primary member on the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee) representing academia and public interests. Your appointment is for a 3-year term effective the date of this letter. In the event that you cannot attend a scheduled Committee meeting, you may designate an alternate member from the academia and public sector to attend on your behalf. Please see the enclosed list of members from each sector, for your reference.

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Professor Monte Mills
University of Montana School of Law
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, Montana 59812

Dear Professor Mills:

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Professor Roderick Eggert
Colorado School of Mines
Division of Economics and Business
1500 Illinois Street
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Professor Eggert:

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Mr. Everett Waller
Chairman, Osage Minerals Council
813 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Dear Mr. Waller:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a primary member on the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee) representing tribal interests. Your appointment is for a 3-year term effective the date of this letter. In the event that you cannot attend a scheduled Committee meeting, you may designate an alternate member from the tribal sector to attend on your behalf. Please see the enclosed list of members from each sector, for your reference.

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Mr. Charles Robertson
3115 West 81st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132

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The Honorable Christopher Red
Southern Ute Tribal Council
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Dear Mr. Red:

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The Honorable Russell Begaye
President, Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
100 Parkway
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear President Begaye:

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Mr. Andrew McKee
Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
2323 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. McKee:

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The Honorable Brent Sanford
Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Lt. Governor Sanford:

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The Honorable Drew Darby
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

Dcar Mr. Darby:

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Mr. John Crowther
Inter-Governmental Coordinator
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Crowther:

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Mr. Clinton Carter
Alabama State Finance Director
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue, Suite N-105
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Carter:

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Mr. John Andrews
Associate Director and Chief Legal Counsel
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
1354 E. 2nd Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

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Mr. John Sweeney
Vice President of Investor Relations
VWR Corporation Building
Radnor Corporate Center
Building One, Suite 200
Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a primary member on the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee) representing the interests of industry. Your appointment is for a 3-year term effective the date of this letter. In the event that you cannot attend a scheduled Committee meeting, you may designate an alternate member from the industry sector to attend on your behalf. Please see the enclosed list of members from each sector, for your reference.

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Mr. Patrick Noah
ConocoPhillips Company
325 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

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Ms. Marisa Mitchell
Intersect Power
4122 Balboa Street
San Francisco, California 94121

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Mr. Randall Luthi
National Ocean Industries Association
1120 G Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Luthi:

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Ms. Estella Alvarado
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
1201 Lake Robbins
The Woodlands, Texas 77381

Dear Ms. Alvarado:

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Mr. Matthew Adams
Cloud Peak Energy
385 Interlocken Crescent, Suite 400
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

Dear Mr. Adams:

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Mr. Jim James
Deputy Director, Field Operations
Bureau of Indian Affairs
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. James:

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Mr. Gregory Gould
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
P.O. Box 25165, MS 64000B
Denver, Colorado 80225

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Ms. Katharine MacGregor
Acting Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Scott Angelle
Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, NW
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Principal Deputy Secretary – Indian Affairs
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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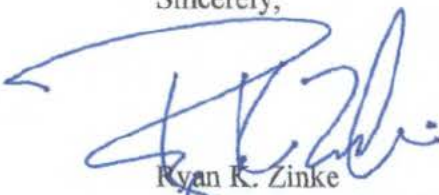
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Professor of Mineral and Energy Economics
Division of Economics and Business
Colorado School of Mines
1500 Illinois Street
Golden, Colorado 80401

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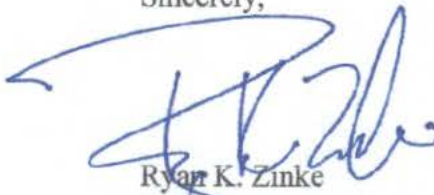
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Southern Ute Tribal Council
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

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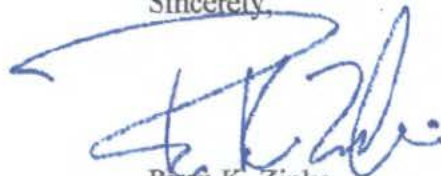
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Mr. Daniel Ruz
Wood Mackenzie
324 Five Farms Drive
Stevensville, Maryland 21666

Dear Mr. Ruz:

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Van Romero, Ph.D.
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
801 Leroy Place
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

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Professor Monte Mills
University of Montana School of Law
32 Campus Drive
Missoula, Montana 59812

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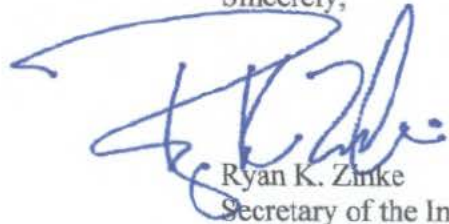
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Professor Roderick Eggert
Colorado School of Mines
Division of Economics and Business
1500 Illinois Street
Golden, Colorado 80401

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Mr. Everett Waller
Chairman, Osage Minerals Council
813 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Dear Mr. Waller:

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Mr. Charles Robertson
3115 West 81st Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132

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The Honorable Russell Begaye
President, Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
100 Parkway
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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Mr. Andrew McKee
Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
2323 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. McKee:

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The Honorable Brent Sanford
Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

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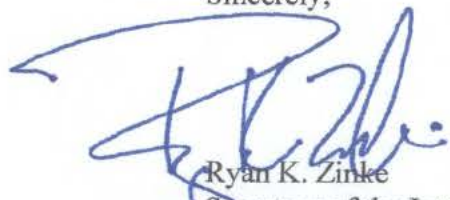
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Kwame Awuah-Offei, Ph.D., PE
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Department of Mining & Nuclear Engineering
226 McNutt Hall
Rolla, Missouri 65409

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Mr. Leslie Shakespeare
Eastern Shoshone Business Council
14 North Fork Road
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514

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Mr. Neal McCaleb
Chickasaw Ambassador
The Chickasaw Nation
4001 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Ms. Biddah Becker
Executive Director, Navajo Nation of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Ms. Becker:

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Mr. Harry Barnes
Chairman, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
P.O. Box 850
Browning, Montana 59417

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Mr. Shawn Thomas
Trust Lands Administrator
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
1539 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

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Mr. Jerry Strickland II
Director, Texas Office of State-Federal Relations
Office of the Texas Governor
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701

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Mr. Lynn Helms
Director, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 405
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

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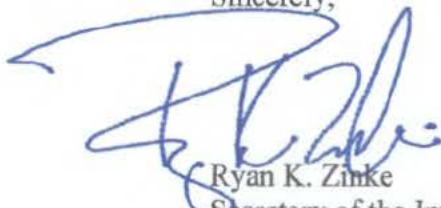
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Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Wyoming House of Representatives
1347 Old Highway 85
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

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Mr. Mark Edwards
State of New Mexico Legislative Council Service
411 State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Mr. Kevin Simpson
Team Lead – Offshore Regulatory Policy and Advocacy
Shell Exploration and Production Company
One Shell Square
P. O. Box 61933
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161

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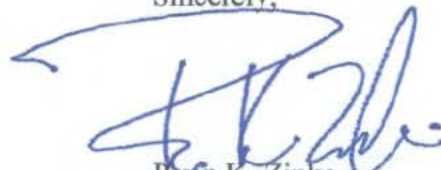
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Ms. Kathleen Sgamma
President, Western Energy Alliance
1775 Sherman Street, Suite 2700
Denver, Colorado 80203

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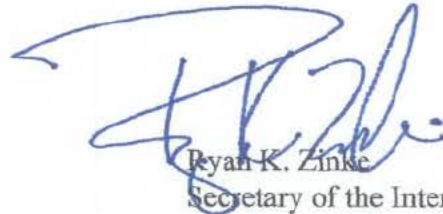
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Manager Production Services
Chevron North America E&P
1400 Smith Street 49-084
Houston, Texas 77002

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Mr. Albert Modiano
President, US Oil & Gas Association
1101 K Street NW, Suite 425
Washington, DC 20005

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Ms. Gabrielle Gerholt
Senior Advisor, Concho Resources
1048 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Ms. Jennifer Cadena
Vice President – Land and Legal
Incremental Oil & Gas
475 17th Street, Suite 1000
Denver, Colorado 80202

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Mr. Darryl LaCounte
Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2021 4th Avenue North
Billings, Montana 59101

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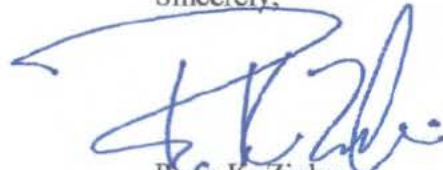
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Mr. John Mehlhoff
Program Director, Coordination, Enforcement,
Valuation and Appeals
Office of Natural Resources Revenue
P.O. Box 25165, MS 64000B
Denver, Colorado 80225

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Chief of Staff
Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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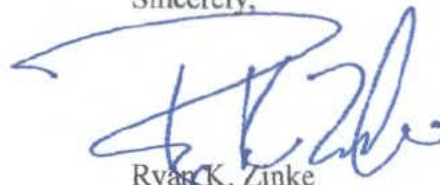
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Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs
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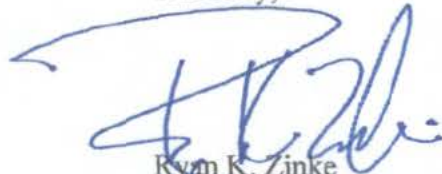
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Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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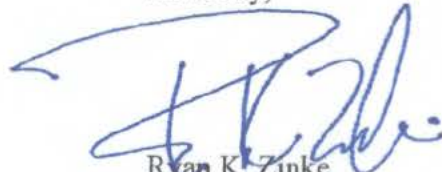
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Ms. L. Renee Orr
Chief, Strategist Resources Programs
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

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Energy, Minerals and Realty Management
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, NW
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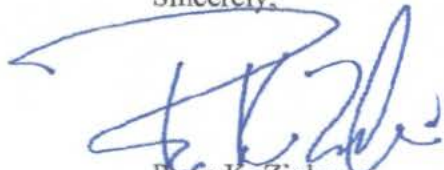
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA
(Great Falls)

Town Of Browning V. Sharp Et Al

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PLAINTIFF: Town of Browning

DEFENDANT: Willie A. Sharp, Jr.;
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Tyson Running Wolf;
Shawn Lahr;
Paul McEvers;
Nelse St. Goddard;
Joe McKay;
Iloff Kipp;
Harry Barnes;
Forrestina Calf Boss Ribs;
Earl Old Person;
Derek Kline;
Cheryl Little Dog;
Alvin Yellow Owl

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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 14-72717
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 14-35719

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JUDGE: Brian Morris

REFERRED TO: Magistrate Judge John Johnston

NATURE OF SUIT: 380 Personal Property

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Blackfeet unrest

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"I think I've been put off the council I don't know how many times this past six weeks."

Earl Old Person, Council member

Five newly elected members of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council were sworn into office Thursday amid calls for unity, only to have the ceremony quickly devolve into infighting and angry **accusations**.

The new tribal legislators carry with them the hopes of many of the Blackfeet people that a majority of fresh faces on the tribe's most powerful elected body will end the impasse that has hamstrung tribal government in Browning for nearly two years. Browning business owner **Harry Barnes** was elected tribal chairman, narrowly defeating William Old Chief, who is now entering the third year of his four-year term of office. Old Agency District representative Iliff "Scott" Kipp was elected vice-chairman, and former tribal

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forestry department head Tyson Running Wolf was elected secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council's (BTBC) Executive Committee.

Hopes ran high for ending a bitter divide on the BTBC that has been at the root of mass firings, unpaid wages, threats from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to defund the tribe's judicial system and a revolving series of expulsions and appointments that has seen 14 people lay claim to a seat on the nine-member BTBC since 2012.

Yet, despite appeals for healing and reunification, it quickly became apparent Thursday that the issues dividing the Blackfeet people run deeper than merely the personalities of the tribe's council members.

The inauguration ceremony began early with a nondenominational prayer service. One by one, religious leaders from most of the tribe's churches, both traditional and Christian rose to speak to the audience; asking them to join in prayer for the success and well-being of the new council, as well as for healing for all the Blackfeet people.

Within minutes of the conclusion of that prayer service came the first indications that not all had been forgiven.

As a procession began to form at the east entrance of the dance arbor where the inauguration ceremony was to take place, an argument flared up between Old Chief, outgoing Councilman Leon Vielle and Barnes. Neither Old Chief nor Vielle were willing to recognize the council membership of Earl Old Person, and they protested allowing him to join the procession with the rest of the BTBC members and refused to provide Old Person with a seat at the inauguration table.

Both Old Chief and Vielle voted in April to expel Old Person from the BTBC for abandoning his position as a council member.

The reason given at the time of that resolution was that Old Person had been absent from council meetings since October.

It was in that month that the nine, federally recognized members of the BTBC split into two distinct and opposing factions. Those nine council members have not all met in a single room together for more than eight months. Many Blackfeet consider Old Person chief of the Blackfeet Tribe.

It was also learned in the opening moments of the procession that the BTBC faction led by Willie Sharp Jr. had only just the night before appointed a new council member to fill Old Person's seat - one day before the inauguration ceremony.

George Calf Tail, a man unrecognized until that moment by anyone except an immediate circle of Sharp faction supporters as having any claim to a council position, now lined up with everyone else to be seated at the inauguration table.

There not being enough chairs for everyone laying claim to council membership, newly elected Councilman Joe McKay grabbed a chair from the audience and everybody squeezed in.

Most in the audience were unaware of the conflict. The immediate dispute now behind them, the inauguration ceremony began to proceed without further visible conflict.

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After opening ceremonies and an official declaration by Sharp that the 2010-2014 term of the BTBC had now ended, both outgoing, incoming and incumbent council members were permitted a few minutes to address the audience.

All proceeded well, with outgoing council members making references to their many accomplishments or speaking to the need for the council to move ahead toward the betterment of the Blackfeet people.

Then incumbent Councilwoman Cheryl Little Dog took the microphone.

Little Dog began quietly, but her voice rose as she began leveling criticisms at everything from the actions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to the ineffectiveness of Affordable Care Act, to the failure of the council to pay tribal employees over extended periods in December and then again this past April.

Many of Little Dog's statements were applauded enthusiastically by members of the audience.

Then, two-thirds of the way through her nine-minute speech, Little Dog turned toward where Old Person was seated at the opposite end of the inaugural table and said "people call Earl Old Person the chief - he's not my chief"

The audience immediately broke out in a competing crescendo of applause and cheers versus boos and catcalls.

The boos and jeers grew progressively louder, drowning out nearly everything else Little Dog had to say.

"A leader, a chief would not let his children suffer without heat ..." Little Dog tried to shout above the crowd.

As her speech went on, an unruly chorus of catcalls began ringing out; everything from "take the microphone" to "you have no respect" to "she's telling the truth."

Tribal police sent to provide security at the event began to assemble near the entrances of the venue, but the shouting eventually died down and Little Dog returned to her position at the table.

Two speakers later it was Old Person's turn to take the microphone.

A loud standing ovation greeted him as the nearly 90-year-old council member walked slowly toward the podium. Other audience members simply sat on their hands.

After a brief speech delivered in his native Piikani (Blackfeet) language, Old Person began by saying, "It's very sad to have to have an inauguration such as we are having."

"We have to have a new start," he said a little later. "We have to have something to go on."

"I think I've been put off the council I don't know how many times this past six weeks."

Old Person's joke brought a chorus of laughter, and lightened the mood of the audience.

The remainder of the inauguration was fairly routine - except for the final minutes when the executive council was elected.

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Abiding by the Blackfeet tradition, the members of the executive council are selected by a vote of all nine council members within full view of the audience.

For the top leadership position of council chairman, Old Chief and Barnes were the two nominees. Old Person was not allowed to vote.

One by one the ballots were read. Old Chief gained a quick advantage, but was eventually voted out when Barnes' name was read aloud on the ninth and final ballot. It was a worrying tabulation however, since the five to four split means another closely divided council.

Kipp won the vice chairman's position easily over Forrestina Calf Boss Ribs, while the vote for Running Wolf over Little Dog as secretary of the BTBC was 6-3.

The election of Barnes, Kipp and Running Wolf means that the entire executive council is now made up of newly elected members of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

The entire council met in council chambers immediately following the inauguration ceremony.

"I think I've been put off the council I don't know how many times this past six weeks."

Earl Old Person

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<https://www.facebook.com/Harry-R-Barnes-Chairman-Blackfeet-Tribal-Business-Council-745983215445636/>;

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<http://tribalnations.mt.gov/blackfeet>

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Navajo Council OKs human trafficking law

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved amending the Navajo Nation Criminal Code Title 17 to enact the 2017 Law Against Human Trafficking Wednesday.

Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown sponsored Legislation 0117-17, which stated that the intent of the human trafficking law is to deter human traffickers by criminalizing certain offenses, prescribing appropriate punishment, giving priority to the investigation and prosecution of trafficking offenses, and protecting and providing justice to victims.

According to the legislation, human trafficking is defined as “the illegal recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a person, especially from another country, with the intent to hold the person captive or exploit the person for labor, services, or body parts.

“Human trafficking offenses include forced prostitution, forced marriages, sweat-shop labor, slavery, and harvesting human organs from unwilling donors.”

Brown — who represents the chapters of Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso and Kayenta — reported to the Council that he requested data on human trafficking on the Navajo Nation and he was unable to obtain information because there has never been a human trafficking law that would require the tracking of data.

He noted, “In doing some research, I found that since the time of colonization, human trafficking has always been present in Indian Country.

“We heard of stories of the Long Walk in which women and children were forced into sexual acts and heinous crimes,” Brown said. “We have never addressed this because we didn’t create laws up until this point.”

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He recalled that when he worked with the Navajo Nation Department of Family Services, he found that the lack of human trafficking laws resulted in several potential trafficking offenses being classified as sexual abuse or prostitution.

Brown said the Department of Family Services had cases involving girls, under the age of 18, who were being trafficked for prostitution.

He explained that the department understood that children cannot consent to sex while being forced to prostitute themselves and so the crime should not fall on the victim.

Shaping Navajo law

Brown, who serves on the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee and the Naa'bik'iyati' Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee, emphasized that the tribe's laws need to be shaped to fit the actual crime to prosecute human traffickers.

He reported that he also has been collaborating with the Casey Family Programs and University of Colorado Boulder on a proposed assessment of sex trafficking on the reservation for the development of a plan to combat the problem.

Brown said for about two years, the Casey programs and Colorado University assisted the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation in developing a comprehensive strategic plan to address sex trafficking on their land, which resulted in a policy paper on a comprehensive approach to sex trafficking, data management and policy recommendations.

"They compiled their data from their social services and researched how many kids were involved in sex crimes and prostitution," He said.

Brown said he provided the policy paper to the Council and he encouraged his colleagues to review it for the development of the tribe's own strategic plan.

Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie — who represents Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon and Whitehorse Lake — said although human trafficking data on the Nation is non-existent, the cases that family services reported is alarming.

He said when federal courts fail to prosecute the perpetrators, the tribe must ensure justice is served.

Tsosie successfully sponsored an amendment to resolve the federal government's failure to **prosecute** non-Indian traffickers by having the tribe's courts assert jurisdiction over non-Indian traffickers on the reservation.

The bill moves to President **Russell Begaye** for action.

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Navajo Nation Head Start director target of theft probe

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Navajo Head Start Director Sharon Singer is under investigation for **allegations of misuse** of federal funds and has been placed on administrative leave, Navajo Nation President **Russell Begaye** announced in a June 30 news release.

Begaye said the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General's Office sent a letter to him and asked that the Office of the President and Vice President conduct an investigation of Singer.

"In working with the Department of Diné Education, director Singer has been put on administrative leave effective June 29, as we move forward with an investigation into Navajo Head Start," Begaye said.

Tommy Lewis, Navajo Nation superintendent of schools, stated in a June 29 memo that Head Start employee Tim Benally would be the acting Head Start superintendent during the tribe's investigation of Singer.

Lewis stated that Benally would be responsible for the overall operation of Head Start and would have full authority to carry out the mission, goals and objectives of Head Start.

"In order to conduct this investigation without any interference, the superintendent for Head Start (Singer) had to be put on administrative active leave with pay starting today (June 29) for five working days," Lewis stated. "This administrative leave may be extended if it is necessary."

Begaye noted the Inspector General's Office alleged in its letter that Singer, with the help of the Central Office of Head Start, is "misusing and abusing funds."

He said the federal Inspector General's Office explained that if a complaint involves the Head Start Board, executive director, CEO or a program director, the governing body is responsible for researching the issues or allegations raised, take corrective actions where necessary, and provide a response to the federal Inspector General regarding the outcome.

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Vice President Jonathan Nez said, "Because the allegations relate to program funding that impact our children at a critical stage in their cognitive development, it's necessary that we move forward with this investigation to secure continued services of this important program."

Begaye added, "Funding for any of our programs is a critical resource, especially in light of the current budget cuts being proposed at the federal level."

Lewis said he would be conducting the investigation with several people from the Department of Diné Education.

"We will be requesting to see various documentations and other evidence that will help us with this task," he explained. "We will be requesting to talk to Navajo Head Start employees over the next several days and we expect full cooperation from everyone."

Lewis emphasized, "We do not want any documentation or evidence on misspending or misuse of funds be destroyed. Anyone reported or caught destroying evidence or documentation will be disciplined."

GRAPHIC: Sharon Singer

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The following information was released by New Mexico Senator Martin Heinrich:

Today, U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M) reintroduced the bipartisan Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony (STOP) Act, a bill to prohibit the exporting of sacred Native American items and increase penalties for stealing and illegally trafficking tribal cultural patrimony. U.S. Senators Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), John McCain (R-Ariz.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) are cosponsors of the bill.

To announce the legislation today, Senator Heinrich hosted a meeting with students from the Santa Fe Indian School Leadership Institutes Summer Policy Academy (SPA) in his office in Washington, D.C. The students shared a position paper and personal stories on the importance of the STOP Act, articulating their generation's concern about fulfilling their sacred trust as generations before them have. SPA is designed for New Mexico high school juniors and rising seniors and convenes students for intensive sessions that focus on leadership, public policy, and community issues.

I am proud to work with tribes in New Mexico and across Indian Country to craft this legislation to safeguard sacred Native American items, said Senator Heinrich . We all recognize the incredible beauty of American Indian art--from the remnants of ancient wonders that we can explore and admire in places like Chaco Canyon and the Gila Cliff Dwellings to the traditional and modern art masterpieces created by Native artists to this day. But we can also recognize a clear difference between supporting tribal artists or collecting artifacts ethically and legally as opposed to dealing or exporting items that tribes have identified as essential and sacred pieces of their cultural heritage. We need to take all possible action to stop the latter and help repatriate stolen culturally significant items to their rightful owners.

Theft and sale of sacred Native American cultural items are an assault on the cultural identity of Native American Tribes, and I am proud to join Senator Heinrich and applaud his leadership with Tribes on this important legislation to stop this practice in its tracks, Senator Udall said . Native Americans have been the victims of theft and looting for generations. We have passed laws to stop it, but people are exploiting the loopholes in our current laws to sell these objects as art. They are not pieces of art - theft not only robs Tribes of sacred objects, it robs them of a piece of their spiritual identity. This bill is the strong action we need to put a stop to theft and sale and ensure Tribes have a seat at the table in the fight.

The bill has been endorsed by tribes across Indian Country, including the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pueblos of Acoma, Santa Ana, Isleta, Zuni, Laguna, Namb, Jemez, and Ohkay Owingeh as well as the All Pueblo Council of Governors, the National Congress of American Indians, and the United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund.

The Pueblo worked closely with Senator Heinrich's office in the development of and strongly supports the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017, which is designed to strengthen existing federal laws protecting Native American cultural objects, said Pueblo of Acoma Governor Kurt Riley . Unfortunately, Acoma has firsthand experience with the illegal removal and trafficking of our cultural objects. It has been an uphill battle to secure their return. However, we continue to fight for their return as their loss threatens the ability of our children to continue our cultural practices and thus threatens our identity as a people.

NCAI continues to be in strong support of Senator Heinrich's legislative efforts to address the theft, illegal sale, and alienation of cultural, historical, and ceremonial items from tribal homelands, said Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians Jacqueline Pata . The Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 is an important advance in this

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effort. NCAI leadership is hopeful that this legislation will serve as a strong deterrent to illegal conduct, while facilitating the voluntary repatriation of cultural objects currently held by individuals.

Article 12 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes our right to continue our cultural and spiritual traditions and practices, said United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund President Kirk Francis . Regrettably, these rights are violated through the ongoing theft and commercial sale of our cultural, traditional, and sacred objects. These illicit practices erode the foundations of our cultures and threaten our survival as distinct Tribal Nations. The Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony (STOP) Act seeks the safe return of our objects and the end of illegal trafficking through stiffer penalties. The USET Sovereignty Protection Fund commends Senator Heinrich for the re-introduction of the STOP Act and calls upon Congress for its swift passage.

The Navajo Nation thanks Senator Heinrich for his leadership on this bipartisan bill that will strengthen cultural protection laws for all of Indian Country, said Navajo Nation President **Russell Begaye** . I am also encouraged that this bill will make it clear that exportation of our sacred and traditional items out of the United States will be **illegal**. Our cultural and sacred items are an important part of who we are as Navajo and Indian people and it is important that they be protected and returned.

Senator Heinrich originally introduced the STOP Act in 2016. The bill received widespread, bipartisan support and continues to demonstrate growing momentum. The STOP Act received a field hearing last year, held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, which was a critical step in the legislative process to gather input and move toward passing the STOP Act into law. The hearing featured testimony from tribal leaders and federal agency officials.

Specifically, the STOP Act would:

Increase penalties for NAGPRA criminal violations to more closely match the National Stolen Property Act and other similar statutes.

Explicitly prohibit the export of items obtained in violation of NAGPRA and related statutes. The French government has cited the lack of an explicit export prohibition as an impediment to enforcement of NAGPRA and related laws overseas.

Establish a policy for the United States of encouraging the voluntary return of tangible cultural heritage to tribal communities. The bill directs the secretaries of Interior, Homeland Security, and the State Department, as well as the Attorney General, to appoint liaisons to facilitate the voluntary return of cultural property and directs the secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a list of contacts for the return of cultural property to which individuals and organizations can be referred.

Establish a tribal working group to develop recommendations on the return of cultural heritage, the elimination of illegal commerce in cultural heritage, and repatriation of cultural heritage that has been illegally trafficked.

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U.S. senator suggests reforms for Navajo housing authority; Investigation Cost overruns hint at funds' mismanagement.

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Albuquerque, , N.M. The findings of an investigation initiated by a U.S. senator into the spending of federal housing grants on the nation's largest American Indian reservation suggest mismanagement resulted in cost overruns and delays.

Top Navajo Nation officials in a statement issued late Thursday detailed the findings along with numerous recommendations made by Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

The recommendations include reducing the federal government's allocation to the tribe for new homes, streamlining land acquisition and permitting processes and increasing site visits by federal inspectors.

McCain's office also is recommending that the Navajo Housing Authority and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provide annual performance reports that include clear data on how many houses have been built or modernized and how many of those are rental units or turned over to owners.

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According to the findings, the housing authority over 10 years received more than \$803 million in federal block grant funding and built only 1,110 homes. There were also concerns about board members misusing income generated by rental properties.

McCain said the authority's lack of progress can't be reconciled with the fact that the agency is supported by 350 employees and spends about 15 percent of its annual allocation under the grant program on planning and administration.

The poor administration of grant funds by the authority "has exposed the program to an excessive risk of waste, **fraud and abuse**," the senator said.

Navajo President **Russell Begaye** acknowledged that the housing authority has been put under the microscope by both the federal government and the Navajo people.

"We take the report and the issues raised very seriously," he said. "Our number one concern has always been that the Navajo people receive adequate housing."

However, Begaye and other tribal leaders criticized the suggestion that Congress cap or reduce the federal government's allocation for new homes on the Navajo Nation, which spans parts of Arizona, northwestern New Mexico and southeastern Utah.

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Navajo alert funds vanish; Official: 'I don't know' where \$300K grant went, 'but we'll find out'

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DATELINE: WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ.

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ. — Thousands of dollars destined to design and implement an Amber Alert system on the Navajo Nation were not utilized for that purpose, Division of Public Safety Director Jesse Delmar confirmed Thursday.

Delmar said the Navajo Nation was awarded a \$300,000 grant through Fox Valley Technical College's public safety program to develop an Amber Alert system in 2011 — long before he was appointed to lead the division about a year ago.

What happened to the funds?

"I don't know. But we'll find out," Delmar said during an interview in his office in Window Rock Thursday afternoon. "I understand that, from my conversation with my source, half of that money was spent. We would get to the bottom of that."

Delmar said that within the past year the division was awarded another \$1.7 million from U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop a 911 emergency system on the reservation. The goal is to set it up in all seven districts of the Navajo Nation, starting with Tuba City because "they have the infrastructure in place and a new building. We will eventually get to everybody," Delmar said.

The tribe has been under criticism by community members who said an Amber Alert issued within the hour 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike was reported missing in Shiprock May 2 might have saved her life.

It took Navajo Nation Police about eight hours from the time Mike was reported missing, at about 6:35 p.m. May 2, to have the state of New Mexico issue the Amber Alert at about

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2:30 a.m. May 3. Mike's body was found in a desolate field 6 miles south of Shiprock at about 11:30 a.m. May 3.

Tom Begaye, 27, of Waterflow, was **arrested** in connection with Mike's death. He reportedly told authorities that he **sexually** assaulted her and hit her on the head with a tire iron because she was crying and that she was still moving when he left her in the desert. During a phone interview Monday evening, Navajo Nation President **Russell Begaye** responded to questions about funds that were supposed to be used to develop alert systems and why that never happened.

The president said that when he was a Council delegate and served with the Law and Order Committee around 2013, he was informed that the Navajo Nation Police was working on its own Amber Alert-911 emergency system. It was taking too long to be developed, however, and the committee decided to transfer the authority and funds to the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Navajo Nation.

"They were the ones that asked to be designated because Navajo PD never produced results," Begaye said. "(Navajo) PD was trying to get it off the ground. They elaborated a plan. When they gave a report to Law and Order, we said this is going to take too many years. You need to simplify it. This is going to cost too much money. So, what we did, we gave it to the regulatory commission and asked them to put it quickly. They started developing a plan, we were almost there, but there was a resistance from Navajo Police, mainly because we took it from them."

Begaye said when he became president in 2015, he moved the project back to the Navajo Nation Police.

"They had three consultants and were working on getting it off the ground," he said.

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie said delegates are considering an investigation on what happened to the funds awarded in 2011 to develop the Amber Alert system on the reservation.

"We need accountability. I was told some of that money was used to buy equipment," he said Thursday afternoon. "If a hearing is conducted, all these questions would be answered. A hearing would be for Navajo Police to tell us what can they do better, what are they lacking, and to tell the Council what do we need to do, and we will bring the executive (on board)."

Begaye met with Navajo Nation division directors Monday and assigned a task force to develop and implement the Amber Alert-911 emergency system to notify the Navajo people of abductions and other emergencies.

He announced the Amber Alert system would include developing a way to connect with families in rural areas where telecommunications are limited, and to inform community members about such emergencies in both English and Navajo.

The president appointed Delmar and Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Director Theresa Hopkins to head the development of the task force.

Delmar said the task force was scheduled to meet Friday.

1996 kidnapping, murder leads to Amber Alert

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The first Amber Alert system was developed after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman was kidnapped and brutally murdered in Arlington, Texas, in 1996.

According to the Amber Advocate, an online newsletter produced with the support of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the blueprint for the Amber Alert plan was first articulated on a radio talk show and then in a letter written by Fort Worth resident Diana Simone.

It reads in part: "In Amber's case, for example, I'm sure a number of people saw her in that black pick up truck but simply did not know what they were seeing. To remedy this, I would like to suggest an emergency system be set up so that when a verified 911 call is placed, all the radio stations in the area would be notified immediately and they would interrupt programming to broadcast an emergency alert. In this way, thousands of people would be alerted within minutes of an occurrence, greatly minimizing the chance of successful escape. If you are able to gather support for this Emergency Broadcast Plan, my one request is that it be known as Amber's Plan."

According to the Amber Advocate, the criteria developed after Hagerman's death to issue an Amber Alert was: the child must be 15 years old or younger, law enforcement must believe the child has been abducted or missing with the threat of serious bodily injury or death, and enough information must be available for the public to help.

At the time, WBAP News/Talk 820 operations manager in Texas Tyler Cox was quoted as saying: "The system is so simple and easy to run and maintain. It doesn't cost taxpayers one plug penny. This is something we can do to do good in the community at no financial resource risk to anyone. Radio is in business 24 hours a day, police run 24 hours a day, and people find children — end of story."

Current Amber Alert systems around the country include cellphone alerts and social media alerts. Command posts are normally set up in the area where the crime is committed to gather and disseminate information.

New Mexico Amber Alert

The New Mexico Amber Alert is a cooperative agreement between New Mexico broadcasters and law enforcement.

"The agreement allows law enforcement access to the state's Emergency Alert System, or 'EAS,'" according to the state website. "You may have recently heard tests of this system, either over the radio or on your television. If a law enforcement agency is investigating a child abduction, they can broadcast useful information over the EAS system, with the hope that the public may have seen the vehicle involved or the suspect, for example."

The following criteria applies in New Mexico to issue an Amber Alert: ; ; There must be evidence of a non-family or custodian abduction of a child 17 years of age or younger. ; ; There must be specific information concerning the abductor and/or child, which would prove useful to the public in hopes of recovering the child. ; ; There must be reason to believe the child is in imminent danger of bodily harm or death.

; ; And the child must have already been entered in the National Crime Information Center as missing.

When Ashlynnne was picked up, her 9-year-old brother Ian Mike was also abducted by the same suspect, but he managed to escape.

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Ian was picked up by a motorist who saw him walking on Navajo Route 13 and took him to the Navajo Nation Police, Shiprock office, at about 7:15 p.m. May 2. Ian provided information about the abductor and maroon van used to abduct the children and was instrumental in identifying Tom Begaye as the suspect.

The question Navajo authorities have not responded to yet is why it took Navajo Police about eight hours after the children were reported missing to have the state issue the Amber Alert.

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Southern Ute members rail against leadership; Petitions seek distribution of funds, ouster of tribal leaders

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IGNACIO – Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Southwest Colorado say their tribal government operates in secrecy, ignores the will of its people and subverts its own constitution.

Much of the angst arises from the Tribal Council's unwillingness to distribute 100 percent of a \$126 million settlement to its approximately 1,500 enrolled members. The tribe has

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distributed 60 percent of the funds, but some members are demanding the remaining 40 percent.

Tribal members are circulating two petitions: One seeks distribution of the remaining funds, and the other seeks to recall Tribal Chairman Clement Frost and four of the six Tribal Council members. (Two council members – Kevin Frost and Adam Red – have been on the council for less than six months, and therefore cannot be recalled.)

The rift has exposed a longstanding mistrust between some tribal members and their government, which they accuse of using intimidation and bullying tactics to silence and oppress members.

"We've always operated in secrecy, and I don't know where that comes from," said Arline Millich, who is fighting for the remaining settlement funds. "I want to be able to know what's going on in the tribe. I want to know how much money we have. I want to know how much is being spent and for what. I think there's a lot of misuse, and when you don't let people know, then you become suspicious."

The tribe holds assets worth more than a billion dollars, yet it discloses little about its financial dealings, including who it employs, how much it pays, and basic revenue and expense reports, members said.

Tribal officials say information relevant to the community is posted on the tribe's website, broadcast on KSUT-FM or published in The Southern Ute Drum, the tribe's newspaper. More sensitive information is available to members upon request. They don't want certain information distributed outside the reservation for a variety of reasons, including members' safety, said Lindsay Box, communications specialist for the tribe.

"You're dealing with a lot of big numbers that have potential to cause safety concerns for some of the tribal members living on or off reservation," Box said. "Along with money comes a lot of other things that are harmful to individuals and to our society."

It is that nanny-state mentality that some tribal members seek to upend. It is easy to acquire information online about people and their affairs, they said, and America seems to function fine while conducting its business in public.

"You can't safeguard us all our lives," Millich said.

A sovereign nation and corporate playerThe Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a sovereign nation and business powerhouse in the Four Corners. It is the largest employer in La Plata County, with 1,220 jobs in government, the casino and its business interests, according to Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

The checkerboard reservation covers more than 1,000 square miles along the southern portion of La Plata and Archuleta counties, just north of the New Mexico line. According to the most recent Census estimates, 13,173 people live on the reservation, but most are non-native; the tribe has about 1,500 members, many of whom live outside reservation boundaries.

The tribe is governed by a seven-member council, including the chairman, elected by the membership to three-year terms. The government oversees a number of departments and services, including education, law enforcement, judicial services, parks and recreation, and social services.

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The tribe also controls a major financial branch, the Southern Ute Growth Fund, which oversees a portfolio of companies and investments in energy, real estate, construction and private equity. Operations and assets are spread over 14 states and the Gulf of Mexico.

It is rare for tribal members to air their grievances publicly, but five members met last week with The Durango Herald, saying tribal government is acting undemocratically and crushing the will of its members.

In a sign of how tense things have become, members who met with the Herald scrambled moments before the meeting to ensure they were on solid legal footing to invite a reporter onto the reservation. And Tribal Council sent a communications specialist to listen and take notes. Those who spoke said most tribal members are unwilling to speak publicly for fear of retribution, including getting "blackballed" or being denied future employment with the tribe.

"We have a right to the freedom of speech living in this nation, and we have a right to oppose the views of our government," said Yvonne Davis, a tribal member who signed the petition seeking funds. "We have a right to utilize the Constitution that was put in place for this tribe, to use our freedom of our voice. That freedom has been halted, it's been put aside, it's been betrayed and we need to stick together, unite and start standing up for ourselves and quit being fearful.

"Leaders who are true leaders do not intimidate, do not bully, do not coerce, do not oppress," she said. "They talk to their people, they find out what the problems are and they try to resolve the issues. I do not see that happening here."

More money, more problems. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe received a \$126 million settlement in September to resolve a lawsuit accusing the federal government of mismanaging monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribe dating to the late 1800s.

Dozens of other tribes filed similar lawsuits, known as the Sisseton lawsuits, that alleged improper record-keeping, incorrect interest rates and other historic claims related to mismanagement of Indian resources.

The federal government will pay about a billion dollars to tribes to resolve the lawsuits and wipe the slate clean.

As sovereign governments, tribes can use the money as they see fit.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe distributed 60 percent of the settlement after lawyer fees to its members late last year. Some members used the thousands of dollars they received to buy a new car, pay off a house or funnel it into a business, according to interviews.

Tribal Council has suggested it would use the remaining 40 percent to pay for a laundry list of services and programs, including health care, education, housing, employment, new investment opportunities, financial literacy, economic development, repairs to an irrigation project, enhancing museum and cultural resources, records management, youth services and recreation.

But some tribal members say the tribe already funds those services, and they fear the money will go into the tribe's huge budget with no accountability for how it is spent.

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What's more, they question the tribe's fiduciary decision-making. The tribe has hundreds of employees, a cadre of lawyers and generous services for a tribe of 1,500 members, said those who spoke to the Herald.

"A lot of tribal departments overspend," said Judy Lansing, a tribal elder collecting signatures for the recall. "If somebody went in there and did an audit, you could see a lot of waste, a lot of things they use for nothing."

Distribution of the remaining settlement funds could make a real difference in the lives of Southern Ute members, especially those living off the reservation, said Dedra White, who is collecting signatures for the referendum petition.

"This money can help their life; this money can help their endeavors," White said. "In this petition, there's a lot of dreams, homes, people that bought some businesses."

Petition deemed invalid Tribal members submitted a petition Feb. 13 with 218 valid signatures requesting full distribution of the Sisseton funds. A tentative election date was set, but after discussing the petition Feb. 20, the Tribal Council canceled it, saying the petition was invalid because it didn't call for an up or down vote on an existing or proposed resolution/ordinance before the council. "Council has neither enacted nor proposed any resolution or ordinance appropriating or distributing the funds," the Tribal Council wrote in a March 3 letter in the Drum. "Rather, the petition attempts to legislate how Tribal funds are spent, and those are powers that are exclusively reserved for Tribal Council as stated in the Constitution."

Also, the petition addressed more than one "particular issue," a violation of tribal election code, in part because it creates voter confusion, the council said.

Tribal members last week submitted a new petition limited to one topic.

"Tribal Council has the commitment to ensure that any petition for referendum is constitutionally valid," the communications specialist wrote in an email to the Herald.

Tribal Council is a stickler for the rules on the petition; yet it may have violated its own code by failing to act on the petition within three days, Davis said. She's frustrated by the hypocrisy.

"I feel like a circus animal on a drum, and they're going, 'Here, jump through the fiery hoop,' and I'm going, 'Here I go.' You know what, I'm going to keep coming back like a deer fly," she said. "I'm not going to go away. This is not going to go away. We are going to continue on because it is our right to do so."

It took only five days to collect 218 valid signatures; they needed 185 signatures – or 20 percent of registered tribal voters.

With four votes, Tribal Council could call an election and let members decide on the funds' distribution, White said. Or councilors could vote to distribute the remaining funds without an election, in accordance with the will of the people, she said. Instead, members were made to start a new petition – and those involved question whether Tribal Council will ever let it go to a vote.

The tribal government was vague when asked how it would use the remaining Sisseton funds.

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"The settlement addressed decades of damages at the hand of the federal government," Box wrote in her email. "Tribal Council has sole discretion of how best to appropriate those tribal funds. This weighty decision is not made hastily; rather, Tribal Council is reflecting on the possible ways to repair those damages while honoring how previous leaders made comparable decisions throughout tribal history."

Lillian Seibel, a tribal elder who served on the council from 1980 to 1995, said she has heard much support for 100 percent distribution, including from tribal elders, and in a survey of tribal members. But Tribal Council, she said, hasn't honored people's wishes or explained its rationale for keeping the funds.

It didn't used to be that way, she said.

"In the beginning, I didn't want to sign the referendum," Seibel said. "But then as I listened and witnessed a lot of things going on. I said, Tribal Council has to be accountable and transparent. If they ask the people what do they want, and they get responses from the people, then they should honor that. Those are the people that put them in office."

When asked to respond to members' concerns about tribal leadership's openness, willingness to listen and act democratically, the emailed response was: "Each of the Tribal Council members take an oath to uphold the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Constitution. They also truly believe that in their leadership role, they are tasked with making tough decisions, taking into consideration the comments from membership, but also are very aware that their decisions impact future generations and tribal resources."

'We live in this sick society' The Southern Ute Indian Tribe became wealthy thanks to its vast coal-bed methane and natural gas resources, followed by successful investments in real estate and oil drilling around the country.

Some people may think the Southern Utes are being greedy by demanding the remaining settlement funds, said Millich, who signed the petition. But there's something "sick" about a society where information doesn't flow freely, creating suspicion and paranoia toward the government, she said.

"We live in this sick society," she said.

As a sovereign nation, the tribe isn't required to adhere to state and federal open-record laws.

"People think we really have it great here, but I've lived on this reservation many years, and I'll tell you, it hasn't always been great," Millich said. "We're a very unhealthy reservation when you put all kinds of censors on a group of people. We have to start looking at a better way of life."

Some tribal members will object those speaking out about the business of tribal government, she said, but information needs to be shared – and the tribal government hasn't been doing it.

"What I really don't like is we always hear things by gossip," she said. "I guess I don't like gossip, and I don't trust it."

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Ethics complaint filed against OMC

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An ethics complaint has been filed in Osage Nation Trial Court alleging that members of the Osage Minerals Council have failed to submit sworn affidavits listing gifts they received during past fiscal years.

The tribal action was brought Jan. 20 on behalf of the Osage Nation. It seeks a declaratory judgment ordering Minerals Council members to abide by the tribe's ethics law and to provide the annual reports that are being requested. Osage Nation Attorney General Jeff Jones brought the tribal actions "to determine whether Osage Nation law, specifically the Osage Nation Ethics law, applies to the Osage Minerals Council," court documents state.

Formerly known as the Osage Tribal Council, the Minerals Council (or OMC) is described by the Constitution of the Osage Nation as being "an independent management agency entrusted with administering and developing the Osage Mineral Estate," in accordance with the Osage Allotment Act of 1906, as amended.

Eight OMC members are elected by the tribe's royalty interest shareholders — also referred to as Osage headrights shareholders. The Minerals Council is comprised of "members of the Osage Nation who are entitled to receive mineral royalty income from the Osage Mineral Estate, as provided by federal law," according to ON Constitution.

The Osage Constitution further states that the Minerals Council "shall have the power to consider and approve leases and to propose other forms of development of the Osage Mineral Estate." Included in the Osage Mineral Estate are all tribally-owned oil and gas found in Osage County, which was created by pre-Oklahoma statehood agreements to be contiguous with the former Osage Reservation.

Current members of the Minerals Council are **Everett Waller**, Talee Redcorn, Stephanie Erwin, Joseph Cheshewalla, Cynthia Boone, Kathryn Red Corn, Galen Crum and Andrew Yates. On the same day the **ethics** complaint was made, Jones filed his official Attorney General Opinion in response to a question brought by Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing

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Bear. The Chief requested the AG's opinion on a matter related to leases and other development activity approved by the Minerals Council.

"You ask whether a lease or other development document approved and executed by the Minerals Council is valid if it was never sent to the Office of the Principal Chief to exercise your Constitutional prerogative to determine if the lease or development activity violates Osage law or regulation?," the Attorney General filing states. "You ask if the existence of this language places a duty on the Minerals Council to transmit a lease or other development activity document to the Office of the Principal Chief to trigger the five (5) day rule."

Jones' answer is that, according to the ON Constitution, any such lease or development document "shall be deemed approved" unless the principal chief objects within five working days.

"The five day deadline begins to toll after the Minerals Council executes a document, whether or not the document is ever sent to the office of the Principal Chief," the Attorney General states in his so-called "short answer."

Jones notes that framers of the Osage Constitution chose different language to describe how bills are sent from the Osage Congress to be approved by the chief. Whereas the section of the constitution dealing with ON Congress states that every bill "shall be presented to the Principal Chief." The AG opinion further states: "The same duty on the Minerals Council to present the lease or development activity document to the Principal Chief for his approval cannot be inferred by absence of that same language" in the Article of the Constitution that deals with the approval of leases by the Minerals Council's automatic approval of these leases under the five-day rule "when the framers clearly knew how to create this duty with plain language."

"Therefore, the Minerals Council is not constitutionally mandated to present the lease or development activity document to the Principal Chief in order for the lease to be valid."

In conclusion, the AG's opinion is that all leases approved and executed by the Minerals Council are deemed approved after five working days, unless the Minerals Council receives an objection from the Principal Chief stating that the lease or development activity violates Osage law or regulation." It adds that the Constitutional language places "no affirmative duty on the Minerals Council to present the lease or development activity document to the Office of the Principal Chief in order to toll the five working day deadline."

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
(Santa Fe)

Zuni River Basin Adjudication: Subproceeding 1, Zuni Indian Claims

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PLAINTIFF: Zuni Indian Tribe;
United States of America

DEFENDANT: William G. Stripp;
Western New Mexico Water Preservation Association;
Trustee Joseph W. Schepps;
Trust Q Under the Last Will and Testament of Peggy A. Yates,
Deceased (Terminated 9/10/2013);
Tampico Springs 3000 LLC;
Sharron J Dishongh;
Sage G. Merrill;
Ronald Porath;
Robert W. & Linda A. Ionta Revocable Trust;
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Robert R Wallace;
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Robert John Schafer;
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Ramah Water and Sanitation District;
Ramah Land & Irrigation Company;
Priscilla M. Schulte;
Paul Wolf Jr;
Paul Petranto;
Paul Davis Survivors Trust Dated July 28, 2003;
Pamela Davis;
ORC, LLC;
New Mexico, State of;
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Michael W Zinn;
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Max Garcia;
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H.C. Johnson;
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REFERRED TO: Magistrate Judge William P Lynch

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Navajo Yes Announces 2016 Navajo Parks Race Series for the Dine Nation

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The Navajo Nation, a federally-recognized Native American tribe, issued the following news release:

On Friday, Jan. 8, at the Navajo Nation Museum, the Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) and members of both the Division of Natural Resources and Navajo Parks and Recreation announced the schedule and locations of the 2016 Navajo Parks Race Series - Dine Nation.

"The Navajo Nation has some of the most beautiful landscapes on the face of the earth," said President Russell Begaye. "In promoting healthier lifestyles, let's also embrace our landscapes by getting out there to enjoy what we've been blessed with."

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As announced by Tom Riggerbach, Executive Director for Navajo Yes, the Dine Nation Race Series schedule will run as follows:

- * Little Colorado River Gorge Half-Marathon, February 6
- * Shiprock Marathon, Half, Relay and Kids Marathon, May 6-7
- * Asaayi Mountain Runs, August 20
- * Navajo Code Talker 29K and 10K, September 11
- * Rainbow Bridge Trail Marathon and Ultra, October 29
- * Monument Valley Marathon, Half and Kids Run, November 19 ? Navajo Quad Keyah Marathons, Half and Kids Run, December 8-11

One notable addition to this year's schedule is the last race in the series. The Navajo Quad Keyah Marathons are four marathons run in succession over four days encompassing each of the Four Corners states. This monumental finale to the series will truly push the boundaries of a runner's endurance and stamina.

Beyond organizing the race series, Riggerbach participated in many of the 2015 races alongside Vice President Nez and the staff of OPVP and other affiliated departments. Riggerbach noted that Vice President Nez has committed to run the Navajo Quad Keyah Marathons.

OPVP's participation is exemplary of the Begaye-Nez Administration's commitment to supporting healthy, active lifestyles and wellness for the Navajo people.

"We are gathered here to celebrate the Race Series but also to promote the development of trails for running, walking and equestrian purposes," said Vice President Nez.

In supporting wellness, Vice President Nez said the administration is working on implementing a Navajo Nation Employee Wellness Policy by which Navajo Nation employees would be granted thirty minutes to an hour a day for the purposes of exercising. The Vice President said this policy is in the final stages of development and is expected to be implemented by summer.

"Studies show that exercising helps with employee productivity and also reduces healthcare costs to an organization," he said. "Together we need to fight the monsters of obesity and diabetes."

Director of Natural Resources, **Bidtah Becker** said she was honored to support the Navajo Race Series through the departments her division oversees like Navajo Parks and Recreation.

"We want to expose people to the beautiful landscapes that our ancestors fought for," she said. "We also are excited to support the youth in encouraging healthy active **lifestyles**." For more information on the Navajo Parks Race Series, please visit www.navajoyes.org

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Water rights teach-in to be held in St. Michaels

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WINDOW ROCK — A group of young Diné women and men are having a “teach-in” Thursday to develop and enforce a water rights negotiation process that respects “free, prior and informed consent.”

Community organizers Collen Cooley and Janene Yazzie, who co-organized “To’Bei Nihi Dziłil (Water Is Our Power), A People’s Teach-In Addressing Community Empowerment, Our Homeland, Water Security and Sovereignty,” said that they hear people calling for the people to unite to develop a movement for Diné water, Diné land and Diné democratic control over Diné local resources.

Cooley and Yazzie said their message is: “Help us claim, capture, use, conserve and protect our precious water

resources so that they are abundant, clean and available for all the current and future needs of our people and homelands.”

They emphasized that it’s up to the Diné people to continue to create and strengthen the Diné way of life, which is the strength of the Diné people, instead of weakening Diné traditions because of misplaced power that the Diné people give to their tribal government.

“Our land, our Mother, is scared,” Cooley said. “We will no longer stand by as she is being pillaged and raped, and as our water, homelands and environmental quality rights are being ripped from us by a few politicians in Window Rock, who actually facilitate the theft of our land and resources to benefit outside corporations and non-Diné societies.”

New solutions

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Yazzie added, "We, the people, are committed to developing new solutions to the continuing problems caused by colonization and its effects on Diné people and our life way."

They urged the Diné people to remember the collective strength they showed to oppose the now defunct Senate Bill 2109 and House Bill 4067, which contained the Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement.

Cooley noted that S.B. 2109 and H.R. 4067, which Arizona Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan sponsored and tribal Justice Department attorneys Stanley Pollack, Katherine Hoover, Scott McElroy, **Bidtah Becker** and others supported, waived Diné reserved water rights to every single drop of the Little Colorado River and waived any claims for injury to water quality.

"The recent and near **criminal** negligence that has polluted the Animas River should teach us once and for all how dangerous a waiver like that is when it comes to protecting our sacred watersheds and the health of our people," Yazzie said.

And those are only a couple of reasons for the To'Bei Nihí Dził teach-in, they said.

Lessons learned

Cooley said, "We will talk about lessons that need to be learned from the recent Gold King Mine Animas River spill, the continued legacy of Cold War uranium mining and milling, the Chuska fire, the historic drought, climate change, Navajo Generating Station, Peabody Coal's role in the Navajo and Hopi land dispute, our betrayed water rights and the injustices of closed-door negotiations that favor outside interests over the health and well-being of Nahasdzáán Nihimá dóó Yadiłhil Nihita (Mother Earth and Father Sky), and our people."

Yazzie added, "We will also discuss pathways to solutions that will help us to adapt, as we have always done as a people, by creating real self-determination and exercising real sovereignty — the power of which comes from the people and not politicians acting in our supposed best interests.

"Let's come together and build real water security by protecting, conserving and respectfully using our Tó (water) for our ecosystems, our soils, our food and our economy," she urged. "Let's come together to maximize our rights and the rights of all sacred life that make up our homelands."

Cooley said, "We must, like our ancestors before us, fight for our rights to live a free and healthy life by protecting our ancestral territories and sacred sites to ensure the well-being of our next seven generations and beyond."

The people's To'Bei Nihí Dził teach-in is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the St. Michaels Chapter House. Information: Colleen Cooley, 928-637-3221, ccooley22@gmail.com and Janene Yazzie, 917-636-2392, neneyazzie@gmail.com

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Navajo Nation Minerals Audit Program Receives Coveted Award Recognizing Superior Audit & Investigative Performance

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The Navajo Nation, a federally-recognized Native American tribe, issued the following news release from Division of Natural Resources:

Demonstrating excellence in audit and investigative activities to ensure the collection of every dollar due to the Navajo Nation.

That's how the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), described the Navajo Nation Minerals Audit Program, which is a program under the Minerals Department that was created to conduct audits and investigations of financial obligations due to the Navajo Nation under mineral leases located on tribal trust lands.

In recognition for the Navajo Nation's outstanding audit and investigative performance, ONRR awarded the Navajo Nation with the Joan Kilgore Award. The Joan Kilgore Award is named in honor of Joan Kilgore, who was a staunch advocate for Indian royalty issues. ONRR based the award on the Navajo Nation's active participation in royalty collection and compliance activities and contributions to ongoing initiatives undertaken in partnership with ONRR.

ONRR Director Greg Gould stated, "We congratulate the Navajo Nation for working closely with ONRR and for developing a strong and robust royalty compliance program." He added, "In testament to your professionalism and commitment to excellence, the Navajo Nation received a top ranking on the 2014 peer review."

The peer review was conducted late in 2013 by Williams, Adley & Company, a CPA firm based in Washington, D.C. The peer review examined audits performed by the Navajo Nation's Minerals Audit Program. Under the peer review process, an audit organization can

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receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies or fail. The Navajo Nation's Minerals Audit Program received a rating of pass, which is the highest rating that can be received.

ONRR Director Greg Gould noted the Navajo Nation also received a top ranking in the annual attestation engagement, adding that the Navajo Nation "has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and a spirit of cooperation that is critical to the success of ONRR."

Erik Tsosie, a Senior Minerals Auditor with the Navajo Nation, described the dedication of the audit program's staff, "We often come to work early, and leave late in the evening." He added, "Auditing is hard work, but we are dedicated to verifying that the extractive industries on the Navajo Nation fully comply with all federal laws, regulations, and lease terms, and pay what they are required to pay to the Navajo Nation."

In closing, ONRR Director Greg Gould thanked the Navajo Nation for the tribe's efforts to ensure that the Navajo Nation receives the full return of royalties due. He added, "The Navajo Nation is truly a leader among ONRR's state and tribal partners."

Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director **Bidtah Becker**, stated, "I would like to congratulate all the Navajo Nation Minerals **Audit** Program staff for their steadfast dedication and commitment. As a result of their efforts, the Navajo Nation has one of the best royalty compliance programs in the country. Their work truly benefits the Navajo people and the Navajo Nation."

Navajo Nation Minerals Department Director Akhtar Zaman, emphasized the importance of the audit function, which provides assurance to the Navajo Nation about the accuracy of revenues derived from the tribe's vast mineral resources.

According to Zaman, the Navajo Nation is one of only a handful of tribes across the United States that performs its own audits of royalties and other financial obligations derived from mineral leases. He explained, "It's a testament to the Navajo Nation's resolve for self-determination and control over its mineral producing assets."

In support of continued collaboration between the Navajo Nation and ONRR, Brian Bex, a Minerals Auditor with the Navajo Nation, will be joining ONRR for a two-year period under the agency's Intergovernmental Personnel Act Fellowship Program. Participants in the program develop additional audit and compliance experience and gain special knowledge related to minerals asset valuation and enforcement.

The origin of the Navajo Nation's Minerals Audit Program can be traced to the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982. Sections 202 and 205 of the Act provides the authority for tribes and states to enter into cooperative agreements or delegations with the Secretary of the Interior to conduct audits and investigations of mineral leases.

The Navajo Nation entered into its first cooperative agreement in 1984. The Navajo Nation is one of a small number of tribes and states that are currently performing audits and compliance reviews under agreements with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

The Minerals Audit Program is led by Rowena Cheromiah who is the Principal Investigator under the cooperative agreement and Marlene Nakai, Minerals Audit Manager. Both have provided decades of service to the Navajo Nation in support of the tribe's minerals management function through audit and compliance related activities.

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The Navajo Nation Minerals Audit Program performs audit and investigation of mineral royalty payments and other lease-level obligations to the Navajo Nation including bonuses, water usage fees, scholarship payments, and all other financial obligations that are specifically required under Navajo Nation oil, gas, and solid minerals leases and agreements.

The audits are performed in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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Brown et al v. Ridley et al

PLAINTIFF: Brown, Russell L;
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DEFENDANT: Williams, Bob;
Watson, Jerry;
Taylor, Bruce;
Poe & Associates;
Oklahoma State Department of Transportation Ex Rel State of
Oklahoma;
Oklahoma State Department of Transportation Board of
Commissioners;
McCaleb, Neal;
Martin, Michael J;
John Doe;
Jane Doe;
Jacoby, Steve;
Harns, Kurt;
Gary Ridley Individually and in His Capacity as Director of the
Oklahoma Department of Transportation;
Doe Company or State Agency;
Cinnabar Service Company;
Benham Group, The

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 5:05cv1170

FILING DATE: 10/5/2005

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: Honorable Thompson, Ralph G

NATURE OF SUIT: 470 RICO

FILING TYPE: Civil

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(Fresno)

Greene v. McCaleb, et al

PLAINTIFF: Greene, Charles Anthony

DEFENDANT: Paul Yates Acting Field Representative Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Neal McCaleb Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs;
Curtis D Wilson Regional Director;
Brenda Hampton Director of Tribal Membership Choctaw Nation of
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DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:05cv555

FILING DATE: 4/21/2005

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: Wanger, Oliver W

REFERRED TO: Magistrate Judge Beck, Dennis L

NATURE OF SUIT: 440 Other Civil Rights

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Civil Rights [42 USC 1981](#)

JURY DEMAND: Both

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF KANSAS
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Miami Tribe OK v. USA, et al

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PLAINTIFF: Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of

DEFENDANT: William G Myers Solicitor of United States Department of Interior;

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Neal McCaleb Asst Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior;

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DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:02cv2591

FILING DATE: 11/27/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Murguia, Carlos

REFERRED TO: Magistrate Judge O'Hara, James P

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Declaratory Judgement [28 USC 2201](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Felter Et Al V. Norton Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Oranna Bumgarner Felter;
JENS DALE CHRISTENSEN;
Calvin Hackford;
Alvin Richardson Denver

DEFENDANT: United States of America;
RALPH NORDWALL;
Neal McCaleb;
Gale Norton;
Chester Mills

Interested Party: EDWARD G. GARDNER

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:02cv2156

OTHER DOCKET CASE NUMBER: USCA, 06-05092
U. S. Court of Appeals - DC Circuit, 10-05069

FILING DATE: 11/4/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Richard W. Roberts

NATURE OF SUIT: 440 Other Civil Rights

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Indian Child Welfare Act [25 USC 1901](#)

JURY DEMAND: Plaintiff

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Conf Tribes Warm V. Norton, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

DEFENDANT: Paul H. O'Neill;
P. LYNN SCARLETT;
Neal McCaleb;
Gale Norton (Terminated 5/1/2006)

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:02cv2040

FILING DATE: 10/18/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

Royalty Policy Committee – Tribes (Alternates)

JUDGE: Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Administrative Procedure Act 05 USC 702

JURY DEMAND: None

STATUS: Case Closed

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DISTRICT SOUTH DAKOTA
(Central Division)

Sun Prairie, Et Al V. Mccaleb, Et Al

Royalty Policy Committee – Tribes (Alternates)

PLAINTIFF: SUN PRAIRIE;
Bell Farms LLP

DEFENDANT: Rosebud Sioux Tribe;
Neal McCaleb (Terminated 6/5/2003);
Gail Norton;
David Anderson;
AURENE MARTIN (Terminated 6/1/2004)

Intervenor Defendant South Dakota Peace and Justice Center;
Humane Farming Association;
George England;
Concerned Rosebud Area Citizens

Intervenor Plaintiff Cottonwood Knoll, LLC

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 3:02cv3030

FILING DATE: 8/15/2002

JURISDICTION: Diversity

JUDGE: U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange

NATURE OF SUIT: 190 Other Contract

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Fed. Question [28 USC 1331](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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CA Valley Miwok v. USA, et al

PLAINTIFF: CA Valley Miwok Tribe Formerly Known as Sheep Ranch of Me-Wuk
Indians of California

DEFENDANT: USA;

Neal McCaleb Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs;
Gail Norton Secretary of Interior;
Department of Interior

Royalty Policy Committee – Tribes (Alternates)

INTERVENOR: Yakima K Dixie Chief, Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Miwok Indians of California Terminated: 01/21/2004

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:02cv912

FILING DATE: 4/29/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Damrell, Frank C, Jr

REFERRED TO: Magistrate Judge Hollows, Gregory G

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Indian Tribal Rights [25 USC 640](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

STATUS: Case Closed

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DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Chippewa Cree Tribe, Et Al V. Kempthorne, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

DEFENDANT: Paul H. O'Neill;
Neal McCaleb;
Gale Norton (Terminated 7/21/2008);
DIRK A. KEMPTHORNE

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:02cv276

OTHER DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:06cv01897
1:05cv02500
1:05cv02491
1:04cv01126
1:04cv00900

FILING DATE: 2/11/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Thomas F. Hogan

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Administrative Procedure Act [05 USC 702](#)

JURY DEMAND: Defendant

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
(Washington DC)

Harrison v. Norton, et al

PLAINTIFF: Harrison, Sheron L

DEFENDANT: Neal McCaleb Assistant Secretary of Interior;
Gale Ann Norton Secretary of the Interior

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:01cv2188

FILING DATE: 10/19/2001

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: Kollar-Kotelly, Colleen

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

Royalty Policy Committee – Tribes (Alternates)

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Federal Question: Other Civil Rights [28 USC 1331](#)

JURY DEMAND: Plaintiff

DEMAND: \$ 100,000

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DISTRICT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Taxpayers of Mi v. Norton, et al

PLAINTIFF: Taxpayers of Michigan Against Casinos A Michigan Non-Profit Corporation

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New Buffalo Township A Township Within the State of Michigan
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Bureau of Indian Affairs Terminated: 10/26/2001 (Terminated
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City of New Buffalo A City Within New Buffalo Township, Michigan
Intervenor

AMICUS: State of Michigan

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DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:01cv398

FILING DATE: 2/21/2001

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Robertson, James

NATURE OF SUIT: 890 Other Statutory Actions

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Review of Agency Action-Environment [42 USC 4321](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

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Good morning. My Name is **Neal McCaleb** and I want to thank you Chairman Young and Ranking Member Boren for the opportunity to **testify** before this committee on the subject of energy policy and the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) in Indian country as an alternative fuel for vehicles.

I represent the Chickasaw Nation as a member of the Tribe and serve as Chairman of the Board of Chickasaw Nation Industries, as a board member of its wholly owned bank and as an economic development advisor to Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

The Chickasaws are very environmentally sensitive as well as market driven in our business decisions. We have embarked on a program to migrate our fleet of 600 owned and leased vehicles to CNG fuel and have constructed our first operational public CNG fast fuel station at our fuel plaza in Ada, OK. We are planning to open several more public fast fuel CNG stations at our fuel plazas along I-35 and US 70 in southern Oklahoma.

We have been motivated to make these investments by our desire to provide leadership helping shape energy policy and enhance the national security by becoming less dependent on foreign oil. We respect the need to enhance air quality by reducing vehicle emissions using clean burning natural gas which reduces undesirable emissions including Nitrous Oxide- 60% reduction, Carbon Dioxide- 30%, Hydrcarbon-50% and particulate matter 90%. Natural Gas burns cleaner than any other energy source except electricity and if you count the carbon footprint to generate the steam powered electricity it burns as clean.

As responsible businessmen we are very interested in the economy of using CNG especially in today's market where low octane fuel is currently at between \$3.50 and \$4.00/ gallon. The cost of an equivalent gallon of CNG varies from \$0.75 to \$1.39 / gallon depending on the point and source of purchase. My personal experience in driving a CNG Chevy conversion for 20,000 miles is that my fuel costs are 3 1/2 cents per mile as compared to

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\$0.21/ mile for a conventionally fueled car getting 16 miles / gallon at a fuel cost of \$3.50/gallon.

These facts coupled with the huge and expanding reserves of natural gas gives a dependable domestic source that will meet the energy needs of this country well into the next century.

The obvious question is "with all these advantages and benefits of CNG what is holding the nation back from a transition to this clean burning, dependable and economic fuel for vehicles?"

I will try an answer from the Chickasaw experience.

First is the supply and demand relationship to the availability of vehicles and fueling opportunities and the demand for the fuel from existing operators. Natural gas vehicles are the fastest growing alternatives to gasoline and diesel around the world- with over 12 million on the road. America has only about 110,000. Around the world, although every major car manufacturer offers natural gas models, currently there are no domestic original equipment manufacturers of CNG cars and until recently only one internationally. With a very limited number of vehicles on the road there is little demand for fueling stations that cost up to \$500,000 for one pump without any site development expenses. This is a classic "chicken or egg" conundrum. We can't get more vehicles on the road until there are convenient and reliable fuel stops and the fuel stops won't be developed until there is a demonstrable demand.

The Chickasaws decided to provide leadership by purchasing CNG vehicles and building a local CNG fuel plaza with no financial assistance from any one. Our first car purchase was a Honda Civic that has a "dedicated " engine meaning it burns only CNG. I personally operated this vehicle for a year with no small anxiety about running out of fuel between known fueling locations that I found sometimes were out of service. When you run out of CNG in a dedicated engine car your only option is to call a tow service and be transported to an available fueling site.

In light of the limited number of convenient fueling stops it is far better to have a car that can be powered by either unleaded gas or CNG known as "bi-fuel". There are no original-equipment-manufacturers that produce bi-fuel, natural gas vehicles in the US, and the only viable bi-fuel cars are conversions. We purchased five Chevy Impalas last year and had them converted to bi-fuel at a cost of \$10,000/ vehicle. We had to wait six months for the EPA to provide the necessary certifications for the make, model and year of the car to be converted. The reason there are no OEMs is that there has been no federal tax credits eligible for bi-fuel cars. There are for single source dedicated cars - but they expired on December 31, 2010. This makes no sense in our current environment of limited fueling opportunities. The more reasonable course for promoting CNG use is to have equal tax credits for both dedicated and bi- fuel cars as we do in under the Oklahoma tax code. Under these conditions there will be greater demand for the bi-fuel cars and subsequently more demand for new and convenient fuel stops.

Secondly the EPA certification process is designed to delay and confound the process of CNG conversions and needs to be streamlined and expedited so that when new models are available the certifications are as well. Under existing rules, each new make and model must be recertified annually as well as the conversion kits. According to Richard Kolodziej, President of NGV America, "currently, the EPA certification process for natural gas aftermarket conversion is cumbersome and unnecessarily costly."

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Third, there is an inequitable treatment of tribes in the federal government's efforts to incentivize the use of alternative fuels, including CNG. Congress has established an Alternative Fuels Excise Tax Credit that provides a \$0.50/ gallon tax credit for sellers of qualifying alternative fuels. Tax-exempt entities such as states and local governments that dispense qualifying fuels from on-site fueling stations to vehicles are eligible for this tax credit. Tribal governments are not eligible. Mr. Chairman this is an issue that comes right to the point of today's hearing. As is so often the case in programs across the federal government, tribes are often simply overlooked and forgotten when legislation and implementing regulations are drafted. The Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit is one of the many expiring tax provisions that Congress takes up every year or two. This particular tax credit was last considered as a part of the compromise tax deal agreed to in December and is set to expire at the end of 2011. Simply inserting the phrase "and tribal governments" could rectify this inequity.

The Chickasaw Nation is struggling to be environmentally responsible, sensitive to national security and economically innovative in its energy policy but has been frustrated by national regulations affecting market driven opportunities.

A sound energy policy is one that is:

1. Coherent and viable (no nonsense)
2. Sustainable
3. Timely- can be applied here and now
4. Should help not harm the national economy and the environment

We believe that, at a micro level in the Chickasaw Nation that our policy of using clean burning natural gas meets these criteria and we are implementing it with great success that can be magnified with the implementation of these suggested changes in tax and regulatory controls. It can be of greater value at a national level using the same criteria if the regulatory obstacles are mitigated.

With this in mind, Mr. Chairman, I would like to commend Congressman Boren for his leadership last year in promoting the Natural Gas Act- which would have provided federal incentives for; natural gas vehicle purchase--both dedicated and bi-fuel; purchasing of natural gas fuel; and installing CNG fueling stations. It is my understanding that a similar NAT GAS Act will be introduced in the House shortly, which would also allow Indian tribes to be eligible for these incentives and we will be very supportive of that legislation.

In closing let me point out that almost half of our oil consumption goes for on-road transportation purposes, and last year, we imported about 60% of all the petroleum we used. If we only substituted natural gas for half of that use, we would cut our oil imports by two thirds. Natural gas is the only available option that could actually accomplish this. This is not a speculative policy as 30% of European autos are now fueled by CNG and these countries are importers of the fuel. Most importantly for today's hearing, many tribal areas in the US have extensive deposits of natural gas, and this energy policy will provide economic opportunities in Indian Country by increasing demand for natural gas.

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INDIAN FUNDS: Outgoing Indian Affairs Director Disappointed

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Despite his good intentions, the outgoing Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director feels disappointed, Tulsa World reports. As assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, Neal McCaleb had hoped to improve educational and economic development opportunities for the nation's 563 American Indian tribes. Instead, Mr. McCaleb spent most of his 18 months in office trying to fix the Interior Department's Indian trust fund system and unsuccessfully defending himself against accusations that his fixes did not come fast enough.

Mr. McCaleb is leaving his federal job on Friday as a casualty of the increasingly bitter six-year-old class action which alleges that the Interior Department has misplaced billions of dollars in royalties owed to the individual Indians. Mr. McCaleb is a former Oklahoma state legislator, director of the state Department of Transportation and Secretary of Transportation under Governors Henry Bellmon and Frank Keating.

"I knew the trust had to be fixed, but I did not know that (fixing it) would be to the exclusion of everything else," said Mr. McCaleb, 67, in a recent telephone interview. Tribal leaders said they admire Mr. McCaleb, a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, and that they are sorry to see him go. Many of the tribe's leaders have sat on an Interior-sponsored task force that failed to reach an agreement with the department on trust fund reform. "Neal, to his credit, worked with us as much as he was allowed to by the administration, but there was

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a point that he could not go past," said Ernie Stensgar, a task force member and chairman of Idaho's Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

For more than 100 years, the Interior Department has collected money (royalties) on behalf of the Indians who own the land, from those who graze livestock, cut timber, mine, drill for oil and gas, and grow crops on Indian land. In 1996, Indians filed a lawsuit accusing the Bureau of Indian Affairs of mishandling their collected monies (or monies that should have been collected) for decades. The five lead plaintiffs say that for years BIA officials have not been able to answer account holders' basic questions, like who is leasing their land and what royalties are being paid.

Four months' after he was sworn in as BIA director, Mr. McCaleb was notified in November 2001, that the court was considering holding him in contempt, and the trial started the following month. On September 2002, US District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth found Mr. McCaleb and his boss, Secretary of the Interior Department Gail Norton, in contempt for failing to reform the Indian trust fund system. During the past year, Mr. McCaleb and Ms. Norton's deputy secretary Steven Griles have met with task force members in nine sessions round the country, discussing with tribe leaders how to fix the systems. Some plans have evolved that might serve as component parts of fixes.

Mr. McCaleb has said that he is still interested in Indian country, but does not want to be the focus of litigation that he can't control and to which he cannot respond. Dennis Gingold, the plaintiffs' attorney, said that Mr. McCaleb should have told Judge Lamberth that while he was found responsible for the quarterly progress reports that the judge found to be inaccurate and misleading, the lawyers in the Interior Department would not allow him to do his job, that it was impossible for him to perform in the production of those reports. Then, said, Mr. Gingold, he would not have been found in contempt.

Mr. McCaleb, on still another matter, has said that he will not concede that the Interior Department lost billions of dollars going back more than 100 years. Just because the federal government cannot find all the records does not mean the money was not paid out, said Mr. McCaleb.

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INDIAN FUNDS: McCaleb Charged With Deleting Records Suit

Court-appointed special master for the Indian funds lawsuit Alan Balaran said that former head of Indian affairs at the United States Interior Department Neal McCaleb broke federal law by deleting months of records related to the suit, the Austin American Statesman reports. The suit charges the government with losing billions of dollars in American Indians money.

Last December, Mr. McCaleb said in a deposition he didn't know he was supposed to be storing copies of his e-mail and he thought his assistant was doing it. Mr. Balaran refuted this, saying Mr. McCaleb's story is unbelievable, citing numerous written directives and pair of meetings in which Mr. McCaleb was instructed by Interior official to keep the electronic correspondence.

What began as an inquiry into a possible error in judgment resulted in the discovery that the most senior official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs violated court orders and federal law by destroying individual Indian trust records with impunity, Mr. Balaran wrote, according to the Austin American Statesman.

The documents in question relate to a 6-year-old class-action lawsuit on behalf of 350,000 Indian landowners which claims the government mismanaged as much as \$137 billion in oil, gas and timber royalties from Indian land since 1887. The documents include daily spreadsheets indicating payments from oil, gas and timber leases, the Austin American Statesman.

In response to the report, Interior Department spokesman Dan DuBray referred to a statement McCaleb made last October that the e-mail deletions were a mistake, and that McCaleb notified the court as soon as they came to his attention, the Austin American Statesman reports. The Interior Department has all along disputed the \$137 billion figure, but also has acknowledged mishandling of Indian claims and records over the years.

Mr. Balaran filed his report with US District Judge Royce Lamberth, held Mr. McCaleb and Interior Secretary Gale Norton in contempt of court for failing to comply with his order to fix the trust management accounts last September. Mr. McCaleb retired from the Interior Department at the end of last year, saying he took Judge Lamberth's contempt citation personally and was hurt by it, the Austin American Statesman reports.

Dennis Gingold, the attorney for the Indian plaintiffs, said that the investigation confirmed that Mr. McCaleb knowingly destroyed federal records. That is a crime. He added that Mr. McCaleb lied under oath, both in his deposition and in an affidavit he signed.

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Norton, McCaleb ordered to stand trial in Indian trust fund case

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A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Interior Secretary Gale Norton to stand trial on contempt **allegations** related to a long-running **lawsuit** accusing her of mismanagement of a billion-dollar Indian trust fund. U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth set a trial date of Dec. 3 for Norton and Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs **Neal McCaleb** to show why they should not be held in contempt.

The suit stems from the mismanagement of royalties from mining, grazing, timber harvesting and other activities on 54 million acres of Indian land held in trust by the Interior Department since 1887.

Payments were supposed to be made to the Indian beneficiaries, but much of the money was lost, misappropriated, stolen or never collected.

Specifically, Norton will have to show that her office has complied with Lamberth's 1999 order that the Interior Department piece together how much is owed to 300,000 Indians who sued the agency claiming it has squandered more than \$10 billion in royalties over more than a century.

Norton also must prove that she did not file false or misleading reports about the status of the accounting and the department's current system of tracking the Indian royalties.

Dennis Gingold, the attorney for the Indians in the class action suit, praised Lamberth's decision to hold a trial.

"It confirms everything we've said about the unfitness of the Secretary of Interior to continue to manage the Indian trust," he said.

Hours before Lamberth acted, a department official told Indian leaders meeting in Spokane, Wash., that Norton would begin discussions with them in December about management of the trust fund

In 1999, Lamberth held former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in contempt and fined them \$600,000 for failing to produce documents in the case.

At an Oct. 30 hearing, Lamberth scolded the Interior Department's lawyer and advised the lawyer to "throw yourself on the mercy of the court," rather than defending conduct he called "so clearly contemptuous."

Interior spokesman Eric Ruff said strides have been taken to improve the management of the trust fund and comply with court orders since Norton took office, including the creation of a new office specifically dedicated to trust fund management.

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"Such progress is evidence of the department's commitment and determination to resolve the Indian trust issue," Ruff said in a statement.

In recent filings, department lawyers conceded that Interior has struggled with efforts to reform, but they argued that department officials have done nothing to directly violate a court order which would justify a finding of contempt.

In 1999, Lamberth ordered Interior to fix the system and account for the lost money, but the department has failed to do either despite spending \$614 million on the effort, according to reports by court-appointed watchdogs.

The plaintiffs have asked on several occasions that the judge schedule a trial on whether Norton should be held in contempt. Other motions are still pending.

Gingold has also asked that the judge strip Interior of its trust responsibilities.

Lamberth has scheduled a hearing Friday to determine who may be needed to testify at the Dec. 3 contempt trial.

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American Indians seek leniency for ex-official

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Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief and current Department of Interior official Ross Swimmer and former Bureau of Indian Affairs head Neal McCaleb have urged leniency for former top Department of Interior official Steven Griles.

Letters from Anoatubby, Swimmer and McCaleb were among dozens sent to U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle seeking leniency for Griles. In his letter, Anoatubby credited Griles for his role in the settlement between the federal government, his tribe and two others in a 30-year disagreement over Arkansas riverbed property. He also referred to Griles' work in other areas such as reorganization of the BIA.

FULL TEXT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Several prominent American Indian leaders from Oklahoma have joined an effort seeking leniency for the highest-ranking Bush administration official caught in a long-running scandal that continues to rock the U.S. capital.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief and current Department of Interior official Ross Swimmer and former Bureau of Indian Affairs head Neal McCaleb have urged leniency for former top Department of Interior official Steven Griles. In March, Griles pleaded guilty to obstructing justice by lying to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in its investigation of disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, now in prison

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in an unrelated case, but cooperating with federal investigators on the ongoing influence-peddling scandal, was paid millions of dollars from tribes around the country to represent their interests in Washington.

As a result of the investigation, some questioned exactly what those millions brought to the tribes, and e-mails indicated that Abramoff's camp sometimes privately referred to tribal clients in extremely negative terms.

Griles, the former deputy secretary at the Interior Department, admitted lying about his relationship with Abramoff.

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McCaleb, who left the top post at the BIA amid an ongoing and sometimes bitter court battle over Indian trust accounts, recalled the trips he took with Griles to Indian Country.

"Steve made many Native American friends under very challenging circumstances by his open and forthcoming nature on these issues," he wrote. "He was and is a loyal friend in whom I have great confidence and trust."

Swimmer, who currently serves as Special Trustee for American Indians, recalled Griles' "total integrity and honesty" in his dealings with tribes.

Under the terms of his plea agreement, Griles faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. He is expected to be sentenced next week.

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RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) - All five members of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council have been suspended by the tribe's General Council.

The Daily Ranger reports (<http://bit.ly/1RBNcc0>) that a majority vote of more than 100 tribal members determined that the councilors **violated** the **ethics** code.

Shoshone tribal liaison to the governor's office **Leslie Shakespeare** says the members were suspended for 10 days without pay and each ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Tribal member and former tribal attorney general Kimberly Varilek says the council allowed the brother of a councilor to access tribal resources for personal business.

She says the council violated the privacy of tribal members by handing out their personal addresses in addition to several ethics violations.

Varilek says the suspensions will be staggered so tribal business can continue.

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Eastern Shoshone Business Council members suspended by tribal vote

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All five members of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council were suspended this month in a decision by the tribe's General Council.

Darwin St. Clair Jr., Clint Wagon, Ivan Posey, Nick Harris and Jodi McAdams were suspended for 10 days without pay and ordered to pay a \$500 fine each, said Shoshone tribal liaison to the governor's office **Leslie Shakespeare**, who was elected to chair the meeting. The sanctions were a result of a majority vote from more than 100 tribal members in attendance who agreed that the members committed **ethics code violations**.

Tribal member and former tribal attorney general Kimberly Varilek said the ESBC's sanctions were done in accordance with tribal law, and they are on a consecutive suspension schedule so there's no interruption of general tribal business.

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The issue emerged after tribal member Larry McAdams, the brother of Jodi McAdams, contacted tribal members via mail in June with a petition in hopes of gaining support on an enrollment ordinance referendum vote.

Larry McAdams also is the director of the Social Services department for the tribe. According to meeting minutes, Varilek said the ESBC allowed Larry McAdams to have "access to tribal resources for personal business."

She decided to look into the matter because she thought Larry McAdams's actions were against tribal law, and the information the general council was given in July was not accurate. In her research she said she found "factual disparities with representations made in July 2015 to the General Council about what the ESBC allowed, when they allowed it and why." She explained that the privacy of tribal members was violated when the ESBC allowed the disclosure of personal addresses of tribal members.

"Those actions related to ethics code violations, including, but not limited to allowing preferential treatment to family members, abuse of authority for representing authority of the Tribe when there was no such authority, ignoring financial policy violations, and misrepresenting positions the ESBC actually took," Varilek said in an e-mail.

Larry McAdams said Varilek provided misinformation and did not give all the facts in relation to his petition mailing process as well as the ESBC's actions regarding the petition.

Larry McAdams said any department may request the purchase order number for office business. He added that the petition was done on his personal time and his intent was to help relatives and the tribe "as a whole." Larry McAdams said the ESBC was acting in good faith and did not intentionally violate any policy or tribal law. He said Varilek's presentation was "designed to inflame" tribal members so they could vote in her favor.

Tribal member Wade LeBeau made the motion Saturday to move forward with the sanctions. He agreed with Varilek and said the siblings abused their positions.

"They pulled strings and used their positions as director and council member to acquire the addresses of all enrolled Shoshone Tribal members to contact for their personal agenda," LeBeau said. "This was the consequence of outright nepotism."

LeBeau said Jodi McAdams claimed she didn't know she acted in error in her actions and denied any wrong doing, mostly because she was new to the business council.

"These violations appeared clear to the Shoshone General Council members as they voted to reprimand and fine them by a large margin of around 80 percent," he said.

Varilek said these types of issues affect directly the credibility of the government so the general council made its own decision to impose the sanctions.

"I wanted to follow up on the lack of clarity the ESBC claimed it had during its decision making earlier in the year," she said. "But, when I found the factual disparities, I was compelled to report that information."

Shakespeare said he ensured every ESBC member had the opportunity to address the issue and respond to questions before any action was allowed. The process took several hours, he said, and general council members also had their opportunities to comment equally.

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There were people in attendance who did not agree with the sanctions, Varilek noted, but many more members shared the same concern and attended to be part of the discussion.

"Now that the general council dealt with that matter," she said. "I'm sure we all expect the ESBC to proceed forward in a compliant manner and focus on our many other issues as well."

St. Clair said in an email Wednesday that the ESBC was not prepared to respond yet.

The Eastern Shoshone election judges were holding a special election Oct. 27 to fill in a vacancy on the ESBC which is a six-member board.

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U.S. Attorney Crofts wants to meet with tribes

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[Kip Crofts] said his office targets acts of violence regardless of the focus announced by [, [Eric Holder](#)]. ▼ "I'm concerned about any crime of violence," he said, adding "obviously that would be my highest priority whether that's murder or sexual assault or sexual assault against children."

St. Clair suggested a focus on preventive measures especially alcohol treatment. "It seems like recently in the past four or five years it's gotten out of control," he said of violent crimes. "We're all aware of that and mostly it's alcohol related. Yeah, there's drugs and there has been meth and it's sometimes a combination but sometimes it's pure alcohol."

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The alcohol fuels the violence in many cases, he said. "It goes hand-in-hand, how do we deal with the alcohol problem? It has almost a direct effect on the violence," he said. "There has to be a real true solution to alcohol use, alcohol abuse, and I don't really have the answer but I know that we're struggling with that problem."

FULL TEXT

Meetings would result from emphasis on public safety in Indian Country

New Wyoming U.S. Attorney Kip Crofts said he plans to visit the Wind River Indian Reservation for discussions on implementing the federal government's focus on improving safety on tribal lands.

Crofts during a phone interview on Jan. 22 talked about U.S. , [Attorney General Eric Holder's](#) ▼ directive announced earlier in the month to focus on crimes of violence against women and children in Indian Country.

Part of Holder's directive involves better coordination with officials on reservations nationwide.

"My immediate plan would be to come up to Fremont County and to the Wind River Indian Reservation and do a lot of individual consultation with the BIA police and the business councils and other folks involved. Indian Health Services, alcohol treatment and counseling centers," Crofts said.

He wants to hold discussions with "all of those people on the reservation that are involved with criminal justice issues directly and indirectly" including law enforcement in surrounding areas.

Crofts, a Lander native and former assistant U.S. Attorney serving under Dave Freudenthal, said a large part of his office's responsibility in the state involves prosecution of major crimes on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

"Not all but most of my time was spent with cases in our Lander office," he said about his previous experience in light of his new responsibilities. "Really it's just a continuation of that effort but I'm very happy to see that , [Attorney General Holder](#) ▼ is making this one of his priorities and giving us resources and instructing us to look at this."

Holder's Jan. 11 announcement was accompanied by a memo from U.S. Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden about the problems with crime in Indian Country.

"Tribal leaders have confirmed what our own experts working in Indian Country have reported: violent crime in Indian Country is at unacceptable levels and has a devastating impact on the basic quality of life there," according to Ogden's memo.

"Many tribes experience rates of violent crime far higher than most other Americans; indeed, some face murder rates against Native American women more than ten times the national average," he stated.

Crofts said his office targets acts of violence regardless of the focus announced by Holder. "I'm concerned about any crime of violence," he said, adding "obviously that would be my highest priority whether that's murder or sexual assault or sexual assault against children."

Crofts vowed to do his best to effect the directive from the attorney general's office. "Obviously it's a huge job but it's great to have the department listing it as a very high priority. We're going to take it very seriously and do the best we can with it." he said.

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The announcement from the attorney general's office brought praise from others involved with criminal justice on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Chief Judge John St. Clair for Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Court said the focus should benefit the reservation. "I'm happy and glad there will be an increased federal effort to address violence here on this reservation," he said.

St. Clair identified concerns about the impact on criminal justice systems from increased prosecution.

"Without any increased effort there is a need for a larger (detention) facility but if there's going to be an increased effort bringing people in that's going to make that need even more critical," he said.

"It's all people committing acts of violence, juveniles and adults. With the increased prosecution then there's going to be a greater need for detention facilities, adults and juveniles," St. Clair added.

A potential increase in **prosecution** handled at the tribal level could result from the emphasis on **crime** in Indian Country, he said. "We just need probably a corresponding increase in resources for the court if there's going to be more **prosecution** and more police bringing people in," he said.

Leslie Shakespeare, director of Eastern Shoshone Department of Juvenile Services, said the same concerns existed when tribal leaders met with federal officials last November on **criminal** justice issues.

With an increase in funding in one area, "it's going to overload the resources in other areas. That's what a lot of tribal leaders were leery of," Shakespeare said.

St. Clair suggested a focus on preventive measures especially alcohol treatment. "It seems like recently in the past four or five years it's gotten out of control," he said of violent crimes. "We're all aware of that and mostly it's alcohol related. Yeah, there's drugs and there has been meth and it's sometimes a combination but sometimes it's pure alcohol."

The alcohol fuels the violence in many cases, he said. "It goes hand-in-hand, how do we deal with the alcohol problem? It has almost a direct effect on the violence," he said. "There has to be a real true solution to alcohol use, alcohol abuse, and I don't really have the answer but I know that we're struggling with that problem."

St. Clair also suggested a counseling component about behavior. "We need to also deal with how do we get people to realize violent behavior is wrong, that's not a solution. That's why we have our resources like the counseling," he said. "Those are the kinds of things that we need to utilize once the people are in the system."

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
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State Of Utah School And Institutional Trust Lands Administration V. Jewell Et A

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United States Department of the Interior;

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Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance V. Kenczka Et Al

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United States Bureau of Land Management;
Jerry Kenczka

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State of Utah;
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
(Northern)

Kern River Gas Trans V. 24.51 Acres Of Land, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Kern River Gas Transmission Company

DEFENDANT: 6.01 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Salt Lake County, Utah,
Known as Kern River Tracts 137.09W and 137.11W;
3.84 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Davis County, Utah, Known
as Kern River Tract 117.01W, Davis County, A Political
Subdivision of the State of Utah, et al (Terminated 9/15/1992);
24.51 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Morgan County Utah
(Terminated 4/20/1992);
20.61 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Davis County, Utah
(Terminated 6/11/1992);

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- 2.62 Acres of Land, more or less, in Salt Lake County, Utah, known as Kern River Tract 171W, J. Frank and Esther E. Brasher Family Limited Partnership, a Utah partnership, and Jay L. Brasher, dba J. F (Terminated 10/14/1992);
- 2.19 Acres of Land, more ore less in Salt Lake County, Utah, known as Kern River Tract 169W, Keith H. Meikle, Mell C. Meikle and Susanne Clift, all dba the Keith H. Meikle Family Limited Partnership, (Terminated 8/25/1993);
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- Rosalie Bown (Terminated 7/30/1991);
- Owners Tract 273W (Terminated 9/17/1992);
- North Lily Mining Company;
- Mortgage Brokers, Inc. (Terminated 12/21/1992);
- Lowell Jacobson (Terminated 2/1/1993);
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SANTA FE — In the battle over diversions on the Gila River, Norm Gaume, former director of the Interstate Stream Commission, asked for a copy of a spreadsheet so he could fully understand the current commission's support of diversions. Gaume opposes diversion and believes the state's argument is flawed. He was told he had to sign an agreement that would prohibit him from using the data for "political purposes."

Databases are considered public information, but wording in the law allows state agencies to deny public access to information if it might be used for advocacy. The New Mexico Foundation for Open Government has said the restriction hampers access to public information and **violates** civil rights.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Santa Fe, introduced House Bill 227 to remedy that. Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed the bill Friday.

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In her executive message, the governor wrote: "I cannot support a bill that would allow political organizations to take personal information — such as addresses and phone numbers — from private citizens in an attempt to push their political agendas. Implementation of HB 227 may result in several unintended consequences and would likely prove to be extremely costly."

The governor signed House Bill 218, which abolishes the cumbersome 32-member Litter Control Council and replaces it with a streamlined, seven-member New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Advisory Committee. The committee is no longer required to distribute Dusty Roadrunner litter bags, which will save the Tourism Department \$30,000 a year.

She also signed House Bill 257 to update licensing requirements for crane operators by correcting flaws in the current law and providing a license path for operators to seek an upgrade. The bill brings state law into compliance with the new federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations.

Martinez vetoed a second bill, House Bill 307, which would have required the Public Education Department to develop guidelines for professional development for career and technical education teachers and educational assistants.

The governor wrote that state law already provides professional development for all teachers, so the bill is unnecessary.

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Legislative Roundup

Royalty Policy Committee (States)

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Solitary confinement:

State senators on Friday voted 29-3 for a bill to prohibit jails and prisons from placing in solitary confinement inmates who are pregnant, mentally ill or younger than 18.

The bill does not apply to federal prisoners, and it has exceptions for inmates who pose an ongoing threat of physically harming someone.

House Bill 175 next goes to Gov. Susana Martinez for her consideration. It previously cleared the House of Representatives 38-22 on a largely party-line vote. Republicans cast all the votes against it.

Democratic Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas, an Albuquerque attorney, sponsored the bill. Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, presented it on the Senate floor. She said the measure would lessen the chance of lawsuits over solitary confinement, which have led to court judgments for New Mexico inmates exceeding \$26 million.

Only the trophy: The penalty for wasteful hunting of big game would escalate from a misdemeanor to a fourth-degree felony under a bill heading to the governor.

State senators on Friday voted 37-2 for House Bill 92. It targets those who hunt without a license or outside the designated season and then wastefully kill certain animals. The bill defines wasteful hunting as taking only an animal's head, horns or antlers. It applies to bighorn sheep, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep, elk, deer and pronghorn antelope.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Alonzo Baldonado, R-Los Lunas, previously cleared the House of Representatives.

Minimum Wage: The Senate on Friday sent another minimum wage bill to the governor. It approved House Bill 442, which would increase the state's minimum wage to \$9.25 an hour, up from \$7.50 per hour.

"Hardworking New Mexicans deserve a fair wage that will give their families an opportunity to succeed," said Rep. Debbie Rodella, D-Española, a co-sponsor of the bill. "No one working 40 hours a week should be struggling to put food on the table."

A day earlier the House approved Senate Bill 386, sponsored by Sen. Clemente Sanchez, D-Grants. That bill would raise the hourly minimum wage to \$8.25 in October, then to \$9 in April 2018. Beginning in October, it also would allow employers to pay an \$8 training wage for 60 days.

The last time the Legislature approved a minimum wage law was in 2013, when Martinez vetoed a proposed wage of \$8.50 an hour.

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A spokesman for Martinez said recently, "The governor supports raising the minimum wage so long that it's in line with neighboring states and doesn't hurt small businesses."

Arizona has a \$10-an-hour minimum wage — which will increase to \$10.50 in January, while Colorado's is \$9.30 and is scheduled to increase to \$10.20 next year. New Mexico's other neighbors — Texas, Oklahoma and Utah — each have a minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, which is the federal minimum wage. Birth certificate: After a rancorous debate, the House of Representatives sent the governor a bill that would make it easier for transgendered people to change the gender listed on their birth certificate. The vote was 36-26.

State law already allows New Mexicans to change the gender shown on their birth certificates if they undergo a sex-change operation. Under Senate Bill 120, sponsored by Sen. Jacob Candelaria, D-Albuquerque, transgendered people could seek the certificate change with a sworn recommendation of a licensed medical or mental health professional, regardless of whether they have undergone surgery.

Some House Republicans derided the bill during floor debate Thursday night.

Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Logan, offered a parody with an amendment that would also allow New Mexicans to change the date of birth on their certificates. The chamber shot down the idea with even Roch voting against it.

And other GOP lawmakers said the House should have been addressing what they viewed as more pressing matters, such as passing a budget.

As debate dragged on, some Democrats **accused** Republicans of crossing a line from critiquing policy to ridiculing people.

"This evening I watched as Republicans mocked transgender people on the House floor," Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, wrote on Twitter, "and I'm still saddened by the spectacle."

The bill carried with support from a handful of Republicans, including Reps. Zach Cook, Jim Dines and Jim Smith.

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Panel rejects expanded background checks

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The New Mexican

A legislative committee on Monday effectively killed a bill to expand background checks for gun purchases – an issue that drew large crowds to the Capitol as well as big campaign contributions and intense lobbying and advertising.

The House Judiciary Committee voted 7-6 to table House Bill 548 after a lengthy hearing. It marked the defeat of the most recent gun-control bill sponsored by Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard, D-Los Alamos.

Democrat Eliseo Alcon of Milan joined the six Republicans on the panel to stop the measure, which would have required background checks on all sales of firearms at gun shows and from advertisements on the internet or print publications.

Garcia Richard said other states that have approved similar bills have seen fewer violent crimes and suicides involving guns.

Earlier in the session, Garcia Richard carried a similar measure, HB 50, which cleared two committees, including the Judiciary Committee. But last month she voluntarily pulled her own bill before it reached the full House of Representatives, asking it go back to the Judiciary Committee.

The main difference between the two bills, Garcia Richard said, is that the new proposal didn't cover temporary transfers of guns. "The intent is to get to stranger-to-stranger sales," she told the committee Monday. "I said from the beginning I wanted to strike a balance between public safety and convenience."

Only licensed firearms dealers are required to conduct background checks.

But the changes she made did little to quell opposition.

John Sugg, **district attorney** of Lincoln and Otero counties, told the Judiciary Committee that Garcia Richard's intent is legitimate but the bill would be unenforceable.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, challenged that claim. "The first thing you do when you **arrest** someone for a violent **crime** is ask them where they got the gun," he said.

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House Minority Leader Nate Gentry, R-Albuquerque, voted for a bill in 2013 that would have expanded background checks, saying that he and other Republicans who supported it took much heat. But of HB 548, he said, "If I thought this was something that would work, I'd support it."

The 2013 bill, which passed the House with bipartisan support, died in the Senate. That bill was inspired by the mass killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. It was the last serious attempt New Mexico legislators made to expand background checks for firearm sales.

Like Sugg, Gentry said he prefers another bill going through the Legislature that would increase penalties on felons possessing firearms. This is HB 17, sponsored by Rep. Bill Rehm, R-Albuquerque. It cleared the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Opponents of Garcia Richard's latest bill complained that it lacked transparency. It started as a "dummy bill" – a blank sheet so content could be added belatedly. The title of the legislation is generic, saying it's for the "public peace, health, safety and welfare" without any mention of guns or background checks. In addition, neither the bill nor a report about its financial impact was available on the Legislature's website.

Still another bill on background checks is alive in the Senate. That is Senate Bill 48, sponsored by Sen. Richard Martinez, D-Española. It has been awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee – which is chaired by Martinez – since Jan. 31. Even if it somehow passed the Senate in this last week of the legislative session, it probably wouldn't make it through the House Judiciary Committee after Monday's defeat of a similar bill.

The committee's action was a blow to gun-control groups such as New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence and the New York-based Everytown for Gun Safety. They argued that Garcia Richard's measure would close a loophole that allows untold numbers of people to acquire guns without background checks.

The lobbyist for Everytown, which is chaired by media mogul and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, was the biggest single campaign contributor in New Mexico last year, giving more than \$219,000 to politicians and political action committees.

In contrast, the National Rifle Association spent only about \$10,000 on New Mexico candidates last year. But the organization last month poured \$44,377 into an internet ad blitz opposing the background check bills. That's the largest lobbyist expenditure reported so far during the session.

The House Judiciary committee also acted on another gun-control measure Monday, voting 9-4 to recommend Senate Bill 259, sponsored by Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces. His proposal would require someone who is the subject of a restraining order to relinquish any guns. It also prohibits that person from buying or obtaining any other guns as long as the order is in effect.

People under such an order would have to deliver their firearms to someone who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law. All Democrats present voted for the measure, as did two Republicans, Gentry and Rep. Jim Dines of Albuquerque. Contact Steve Terrell at 505-986-3037 or sterrell@sfnewmexican.com

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GRAPHIC: At a meeting Monday of the House Judiciary Committee, Sierra County Sheriff Glenn Hamilton speaks against a bill that would require a person subject to a restraining order to surrender firearms. Luis Sánchez Saturno/The New Mexican

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New Mexico seeks safeguards against faithless electors

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SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico may take new precautions to guard against any possible revolt by presidential electors.

The state House of Representatives approved a bill Tuesday that would replace any presidential elector who does not vote for the candidate of the party that nominated them. The bill now moves to the Senate.

The initiative from Democrat Rep. **Matthew McQueen** also would do away with the New Mexico's **felony penalty** for "faithless" electors. McQueen says there should not be an option to thwart the will of the electorate.

Despite rumblings of a revolt, only two Republican electors - both from Texas - cast protest votes for someone other than [Donald Trump](#). [Hillary Clinton](#) lost four Democratic electors in Washington state and one in Hawaii.

[Hillary Clinton](#) won New Mexico's five electoral votes.

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The Santa Fe New Mexican Milan Simonich column

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Feb. 20--It's the same sad story at the state Capitol. New Mexico still can't pay its bills, but many legislators still introduce unnecessary bills that waste time and staff resources.

One such proposal would make it a crime for a prison inmate to possess a cellphone. The Corrections Department already prohibits prisoners from having cellphones, as well as

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weapons, cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. Even chewing gum is prison contraband because an inmate might mold a pack of Wrigley's Doublemint into a key.

No matter. Sen. Sander Rue, R-Albuquerque, introduced a bill to make it a felony for an inmate to have a cellphone. Other senators have since amended Rue's proposal to reduce the violation to a misdemeanor.

Prison guards don't need another law. They already inspect prison cells for every type of contraband as a matter of safety and security. And wardens can use administrative hearings to punish prisoners manipulative enough to get their mitts on a cellphone.

The real danger in New Mexico's prisons is chronic staffing shortages that force many guards to work 16-hour shifts, leaving them vulnerable because of fatigue. That's all the more reason legislators should focus on finances.

Democrats also are offering their share of bills that **kill** time and rob attention from the state's fiscal crisis.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen** of Galisteo is sponsoring a proposal to make the green chile cheeseburger the official hamburger of New Mexico. Hold the onions because it gets a committee hearing Tuesday.

At least McQueen's bill is innocuous. A proposal by Rep. Rod Montoya of Farmington and three of his fellow Republicans is cynical and ill-conceived.

Montoya introduced the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act based on the supposition that sadistic physicians kill fully formed babies after an abortion fails, then get away with the violence.

Montoya's bill would require caseworkers from the Children, Youth and Families Department to perform monthly inspections and interview employees at every hospital or clinic that performs elective abortions. A legislative staff analysis of the bill notes that these caseworkers are trained to detect child abuse or neglect, yet Montoya's anti-abortion measure would require them to make judgments about medical malpractice.

The state already has professional boards to police the conduct of medical professionals. Montoya's bill would create an enormous expense and more duties for a child welfare system that's already overworked. The only consolation is that his bill will end up where it belongs -- the trash bin.

Another unneeded bill, this one by Democrats, should be called the Sore Loser Initiative. It would require candidates for president to provide copies of their last five federal income tax returns to qualify for the ballot in New Mexico.

This measure is directed at Republican President [Donald Trump](#), ▼ who last year broke a tradition dating to the Nixon years by not disclosing his income tax filings.

One bill to bar presidential candidates from the New Mexico ballot if they don't release their tax forms has failed in the state House of Representatives, but a companion measure is alive in the Senate.

It should die, too. The U.S. Constitution establishes the age, citizenship and residency requirements to run for president. Democratic legislators in several states have drafted copycat proposals to restrict ballot access because of Trump's upset win last November.

One of the bill sponsors in New Mexico, Democratic Sen. Jacob Candelaria of Albuquerque, said trying to keep presidential candidates off the ballot if they withhold their tax returns is

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an uncharted area of law. But, he said, he believes states can establish reasonable requirements for access to the ballot.

"Trump's conduct [in not releasing his tax returns] has posed a threat to the integrity of our political system," Candelaria said.

That's as far-fetched as Trump's claim that millions of people voted illegally in the last election, his excuse for losing the popular vote.

Candelaria said his bill hasn't impeded the Legislature's focus on the state fiscal crisis. "That is our number one priority," he said.

It better be. The budget for the fiscal year that begins in July is unsettled and the state's credit rating is at risk. Legislators need not waste another minute on bills that demonize doctors, herald hamburgers or offer solutions to nonexistent problems.

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Bill would end 'political purpose' barrier to public data

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Norm Gaume believes the state is wrong and does not want you to know it.

The former director of the Interstate Stream Commission says data reveals errors undermining the state's case for spending billions of dollars to divert water from the Gila River, which for now runs freely through southwestern New Mexico.

But when Gaume asked last December for a copy of a spreadsheet to better understand the state's position, the commission required him to sign an agreement that would prohibit him from using the data for "political purposes."

Gaume's research has become an example of how just a few words buried in New Mexico law give state agencies broad discretion to deny members of the public access to information by prohibiting any use that could be construed as advocacy. Advocates for open government say the restriction is not just a barrier to public information but a **violation** of civil rights that muffles criticism of the government.

Now a legislator from Galisteo is proposing to change the law. "We shouldn't make people go to court to exercise their First Amendment rights," says Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, a Democrat, who has introduced House Bill 227 to **strike** the restrictions on using public data for political purposes.

State databases are considered public records under New Mexico law but with a range of exceptions and restrictions.

Agencies can require, for example, that anyone asking for a copy of a database guarantee they will not make copies without authorization or use the data for commercial or political purposes.

The law does not define "political purposes," giving agencies plenty of leeway to decide how public data can be used.

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Gaume ran up against that part of the law when he began to question data in a spreadsheet from the Interstate Stream Commission. A leading critic of the proposal to divert water from the Gila River, Gaume said he asked the agency to give him an "unlocked" copy of the spreadsheet, which would allow him to see the formulas that generated the data.

The Interstate Stream Commission replied that it considered the spreadsheet to be a database and asked Gaume agree to restrictions on its use.

At first, Gaume thought the ban on political use might have something to do with election campaigns — stopping candidates or parties from scraping up data for mailers and automated calls.

But, Gaume says, the commission considered his advocacy to be political, too, and he declined to sign the agreement.

Open government groups argue Gaume's case demonstrates that state officials can easily use the law to exempt themselves from scrutiny.

"Removing the political purpose language is critically important. Requiring someone to sign a release saying a database won't be used for 'political purposes' is a violation of that person's civil rights under the First Amendment," says Peter St. Cyr, executive director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

But some officials have raised concerns that Mc-Queen's bill might conflict with agreements between the state and the private companies that have created proprietary software to maintain some government databases, such as for court records.

Adam Marshall, a lawyer for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, said governments often exempt proprietary information such as trade secrets from open records laws rather than seek to restrict how the information is used once it is released. But, Marshall said, New Mexico's restrictions seem to contradict the purpose of open records law.

"I don't know of any other state public records law that does that," he said. "You want people to have access to public records so they can participate in the political process."

It took a powerful politician to get the spreadsheet Gaume had requested.

The Interstate Stream Commission turned the file over to U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., after he requested it from the agency last month.

"While it's hard to imagine a dam or diversion on the Gila River that is not irresponsibly expensive as well as destructive to the economy and our environment," Heinrich said in a statement Monday, "it's critical that all stakeholders and the public have access to the best available data and science to make informed decisions about the best path forward."

Gaume says the data undermines arguments that water must be diverted from the Gila to meet the needs of farmers. Unused water could be made available at a small fraction of the cost of the diversion, he argues.

A committee of the state House of Representatives is scheduled to take up Mc-Queen's bill on Thursday. A spokeswoman said officials from the Interstate Stream Commission had not reviewed the bill.

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McQueen, who says he filed the bill after reading about Gaume's battle with the commission in a story by New Mexico Political Report, maintains it is a simple fix to a clause in state law he sees as plainly unconstitutional.

"The statute just doesn't make any sense," he said.

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GOP to revive death penalty proposal during session

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Jan. 10--The death penalty will again be an issue in the state Legislature when it reconvenes next week.

A capital punishment bill, sponsored by Rep. Monica Youngblood, R-Albuquerque, is identical to what was perhaps the most divisive piece of legislation in last fall's special session of the Legislature.

But unlike last year, Republicans -- who lost control of the House in the November election -- will have a much harder time getting a capital punishment bill to the House floor.

"It's my hope that people don't see it as a full reinstatement of the death penalty," Youngblood said Monday.

The state abolished the death penalty in 2009.

Youngblood said her bill, House Bill 72, targets "only the most heinous criminals, the ones that prey upon our children and our police officers."

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Like last year's bill, which she co-sponsored, Youngblood's new bill would make **murdering** a law enforcement officer, corrections personnel or a child the only **crimes** that would be eligible for a death sentence.

Youngblood said polls show most New Mexicans favor capital punishment for certain **crimes**. But Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, said Monday the death **penalty** is riddled with problems.

"There have been numerous examples around the country as well as in New Mexico of people who were **sentenced** to death later being exonerated," McQueen said. "And it's tremendously expensive. I believe it's a waste of resources. I'm hopeful this year we'll make short work of it."

Bringing back capital punishment would bring additional costs to a judicial system already strapped by the state's budget crunch.

Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, in an opinion piece submitted to various news organizations, wrote, "New Mexico's courts face a funding crisis that threatens to undermine the judiciary's ability to protect our rights by delivering timely justice. ... The prosecution of criminal cases is being impaired. Some courts confront the possibility of dismissing cases because the state's public defender office lacks the staff and budget it needs to handle more cases."

A fiscal analysis by the Legislative Finance Committee of last year's death penalty bill said reinstating executions could cost the state up to \$7.2 million a year over a three-year period.

"The cost to the judicial system to process one individual through the death penalty process, which historically has taken an average of 11 years, is about \$105,000 per year," the report says. "The cost to incarcerate one individual on death row is \$51,100 a year."

In the analysis, the Administrative Office of the Courts estimated that a death penalty jury trial would cost \$12,000 to \$17,000 more than a nondeath penalty case. More jury costs would be incurred because after finding someone guilty in a death penalty case, a jury would have to determine whether to impose capital punishment.

The report also said that in cases stemming from the 2007 Santa Rosa prison riot -- in which prosecutors initially sought the death penalty for three inmates in the killing of a corrections officer -- the state Public Defender's Office spent \$474,600 on contract defense attorneys, \$1 million on expert witnesses and \$76,800 on other costs before trial. The total expense to the department was \$1.6 million.

In that case, the state Supreme Court ruled that unless the Legislature appropriated funds in addition to the \$1.1 million previously allocated for the case, the death penalty could not be imposed. The Legislature didn't approve those funds, so prosecutors dropped the death penalty from the case.

HB 72 includes a number of mitigating circumstances -- such as the defendant's age, mental capacity and prior criminal record -- that could be weighed by a jury in considering imposing the death penalty. Executions would not be allowed if the defendant suffers "intellectual disabilities." And if a condemned inmate is pregnant, the execution would be held until the baby is born.

At the end of October's special session, the House voted 36-30 along party lines to reinstate the death penalty, with Republicans in the majority. This followed a debate that started after midnight and ended just before 6 a.m. Many critics, including state religious leaders,

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blasted House leaders for holding the debate during the wee hours without any public notice. Hours later, the Senate voted to adjourn without considering the bill.

Last year was the first time that capital-punishment supporters made a serious effort to bring back the death penalty. The push came following several cases of police killings and child murders, including the rape and dismemberment of 10-year-old Victoria Martens.

Democrats criticized the idea of considering the capital punishment bill during the special session, which originally was meant to deal with the state's budget crisis. Some said it was nothing but a political ploy for Republicans to use during the general election.

If so, that plan backfired. Republicans lost control of the House after two years of being the majority. Though Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's political team was successful in bringing down Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, D-Belen -- who opposed the death penalty bill -- the GOP suffered a net loss in the Senate.

Between 1979 and 2007, when the death penalty was an option to prosecutors, there were more than 200 death penalty cases filed, but only 15 men sentenced to death and only one execution.

Though the death penalty was repealed in 2009, two inmates who previously were convicted for murders remain on death row. They are Timothy Allen, convicted in 1995, and Robert Fry, convicted for a murder in 2000.

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Sharp comments reflect ill will as Legislature starts 2nd special session
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House minority Republicans say they were blindsided by the majority's late push to pass a combined operating and capital budget ahead of the end of the first special session last week.

And it led some lawmakers to denounce the majority, including Eagle River Rep. **Dan Saddler**.

He said the fast introduction of the 89-page budget amendment and the 2-minute limit on each House member's comments were a travesty comparable with the attack by Imperial Japan on Pearl Harbor, which brought the United States into World War II.

"FDR once said that December 7th, 1941, (is) a day which will live in infamy," **Saddler** said, adding that the Pearl Harbor attack "will be nowhere near June 15th, 2017, in the annals of infamy."

Anchorage Democratic Rep. Chris Tuck said Friday that **Saddler's** comments were misplaced.

"There's 2,400 Americans that died ... on that one day," Tuck said. "To compare something as traumatic as that in Americans' history is really, really over-the-top."

Anchorage Republican Rep. Lance Pruitt also condemned Dillingham Democratic House Speaker Bryce Edgmon.

Pruitt said the minority didn't have time to read the proposed budget. "When you think about tyrants, you think about (Vietnamese Communist leader) Ho Chi Minh, (Zimbabwe President) Robert Mugabe and (Russian President Vladimir) Putin," Pruitt said to Edgmon. "Welcome to their club." Edgmon said the majority had a sense of urgency to pass a budget to give the Senate enough time to decide whether to pass it ahead of the end of the first special session.

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The Senate majority adjourned without discussing the bill.

"When I was a staffer here in the '90s, I heard a lot worse," Edgmon said. "Back before social media, and Gavel to Gavel, and this, that and the other. ... I think it's all in a day's good work, and, you know, it is what it is."

Criticism of the mostly Democratic House majority spilled over into the Senate. Wasilla Republican Sen. David Wilson compared the House majority's handling of the legislation with the laws that enforced racial segregation in the South until 1965.

"It only reminds me of issues that I can only describe, for I feel for the other side, as separate yet not quite equal," Wilson said. "And given that, it just reminds me of those people in power that's supposed to be a party of inclusion and a party of bringing people together is only seen as (or) best described as, a party that just wants to support Jim Crow laws in the state of Alaska."

Anchorage Democratic Sen. Berta Gardner condemned Wilson's likening procedural decisions to racism.

"There was an allusion to supporting the Jim Crow laws, and I think that's completely out of line. And I want to refute that," Gardner said.

Whether hard feelings over the House majority's handling of the end of the first special session make a difference in the second special session remains to be seen.

The House minority could still exert influence if any budget agreement between the House and Senate relies on drawing money from the Constitutional Budget Reserve.

Tapping this reserve account requires support from three-quarters of the House, or at least eight of the 18 House minority members.

The other option is to draw money from Permanent Fund earnings to pay for the operating budget, which has never been done in the fund's history.

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Energy stocks brace for many quarters of earnings pressure

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Wall Street is bracing for a 20% decline in energy companies' earnings in the fourth quarter — and that's the good news.

"This quarter is not going to be the trough of profitability," said Pavel Molchanov, an analyst with Raymond James. Rather, deeper losses are likely to surface down the road, when companies report first-quarter or second-quarter earnings.

Perhaps more than the sheer numbers, investors will want to hear about belt-tightening measures at companies exposed to the rout in oil prices over the last few months. The giant oil companies will report at the tail end of this earnings season, in the last days of January and the first days of February (Metals manufacturer [Alcoa Inc.](#)

▼ AA, +1.32% kicks off earnings season on Monday).

Meanwhile, Schlumberger Ltd. SLB, -1.79% on Thursday will be the first among oil-field services companies to report, while other companies, such as machinery maker [Caterpillar Inc.](#) ▼ CAT, -1.19% which reports on Jan. 27, are also expected to report pain from falling oil prices.

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Of course, all the fourth-quarter numbers will reflect the days when New York-traded WTI and London's Brent, the global crude benchmarks, averaged \$73 a barrel and \$76 a barrel, respectively. The picture has only worsened. On Friday, Brent crude fell under \$50 a barrel, while New York-traded oil struggled to keep above \$48 a barrel.

With the world awash in oil at least through the first half of the year and no indication that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is even contemplating a production cut in the face of weak global demand, Wall Street has braced for more declines in the price of crude, and therefore gloomy outlooks from energy-related plays.

Falling oil prices, of course, are bound to help some companies — be it airlines, through lower fuel costs, or retailers, as consumers have more in their wallets for other items. Burt White, chief investment officer for LPL Financial, said in a note Friday he expects "another good earnings season overall" despite the drag from the energy sector.

Consensus estimates call for a 4% year-over-year increase in S&P 500 earnings per share for the quarter, even while absorbing the expected 20% decline in energy-sector earnings, he said.

Indeed, many on Wall Street may start using the term "ex-energy" to look at overall earnings outside energy companies and the impact of oil's collapse, the same way "ex-financials" was handy a few years back, when financial stocks stumbled in the aftermath of the Great Recession, White said.

As investors digest earnings reports, they will look closely at companies' capital-spending plans for the current year, said Molchanov, the Raymond James analyst.

More than 40 energy companies have announced their 2015 capital expenditure plans, with the average budget calling for a reduction in spending of more than 30%, analysts at Tudor Pickering Holt said in a note Thursday.

Investors also want to hear executives talk about their company's "break-even" point, or the price needed to get oil out the ground and still turn a profit. So far, that is a problem afflicting a tiny portion of the world's oil supply.

Just 0.2% of global supply is unprofitable with Brent oil at \$50 a barrel, consultants at Wood Mackenzie said in a note Friday. A slide to \$40 a barrel would make 1.6% of global supply unprofitable.

If Brent hits \$40 a barrel or below, producers will be shutting in production at levels that would result in "significant reduction of global supply," they said. U.S. onshore "stripper wells," or those nearing the end of their life, would be first to be cut.

But in North Dakota's shale-oil boom, the break-even cost for drilling for new wells ranges from \$39 to \$77, **Lynn D. Helms**, the director of the state's department of natural resources, told a state appropriations committee on Thursday.

Among individual companies to watch, ConocoPhillips COP, -0.02% is expected to open the earnings season for Big Oil on Jan. 29. Analysts polled by FactSet expect the company to have earned 89 cents a share in the quarter, compared with earnings of \$1.40 a year earlier.

Chevron Corp. CVX, -1.99% reporting Jan. 30, is likely to be similarly pinched. The consensus is for earnings of \$1.78 a share for the quarter, compared with \$2.57 a share in the fourth quarter of 2013.

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Rival Exxon Mobil Corp. XOM, -0.14% on Feb. 2, is seen reporting earnings of \$1.41 a share, down from \$1.91 a share a year ago.

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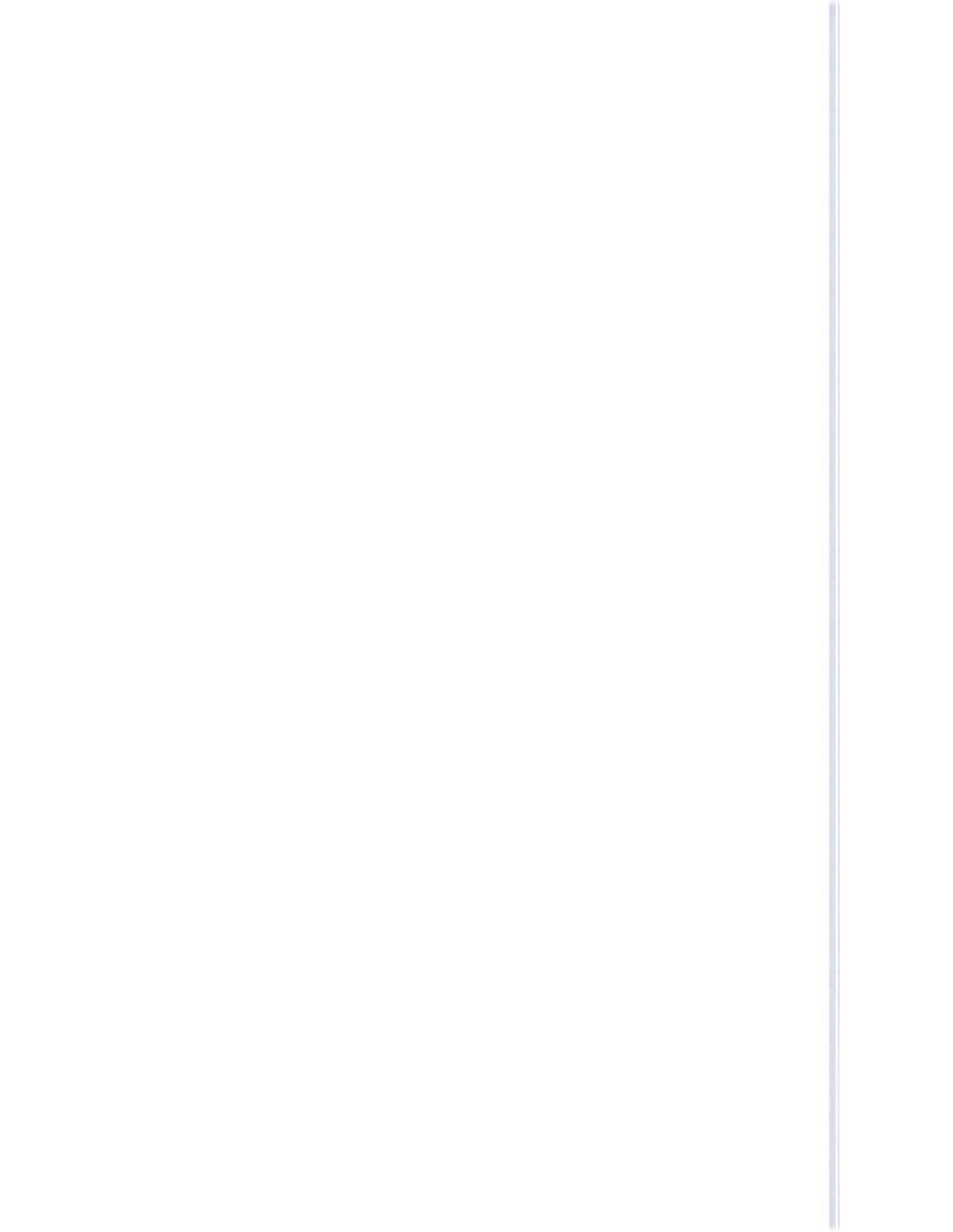
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States, oil producers see regulatory issues looming

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Excessive and poorly conceived federal regulations threaten to stifle an onshore US oil and gas renaissance that is being made possible by hydraulic fracturing and other new technologies, state officials and producers told the US House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. States are better qualified and have worked with producers and other stakeholders to develop rules that are effective and economic, they said at field hearings July 13 in Edmond, Okla., and July 14 in Fargo, ND.

State regulators repeatedly have shown that they can move faster than a federal bureaucracy, noted Patrice Douglas, an Oklahoma Corporate Commission member, during the July 13 hearing.

Douglas noted that in the 2 years that the US Environmental Protection Agency spent studying hydraulic fracturing, the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations Inc.--comprised of state regulators, environmental groups, and oil and gas producers--completed reviews of five states' fracking regulations and made recommendations that states, including Oklahoma, have implemented.

"This is not meant to suggest that Oklahoma and other states are perfect. We are not," Douglas added. "We have worked, and will continue to work, in a positive way with EPA and other federal agencies on matters of mutual interest in which we can share our collective expertise. We seek ways to improve."

While the federal permitting process may make sense where large blocks of land are managed for federal ownership or trust responsibilities, federal mineral tracts in North Dakota outside Fort Berthold and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands are small parcels that resulted from right of way acquisitions and **bankruptcies**, according to **Lynn D. Helms**, director of the state's Department of Mineral Resources.

Burdens and delays

In nearly every case, the surface estate has been sold, resulting in a split estate situation where the processes required to obtain a federal permit impose regulatory burdens and development delays on private property owners, he indicated during the committee's July 14 hearing in Fargo.

"North Dakota has worked hard to create a stable tax and regulatory environment that promotes venture capital investment," Helms said in his written statement. "Our oil and gas rules are reviewed at least every 2 years through a public comment process where every comment must be considered in writing. This ensures that North Dakota regulations keep up with new technologies and economic conditions."

He said North Dakota's Industrial Commission believes states that have adopted fracking rules that include chemical disclosure, well construction, and wellbore pressure testing should be exempt from proposed US Bureau of Land Management rules and EPA guidance. "The EPA guidance is written for enhanced oil recovery wells or disposal wells completed with tubing and packer," Helms told the committee. "Most of the requirements will not work mechanically on wells completed with swell packers and fractured down the production casing as is common in North Dakota."

Henry A. True, vice-president of Bridger Pipeline LLC and Belle Fourche Pipeline Co., said Bakken shale production growth has increased North Dakota's crude oil production in 10 years to more than 640,000 b/d from 84,000 b/d. "North Dakota is now second to Texas in daily oil production," he said in his written testimony. "However, when you compare

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infrastructure, Texas has over 50,000 miles of liquids pipelines, while North Dakota has less than 4,000 miles. Our estimates show that North Dakota production could reach 1.2 million b/d in the next decade, but there is a clear and significant infrastructure gap that needs to be solved."

Jack R. Ekstrom, vice-president of corporate and government relations at Whiting Petroleum Corp. in Denver, said at the July 14 hearing that it was fortunate that much of the Bakken formation is in North Dakota, where individuals hold most of the surface and mineral rights and the state and federal governments have minor ownership. "Many in government are not aware that a federal drilling permit is required even when the federal government owns none of the surface and a minute fractional interest in the subsurface minerals," he said in his written testimony.

Avoiding federal lands

Ekstrom added that the specter of more federal regulations, coupled with the US Department of the Interior's "disingenuous and deceptive statements over many months related to so-called 'unused' leases" have led Whiting and many other producers to make federal acreage their last development choice. "Our strategy is to lease private lands and state lands, while avoiding federal lands and related costs and delays if at all possible," he said.

"This industry, along with the associated jobs and energy from the fossil fuel it produces, is critical not just to Oklahoma but to the nation," said Brian Woodard, vice-president of regulatory affairs at the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, at the July 13 hearing.

"However, as I sit before you today and tout America's current oil and gas renaissance, and as the blueprint has been laid for a true era of US energy independence, the current administration has countered with an equivalent flood of regulatory policies which threaten to undermine this bright energy future," he continued in his written testimony.

He said instead of generating estimates from reports that producers submit already, EPA has imposed greenhouse gas reporting requirements on larger upstream independents that cost millions of dollars and make many companies integrate production software and new monitoring equipment into their daily operating systems.

EPA's proposed new source performance standard for producers inappropriately uses methane as a surrogate for volatile organic compounds, Woodard continued. "In order to be cost effective, the rule should only apply to production streams which contain a meaningful VOC concentration," he said. "For sources with significantly low to zero VOC content, such as dry gas shales like the Barnett, Haynesville, and others, the cost per ton of emission reductions drastically exceeds historically acceptable levels."

Inappropriate data

EPA also developed an emission factor for well completions by improperly using Natural Gas STAR data, added Joe Leonard, Devon Energy Corp.'s environmental, health, and safety engineer. "In short, EPA assumes that gas recovered would have otherwise been flared or vented," he told the committee at the July 13 hearing. "However, industry data shows that reduced emission completions account for significantly more gas produced and sold than would be flared or vented during older and less common completion processes."

He noted that a recent study of more than 90,000 wells demonstrated that EPA's estimates were too high across upstream processes (OGJ, July 2, 2012, p. 52). The study was jointly commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute and America's Natural Gas Alliance.

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"This is outrageous because EPA, using incorrect assumptions, applying inappropriate data, and then analyzing it improperly, has not only changed its emission estimates for completion operations on a forward-looking basis, but revised all oil and gas completion estimates back to 1990--a period before the combined use of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing," Leonard said in his written testimony.

Fossil fuel opponents also have tactically used the Endangered Species Act to slow energy resource development, noted Mike McDonald, president of Triad Energy Inc. in Oklahoma City.

McDonald said that typically, they overwhelm the US Fish and Wildlife Service with hundreds of proposed candidate listings so the DOI agency can't respond before mandated deadlines, then sue FWS which settles actions without examining the scientific evidence.

"Of the 1,391 animal and plant species listed, only 20 have ever been removed from the list," McDonald said in his written testimony. "Several listed and candidate species, in particular the listed American Burying Beetle and the Lesser Prairie Chicken, affect drilling operations in Oklahoma. To protect the beetle, producers must hire consultants, who must put out survey traps containing carrion, file additional paperwork with FWS, and slow drilling operations during the beetles' active period."

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Texas lawmaker Drew Darby arrested for concealed gun at ABIA

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State Rep. Drew Darby faces a third-degree felony charge of illegally carrying a handgun at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, police said Friday.

An arrest affidavit shows Darby, 66, who is chairman of the House Redistricting Committee and holds seats on the powerful appropriations and higher education committees, was arrested Nov. 14 after airport security screeners found a loaded .380 Ruger pistol in his carry-on bag for a morning flight.

Police said the gun showed up during a routine X-ray and subsequent search of his bag.

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Darby told police he “is a concealed (handgun) license holder and stated he forgot the handgun was in his bag. The state’s concealed handgun law does not allow licensees to carry guns through airport security and onto a plane.

Bail was set at \$5,000, a court filing shows.

Darby could not be reached for comment Friday. But in a statement, he said he regretted the mistake.

“I accept responsibility for my failure to fully examine my luggage when packing,” he said. “I did not seek or receive special treatment, and that is how it should be.”

Darby, who is seeking reelection to his District 72 House seat, has been a strong gun rights supporter. He is among many lawmakers who carry concealed handguns with a state license, though the exact number is unknown because registration records are kept secret.

According to the Associated Press, the Transportation Safety Administration has set a record for gun seizures at airports this year, more than 1,500 nationwide by October, more than in all of 2012. TSA statistics show 20 were seized during that time at the Austin airport, including 16 that were loaded and four that were unloaded.

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At tail end of Texas redistricting trial, judges skeptical of state's defense

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SAN ANTONIO — The state of Texas faced a healthy dose of judicial skepticism on Saturday as its lawyers laid out final arguments in a trial over whether lawmakers intentionally

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discriminated against minority voters in enacting current Texas House and Congressional district maps.

A three-judge panel peppered lawyers from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office with questions that suggested they were having trouble swallowing the state's defense of its maps, premised on the argument that lawmakers were merely following court orders in creating them.

The state Legislature adopted the maps in 2013 in an effort to halt further legal challenges that began in 2011.

In the final hours of six days of hearings, U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez said he saw "nothing in the record," to suggest the 2013 Legislature, before approving the boundaries, considered fixing voting rights violations flagged by another federal court identified ahead of time.

He and another district judge, Orlando Garcia, also criticized the state's unwillingness to offer documents and testimony that might shine a light on lawmakers' intentions. State lawyers kept such evidence out of court throughout the trial by claiming "legislative privilege," which allows lawmakers to keep secret their communications on policy along with their "thoughts and mental impressions."

The plaintiffs "get no documents, because you invoke legislative privilege. They get no testimony because of legislative privilege," said Rodriguez, a George W. Bush appointee. "How else are they going to get it?"

Rodriguez emerged as the jurist most critical of the state's position during Saturday's hearing, although the only judge on the panel who has sided with Texas in previous redistricting rulings also voiced skepticism.

Over the course of the week, minority rights groups and the state tussled over whether — and how — the state's political maps should change to fix possible voting rights act violations ahead of the 2018 elections. But the trial also probed a question that's more consequential in the long term: Whether the 2013 Legislature intentionally minimized the political clout of Latino and black Texans in enacting the maps.

Federal courts have already scolded Texas for intentional discrimination in three rulings this year. Another such finding would boost the odds that judges put Texas back onto a list of states that need the federal government's permission to enact any new voting legislation.

Earlier this year, the three-judge panel overseeing this week's trial found knowing discrimination in Texas' House and Senate maps Texas lawmakers drew in 2011. But those maps never took effect, as the court temporarily tweaked them during a 2012 election scramble.

In hopes of halting the litigation, the 2013 Texas Legislature made permanent the court-drawn maps that are now in dispute.

Minority rights groups that sued over the maps point out that judges made clear the maps they drew — and lawmakers adopted — applied only to the subsequent elections that were delayed by legal wrangling, and that they did not fully address violations in the boundaries lawmakers drew in 2011.

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Rodriguez said as much Saturday in a question to the state: "If this was an interim plan, giving the Legislature an opportunity to fix it, why didn't you take that opportunity?"

The state's litany of challengers, including the NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, argue the discriminatory nature of the maps adopted in 2011 still "infects" the current maps, and that Texas' Republican leadership ignored efforts by Democratic state lawmakers to improve Latino and black representation.

Matthew Frederick, the state's deputy solicitor general, argued Friday that challengers had not found clear evidence of such intent by the 2013 Legislature.

"It's their burden to prove," he said. "There is no evidence that the Legislature as a whole, or any individual had that intent when they adopted the plans."

Rodriguez cited the plaintiffs' larger body of evidence for their **allegations**, and highlighted the state's repeated claims of "legislative privilege," which kept one of its few witnesses, state Rep. **Drew Darby**, from saying much of substance on the witness stand Friday. The San Angelo Republican chaired the committee that oversaw the creation of the maps in 2013.

"We have no other legislator expressing anything" on intent, Rodriguez said, adding that he could find nothing on the record to support the state's claim that it analyzed court rulings and studied alternative maps before enacting the current one four years ago.

Frederick said "legislative privilege" claims would also keep the state from offering proof.

"Had it been favorable, I'm sure you would have raised it," Judge Garcia, a Bill Clinton nominee, responded.

Frederick disagreed, saying "privilege doesn't imply the nature of the content."

In a separate line of arguments, Texas also drew criticism from the panel's only judge to side with the state in previous rulings: Jerry Smith of the conservative-leaning U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The line of arguments regarded the consequences of a separate court's redistricting ruling that came after the 2012 elections, but before the Legislature formally adopted the San Antonio court's temporary maps.

A federal court in Washington D.C. had rejected the state's 2011 maps, citing a litany of Voting Rights Act violations.

Minority groups argue that decision should have prompted the Legislature to make wholesale boundary changes in 2013, giving more representation to surging minority populations. They say the state's failure to do so suggests knowing discrimination.

On Saturday, Frederick suggested the Washington ruling was irrelevant to the current proceedings, because a 2013 Supreme Court ruling — *Shelby v. Holder*, which gutted part of the Voting Rights Act — invalidated the redistricting ruling.

Judge Smith, appointed by Ronald Reagan, said he disagreed.

The *Shelby* ruling makes the question of intentional discrimination consequential. It sprung Texas and other states from a process called "preclearance," which required them to get the federal government's signoff — either through the Department of Justice, or a court — before enacting new voting laws.

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The high court's decision, however, left open the possibility that federal oversight would resume in if there's enough fresh evidence of intentional racial discrimination.

Along with the previous redistricting rulings this year, a federal judge in Corpus Christi found such evidence in Texas' 2011 voter identification law.

Jose Garza, an attorney for the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said Saturday he wasn't surprised judges on the panel were skeptical of the state's defense of its redistricting.

"I think the evidence [of intentional discrimination], contrary to what the state describes, is powerful," he told reporters. "It's like the state repeated the mistakes they made in 2011, digging their heels in."

Garza also suggested the state's use of "legislative privilege" may have backfired.

Asked for comment following the trial, Patrick Sweeten, the state's lead attorney said: "Extremely happy with it."

It's not clear when the judges might rule, but they said they wanted to avoid affecting the 2018 elections which could be pushed back if new maps are not approved in time.

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On day 5 of redistricting trial, Texas rebuts claim that current political maps discriminate

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HIGHLIGHT: State Rep. **Drew Darby** (R-San Angelo) testified before a three-judge panel about **allegations** that lawmakers intentionally **discriminated** against millions of Hispanic and black voters in adopting its current political maps. Darby chaired the House Committee on Redistricting in 2013, when lawmakers approved state House and Congressional maps that are the subject of trial this week, the latest in six years of legal wrangling. Photo by Spencer Selvidge, The Texas Tribune

SAN ANTONIO - The State of Texas pushed back Friday against allegations that lawmakers intentionally **discriminated** against millions of Hispanic and black voters in adopting its current political maps, with the state's lawyers trying to convince federal judges not to order changes ahead of the 2018 elections to better accommodate the state's surging population of minority voters. "They were legal and complied with the law," state Rep. **Drew Darby** said of the maps, testifying before a three-judge panel. Darby, a Republican from San Angelo, chaired the House Committee on Redistricting in 2013, when lawmakers approved state House and Congressional maps that are the subject of trial this week, the latest in six years of legal wrangling.

Earlier this year, the judges had found intentional discrimination in maps lawmakers' drew in 2011. But those maps never took effect, because the court temporarily tweaked them during a 2012 election scramble. In hopes of halting the litigation, the 2013 Texas Legislature made those court-drawn maps permanent. Minority groups challenging the state argue the 2013 maps still fall far short in addressing voting rights violations that the judges flagged in their previous rulings, and they call lawmakers' decision to adopt the court-drawn maps another effort to minimize the political clout of voters of color. The trial's outcome could shakeup political races across Texas. Questioning Darby on Friday, the state challenged the picture painted by Democratic lawmakers on the witness stand earlier in the week - that information was scarce during the 2013 special session devoted to redistricting, and that Republicans seemed to prioritize speed, rather than addressing voting rights concerns. The state's lawyers focused almost exclusively on Darby's past statements and other public records to suggest he and other leaders did listen to concerns from Hispanic and black lawmakers. The lawyers also highlighted minor amendments to the House map that Darby allowed during a floor debate in 2013. Yet more noticeable on Friday were details Darby refused to share by invoking "legislative privilege," a legal protection allowing Darby to decline to answer questions about communications with other lawmakers and state lawyers and his "thoughts and mental impressions" about policy decisions. Plaintiffs' lawyers repeatedly reminded the judges of the questions - many seemingly crucial for divining intent - that Darby would not answer about his colleagues' actions. When the state earlier in

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the week cited "legislative privilege" to prevent disclosure of some of Darby's 2013 emails, Judge Xavier Rodriguez spoke of the difficulties it presented in such cases. "How is a plaintiff in a Voting Rights Act case going to understand the intent of the legislature, if it can't look at documents?" he asked. The state on Friday also tried rebutting arguments that its maps need rejiggering to accommodate the state's large growing share of minority voters. Texas' population is soaring, enough to give it four new congressional seats in the most recent round of redistricting, which relied on the 2010 census. No other state added more than two seats. Texas is also becoming less white each day, creating headaches for Republicans, who currently control state government, as minorities - particularly Hispanic and black voters - overwhelmingly support Democrats in elections. Hispanic and black voters accounted for nearly 79 percent of the state's growth from 2000 to 2010. And those groups comprised nearly 40 percent of Texas' voting age population during the latest census, a proportion that has only since grown. Minority groups see their voters as grossly underrepresented on the state's political maps. In redrawing the Congressional map in 2011, for instance, the Legislature offered only 10 districts out of 36 total in which minorities could elect candidates of their choice, according to experts offered by the plaintiffs. The current fought-over map added just one such "opportunity district." Throughout the week, lawyers representing plaintiffs have offered several alternative House and congressional maps, which they say demonstrate ways to add more opportunity districts and fix violations judges have flagged in past rulings. (The maps were not aimed at maximizing minority representation in Texas, but rather to meet legal standards.) John Alford, a political science professor at Rice University who the state offered as an expert witness, dismissed those maps as not addressing the problem that the plaintiffs claim exist. "It's not possible to create an additional majority-minority district in Texas," Alford said. In wrangling over the Congressional map, minority groups have largely homed in on several Dallas-Fort Worth area districts, parts of Harris County, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd's Congressional District 23, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso and takes in most of the Texas-Mexico border; Congressional District 27, represented by Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi; and U.S. Rep Lloyd Doggett's Congressional District 35, which stretches from Austin into San Antonio narrowly along Interstate 35. In their ruling on the 2011 maps, judges found discrimination - some of it intentional - in CD-23, CD-27 and CD-35. Judges also found lawmakers illegally "packed" and "cracked" predominantly Hispanic and black communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a method of diluting their political strength. The 2013 map did not alter boundaries in several of those flagged areas. "I don't think there's ever been a more exhaustive attempt to redraw a map, than the one here in Texas," Alford testified. The state on Friday sought to poke holes in the maps offered by plaintiffs, which rely partly on "coalition" districts where Hispanic and black voters, only in the majority when combined, could elect candidates of their choice - at least in general elections when they overwhelmingly favor Democrats. Alford, the state's expert, criticized the plaintiffs' demonstrated coalition districts, arguing - largely relying on past Democratic primary election results - that Hispanic and black voters in various districts vote differently, preferring candidates of their own race. He underplayed general election data and testimony from voters, which the plaintiffs point to, suggesting the minority voting groups clearly coalesce around Democrats following primaries. In that sense, Alford testified, the maps plaintiffs offered would not address Hispanic voters' statewide underrepresentation.

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Rep. Springer Files Amendment to Major School Finance Bill

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The Texas House of Representatives issued the following news release:

On Wednesday, the Texas House of Representatives took up and passed HB 21 by Rep. Huberty, a bill to reform the public school finance system. Public education is one of the top priorities of the Texas House and this bill is crucial to ensuring proper funding for Texas school systems. While there were several parts to the bill that Rep. Springer supported including fixing the Transportation formula that hasn't been touched in three decades, he did propose and support additional amendments that will benefit schools in rural Texas.

Rep. Springer offered an amendment to address the need for supplemental funding as the state phases out the Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) program which is set to end in 2017. The amendment read that if a school district is the only one operating in a county, then the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner shall provide the district with 100 percent of the state aid that they would have received under the previous funding formula. There are a handful of school districts in the state that this applies to where consolidation is simply not an option due to the distance from alternate districts. This would be a tremendous help for those schools that are small fixed cost schools which require a base amount of funding to operate and educate the children that they serve. Unfortunately, the votes were not there to pass this amendment.

Rep. Springer also strongly supported and voted for an amendment authored by Representative **Drew Darby**. Rep. Darby's Amendment will remove the 300 square mile **penalty** that currently hurts rural schools. This policy was implemented over 30 years ago to promote consolidation of small school districts, however, it proved to be ineffective

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and damaging. In addition to supporting this amendment, Rep. Springer also authored a bill that would strike this provision, HB 2091.

When asked about these amendments, Rep Springer stated, "Our rural public schools, because of lower student populations and larger land mass, can be penalized under the current funding formula. These amendments will ensure that our rural schools are protected and that our students will receive the same quality education of those in urban areas." If you have questions or concerns about the representative's amendments, you may contact Rep. Springer at District68.Springer@house.texas.gov

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GOP State Rep. Hans Hunt Says ‘By All Means, Leave’ In Response To Wyoming Resident’s Concerns **By Meredith Bennett-Smith**

A junior state politician in Wyoming has walked into something of a controversy over a very blunt email he sent to a state resident concerned about a proposed bill that would have legalized concealed carry.

In an email sent earlier in February to Wyoming state Rep. Hans Hunt (R), state resident Rev. Audette Fulbright said that she was “seriously reconsidering” her decision to move her family to Wyoming in August. Her concerns, she said, stemmed from House Bill 105, which aimed to legalize the carrying of permitted concealed weapons in public schools and colleges.

Fulbright, who lives with her family in Cheyenne, emailed representatives across the state about the proposed legislation, as well as her concerns about fracking in the state, according to CBS local affiliate KGWN. The news station reprinted Fulbright’s email, as well as Hunt’s response.

“I am writing to express my grave concern about House Bill 105,” Fulbright said. “Ample evidence has shown that schools and guns do not mix, and in particular, guns in the hands of amateurs/non-professionals is extremely dangerous, especially in any highly-charged situation. to expose our children to greater risk in their schools by encouraging more guns on campuses is something that we cannot allow.”

Fulbright went on to write that, while it would be hard to move again, “the safety of our family must come first.”

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Mincing no words, Hunt responded thus:

I'll be blunt. If you don't like the political atmosphere of Wyoming, then by all means, leave. We, who have been here a very long time (I am proudly 4th generation) are quite proud of our independent heritage. I don't expect a "mass exodus" from our state just because we're standing up for our rights.

The representative, who was the youngest member of the legislature when he was elected in 2010, went on to criticize "liberal out-of-staters such as yourself" who move to the state and "pompously demand that Wyoming conform to their way of thinking."

Contacted by the Caspar Star-Tribune, Hunt refused to apologize for the email.

"Was it blunt? Yes. Would I apologize? No," he remarked to the Star-Tribune, before adding that he might have phrased his words more carefully.

As the controversy picked up steam, the Star-Tribune weighed in with an editorial published on Feb. 24.

"Is 'Go Wyoming Or Go Home' the message we want to send those we hope to attract here? Of course not," the editorial stated. "And if not them, why would we want to say such a thing to anyone who wants to make their home in Wyoming, no matter their political persuasion?"

Hunt may be young, the editorial continued, but he is still a leader; therefore, the editorial concludes, what he says matters. "Hunt's type of response and his obstinate defense of it make us wonder how brittle his ideas really are," the editorial also says.

According to the Associated Press, House Bill 105 ultimately died in a Senate committee soon after Hunt's email went public. While the measure passed the state House, no one from the Senate Education Committee made a motion to recommend, essentially killing the bill. The AP reported that "dozens of educators, administrators, police and others testified it would make schools and colleges less safe."

Republican state Sen. Stacey Campfield of Tennessee found himself in the middle of a similar situation in early February, after a terse and insulting response to constituent Telisha Arguelles Cobb was released to the media. Campfield, a sponsor of his state's controversial "Don't Say Gay" bill, wrote in an email that Cobb, who had criticized his bill, seemed "to have some serious, deep anger issues."

"Have you ever thought about therapy?" he wrote. "I hear they are doing some wonderful things with medications these days."

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Governor won't have to testify in sheriff removal case

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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. **Brent Sanford** won't have to **testify** about their communications in the removal case against McKenzie County Sheriff Gary Schwarzenberger. But two **prosecutors** and the governor's attorney will. The Bismarck Tribune reports (<http://bit.ly/2spZltZ>) Special Commissioner Karen Klein ruled Burgum and Sanford don't have to give sworn interviews about any behind-the-scenes involvement in the removal proceedings against Schwarzenberger.

But Klein ordered Deputy Attorney General Troy Seibel, Governor's Counsel Leslie Oliver and former special prosecutor Bill O'Driscoll to give interviews.

Schwarzenberger's attorney had subpoenaed all of the officials because he believes Burgum's office improperly intervened. Burgum ultimately will judge if Schwarzenberger loses his job.

Schwarzenberger is accused of bullying, retaliation and misusing a county credit card. He's scheduled for trial in September on a misdemeanor charge.

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Burgum, Sanford won't have to testify in case

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The governor and lieutenant governor will not have to testify about their communications relating to the McKenzie County sheriff's removal case, but two prosecutors and the governor's attorney will.

Special Commissioner Karen Klein issued an order Wednesday that said [Doug Burgum](#) and **Brent Sanford** do not have to give sworn interviews about any behind-the-scenes involvement they have had in the removal proceedings against Gary Schwarzenberger.

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Deputy Attorney General Troy Seibel, Governor's Counsel Leslie Oliver and former special prosecutor Bill O'Driscoll are required to give such interviews, Klein ordered.

Schwartzenberger's attorney, Mike Geiermann, subpoenaed all of the above people, because he said he thinks Burgum's office improperly intervened to remove the sheriff.

Burgum will ultimately judge if Schwartzenberger will lose his job, and Geiermann contends that means his office should not talk to or try to influence the prosecutor. Burgum's office has argued in case documents such communication is fine.

The former U.S. magistrate said it would be inappropriate for the governor to testify, because he is the ultimate decision maker. Klein said that the defense had not shown enough involvement from Sanford to allow for his deposition.

She is allowing subpoenas for O'Driscoll, the former prosecutor, and Oliver and Seibel, because it appears they communicated about the case. O'Driscoll wrote the governor a letter in March saying he wanted to dismiss the case for lack of evidence. Shortly thereafter, Oliver emailed him for an update, and the next day, O'Driscoll asked to continue with the case. He later asked to recuse himself entirely and the governor let him withdraw, case records show.

Klein's role in the case is to oversee it and provide a recommendation to the governor, she wrote.

"The governor and his counsel can reach their own conclusion about what is appropriate, and, if they are wrong, their position can be tested by the defendant when and if an appeal is taken to district court on this matter," she wrote in the order.

Geiermann said he considers the ruling to be a "win" that will show whether the governor's office "prejudged this case."

"I believe we will be able to find out most if not all of what we want to know," he said of such information as why O'Driscoll changed his position on the case and what role the governor's office played.

Geiermann said he plans to schedule depositions next week.

O'Driscoll did not respond to a phone and email message seeking comment on Wednesday. Liz Brocker, spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office, which is prosecuting the case and representing the governor's office, declined to comment.

"We don't comment on ongoing litigation," she said. "We do, of course, comply with court orders."

Schwartzenberger, who remains suspended from his duties, is accused of bullying and retaliation within the office and is charged with a misdemeanor accusing him of misusing a county credit card. He has pleaded not guilty and is set for trial in September.

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Albuquerque Journal (New Mexico)

May 1, 2009 Friday

Jury Convicts Man of Murder in Second Trial

BYLINE: Vic Vela Journal Staff Writer

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 4

LENGTH: 507 words

A man charged with murder who benefited from a December mistrial did not get off the hook a second time. A jury on Thursday found the 26-year-old guilty in the 2007 slaying of a Santa Fe man.

After deliberations that spanned two days - and a trial that spanned two weeks - a new jury convicted Jacob Chavez of first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault in connection with a June 2007 incident in which Max Valdez, 26, was killed in his Santa Fe mobile home. Also shot was Kyle Clark, who survived.

Tears of joy were shed after the verdict by the Valdez family - and even by **prosecutors** - relieved by the verdict.

"It's been a really long two years," said Michelle Sanchez, Valdez's sister. "My brother can rest now. Justice delayed is not justice denied."

Prosecutors Sarah Garcia and **Gabrielle Gerholt** hugged and wept after the verdict. For Garcia, it's been a long road.

"I've been on this case for two years," she said afterward. "I went to the **murder** scene."

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The bloodshed from the 2007 incident began when a gunman entered Valdez's trailer during a party and began firing, shooting Clark first. Valdez was shot to death shortly after that while he was sleeping in his bed.

Chavez and Michael Martinez - a co-defendant with Chavez during the December trial who also received a mistrial - were at the party earlier but left after another person there, Eric Garcia, "disrespected" Chavez. The men engaged in a confrontation, which was broken up by fellow partygoers. The men came back to the home with a third man and tried to kill Garcia.

Sarah Garcia told jurors during her closing remarks Wednesday that Valdez was "caught in the middle."

"It's your typical case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," she said.

This time, the cases against Chavez and Martinez were separated. Martinez will soon get his date in front of a Santa Fe County jury.

The trial severance may have helped the prosecution this time around. New testimony also came from a cell mate of Chavez's, who said the defendant admitted the shooting while the two were in jail together.

But defense attorney Gary Mitchell - who had argued that could not have been the shooter because he was passed out in his car at the time - said Brandon Wagner's testimony lacked credibility during his closing argument Wednesday, calling Wagner "a paid witness" for the state.

Mitchell thought he had something going for him heading into the trial: the conviction of another man for this crime. Anthony Gracen Gutierrez was convicted in September of firstdegree murder. Prosecutors say Chavez and Martinez returned to the home with Guterrez, though Guterrez - who is now serving a life sentence - never shot anyone.

Mitchell also said that state witnesses have changed their versions of events over time, partly because police "harassed and threatened witnesses."

Garcia rejected the notion that the police were involved in any wrongdoing while investigating the case, saying that sometimes it takes different tactics when witnesses may not be willing to cooperate right away.

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SUBJECT: MURDER (95%); JURY TRIALS (92%); VERDICTS (91%); HOMICIDE (90%); MISTRIAL (90%); CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); PUBLIC PROSECUTORS (89%); TESTIMONY (89%); JAIL SENTENCING (78%); ADMISSIONS & CONFESSIONS (78%); GUILTY PLEAS (78%); WITNESSES (78%); CORRECTIONS (77%); MOBILE HOMES (75%); CRIMINAL ASSAULT & BATTERY (73%); LAWYERS (71%)

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February 22, 2006 Wednesday

PECOS - IN BRIEF

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SECTION: PECOS SECTION; Pg. PE-1

LENGTH: 401 words

New **district attorney** named

After less than a year on the job Tyr Loranger, the assistant **district attorney** assigned to staff the Pecos office, has been transferred. He'll be replaced by **Gabrielle Gerholt** who was hired by the 4th Judicial **District Attorney's** office in October. Gerholt said she's still working out her schedule but she hopes to start spending one or two days a week in Pecos starting in March. Loranger's new post will be at the Family Justice Center in Las Vegas. The center is a federally funded project designed to provide consolidated legal and health services to victims of domestic violence.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
(Houston)

Lara v. Kempthorne

PLAINTIFF: Lara, Joe R

DEFENDANT: Dirk Kempthorne Secretary of the Department of the Interior

CONSERVATOR: **Luthi, Randall**

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 4:08cv2434

FILING DATE: 8/7/2008

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: Rosenthal, Lee H

NATURE OF SUIT: 442 Employment

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Discrimination [29 USC 754](#)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA
(Billings)

Decker Coal Company v. United States of America et al

PLAINTIFF: Decker Coal Company

DEFENDANT: Walter D Cruickshank in His Official Capacity as Acting Director, Mineral Management Service, Department of the Interior Terminated: 09/05/2008 (Terminated 9/5/2008); United States Department of the Interior; United States of America;
Randall Luthi in His Official Capacity as Director, Mineral Management Service, Department of the Interior;
Dirk Kempthorne in His Official Capacity as Secretary of the Department of the Interior

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:07cv126

FILING DATE: 9/17/2007

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Cebull, Richard F

REFERRED TO: Magistrate Ostby, Carolyn S

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FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Administrative Procedure Act [05 USC 702](#)

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BP Oil Spill Lawsuit: Cousins Randall Luthi and Jeffery Luthi Pose Conflict of Interest in Case

Will BP get its oil spill case moved to friendly Houston? A clerk of the panel that will decide the issue is first cousins with a former regulator of the sunken BP drill platform. Rick Outzen reports on the legal impact of the family tie.

Two key figures in the upcoming investigation and litigation phases in the case of the [Deepwater Horizon explosion](#), which killed 11 workers on April 20 and subsequently spewed millions of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, are first cousins.

Randall Luthi is the former director of the agency that regulated BP and its Deepwater Horizon floating platform, and Jeffery Luthi, his cousin, is the clerk of the judicial panel that will render a crucial decision about where the lawsuits, which could total billions of dollars, will be tried. Both Luthis are both from Freedom, Wyoming, a town with just 135 residents.

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The battle over where the cases against BP, Transocean, Halliburton, and other defendants will be tried has significant impact over how the cases will proceed and their final outcomes.

Consolidating all the lawsuits into a federal court in Houston would give BP a huge home field advantage.

BP wants them all moved to Houston, Texas. Its attorneys are arguing that BP Exploration and Production, Inc. and the other defendants maintain their principal places of business and their key documents and witnesses within the Houston area, according to court documents: "Transfer and consolidation of this litigation in the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, would greatly promote the just and expeditious resolution of these actions."

- [The Most Polluted Places in America](#) The plaintiffs' attorneys, who represent the commercial fishermen, shrimpers, and others affected by the BP oil spill, argue in the response they filed with the court that the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans is "closer to the epicenter of this disaster than Texas, Florida, or the other Gulf States, and it is the geographical focal point." Pertinent witnesses are in Louisiana, including claimants and potential claimants, key eyewitnesses to the incident, and investigators, including representatives of Mineral Management Service (MMS) and the Coast Guard.

Jeffery Luthi, 56, as clerk of the panel of the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML), has significant influence over the final decision. He has already denied a motion by the plaintiffs to expedite the hearings on BP's motion.

Cousin Randall Luthi will most likely be a key witness in the lawsuits and in the congressional hearings on whether MMS, the agency that regulated Deepwater Horizon and that he led under the Bush administration, improperly awarded safety certificates to BP and Transocean.

The former director of MMS, Randall Luthi, 54, is now president of National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA), a national trade association that, according to its website, represents "all segments of the offshore industry with an interest in the exploration and production of both traditional and renewable energy resources on the nation's outer continental shelf."

As MMS director in September 2008, he defended the agency against charges by the DOI inspector general of a "culture of substance abuse, promiscuity, and [ethical failure](#)" existing inside MMS, where investigators found that employees were having sex and taking drugs with energy company representatives. Officials in the MMS royalty collection office in Denver accepted gifts from energy companies including golf, ski and paintball outings; meals and drinks; and tickets to a Toby Keith concert, a Houston Texans football game, and a Colorado Rockies baseball game. All the abuses found by investigators occurred before Randall Luthi took office, but he spent the last four months of his tenure fighting off calls for his resignation.

Randall Luthi once [worked for Dick Cheney](#) and, according to his MMS bio, served on Cheney's Energy Council, an organization composed of legislative representatives from energy-producing states and private energy-related industries that set the energy policies of the Bush administration.

BP; Halliburton, the company responsible for cementing the deepwater drill hole at the site; and Cameron International, the company that built the safety valves for the rig, have seats on board of NOIA, the trade organization led by Randall Luthi.

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Jeffery Luthi handles the docket of the JPML, which has the authority to determine whether civil actions pending in two or more federal judicial districts should be transferred to a single federal district court for pretrial proceeding.

He is dealing with the BP motion to combine all the civil lawsuits involving Deepwater Horizon and the oil spill into a federal court in Houston, Texas. The decision will be made by the JPML at its July session in Boise, Idaho.

Houston courts are notoriously tough on class-action lawsuits. There, three days after BP's request, U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison issued an order suspending cases against Transocean, owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig, because the company filed a request to limit its liability in the lawsuits filed against it to \$26.7 million.

Consolidating all the lawsuits into a federal court in Houston would give BP a huge [home field advantage](#).

Asked by The Daily Beast if he was related to Randall Luthi, Jeffery Luthi replied, "I don't why it matters." Then he added, "Yes." There was a pause.

"Are you brothers?"

"We're first cousins," Jeffery Luthi said, before hanging up.

Las Cruces Sun-News, June 8, 2017 - Las Cruces Sun-News (New Mexico)

June 8, 2017 Thursday

Trump Said to Mull Combining Agencies Separated After Gulf Spill

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SECTION: BUSINESS

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(Bloomberg) -- After the 2010 Gulf oil spill, the [Obama administration](#) ▼ broke the scandal-plagued federal agency that policed offshore drilling into separate bureaus. Now the [Trump administration](#) ▼ is considering putting it back together again.

The change, described by Interior Department officials and lobbyists familiar with the deliberations, would combine two agencies: one that enforces regulations on offshore drilling safety and another in charge of leasing offshore tracts. Keeping those roles separate was a key recommendation of a presidential commission that investigated the Deepwater Horizon blast that killed 11 men and sent oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico for months. Merging the bureaus could send a signal that Interior is easing off on enforcement, right as President [Donald Trump](#) ▼ expands areas available for offshore oil drilling, according to Bob Graham, a former Florida senator who led the commission.

"I have heard no indication of why we're doing this," Graham said in an interview. "It's just seven years after this enormous disaster -- and this was one of the key steps in at least mitigating the chances of a repetition."

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Officials are still weighing the reorganization, according to the people, who declined to be identified discussing internal deliberations. Interior Department spokesmen didn't respond to requests to comment on the possible change.

For decades before the [BP Plc.](#) ▼ oil spill, federal regulation of offshore energy development was handled by a single agency within the Department of Interior: the Minerals Management Service. Its biggest claim to fame was a wide-ranging ethics scandal during the administration of President George W. Bush that involved cocaine use, sexual misconduct and financial self-dealing by a handful of employees, which was documented in multiple probes.

Read More: [MMS Employees Took Gifts, Viewed Porn, Report Finds](#)

The episode highlighted an uncomfortably cozy relationship between the oil and gas industry drilling offshore and the federal regulators who were supposed to keep a watch over them. Two years later, when BP's failed Macondo well blew out in the Gulf of Mexico, those concerns erupted anew.

Within weeks, with oil still gushing into the Gulf, the administration of President [Barack Obama](#) ▼ announced it was shuttering the MMS and carving it up into three agencies. Besides the leasing and enforcement bureaus, a third office would act as a piggy bank, collecting billions of dollars annually in royalties, rental payments and bonus bids tied to offshore energy development.

That last agency, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, would be untouched by the organizational plans now under consideration by Interior Secretary [Ryan Zinke.](#) ▼ The two agencies that would be combined are the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the leasing-focused Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Read More: [Trump to Expand Offshore Drilling, Review Post-Spill Rules](#)

Zinke has said he's looking at reorganizing the entire Interior Department with an eye on empowering regional officials and improving collaboration across its agencies. That could involve creating regional hubs to coordinate Interior agencies with overlapping roles and missions that are at cross purposes.

The effort could allow energy companies to get quicker project approvals or, at least, a clear pathway to them.

"We are looking at reorganizing in maybe more of a joint model so industry and citizens when they want to do a project can have -- I don't want to say certainty, but at least a path of how to get there," Zinke said at the Offshore Technology Conference last month. "You can know sooner in the process whether yes or no is appropriate and what is that investment you have to make."

Scott Angelle, the newly appointed head of the safety bureau, told reporters last week that he has not been told the two agencies will merge, but "everything is on the table" as part of the department-wide reorganization.

The inherent conflict within the Minerals Management Service was written on the walls of the former agency -- literally. Donald Boesch, a marine scientist who served on the presidential spill commission, remembers a fact-finding mission to meet with environmental analysts and safety inspectors at a former MMS office in Louisiana. On the conference room wall, a huge chart illustrated the growth in revenue the agency had gleaned from offshore oil development. Other graphs showed increasing oil and gas produced offshore.

Read More: [BP Gulf Oil Spill Damage Valued at \\$17.2 Billion in New Study](#)

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"The metrics they had to deal with on a daily basis were all oriented toward expanding that activity and increasing production as fast as they could," said Boesch, now president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. "That symbolically indicated that there was a strong conflict of interest in how this organization is run."

Recombining the agencies would revive their "inherently conflicting missions," said Senator Ed Markey, a Democrat from Massachusetts.

"Our coastal communities -- and even the oil industry -- can't afford a return to the bad old days of the safety cop and the leasing agent being the same person," Markey said in an e-mailed statement.

The since-divided bureaus have developed their own identities and missions. Environmental analysis has increased at the ocean energy bureau, while the safety agency expanded its oversight beyond oil and gas companies by penalizing offshore contractors for infractions.

Industry Reaction

Oil industry officials aren't exactly clamoring for the change.

After the creation of the two bureaus, there was confusion about which agency was in **charge** of which task. Oil companies didn't know where to file permit applications and where to file proposed exploration plans.

"We've found on the industry side that there's still some confusion of who does what," said **Randall Luthi**, a former MMS director who now leads the National Ocean Industries Association. And the longer the bureaus stay apart, the more stove-piped they become, he said. "If you're going to do it, now is probably a good time."

Still, the reorganization is such a major effort that it could take time away from other priorities, including rewriting Obama-era regulations governing offshore drilling, Luthi said.

"If you asked industry what is your top, No. 1 priority, I doubt it's the re-meshing" of these bureaus, he said.

--With assistance from Laura Blewitt

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FIRST 10 DAYS: PRAISE FOR [SECRETARY RYAN ZINKE](#) ▼ AND THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

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DATELINE: WASHINGTON

The following information was released by the U.S. Department of the Interior: [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ was sworn-in as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior on March 1, 2017. He immediately got to work, expanding access to America's public lands and demonstrating his commitment to the issues facing Native American communities.

Read some of the early praise for [Secretary Zinke](#) ▼ :

Mike Pence, [Vice-President](#) ▼ of the United States

"With a sterling record of service, [the president] and I know [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ will protect America's natural treasures as our new Interior Secretary."

Brian Cladoosby, President of National Congress of American Indians

"[Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ has a long history of fighting for our country. During his career as a Navy SEAL, he fought for American freedoms abroad. Throughout his service as a Congressman for Montana, he fought for Montanans and Montana's Tribes in the halls of Congress. We have no doubt that [Secretary Zinke](#) ▼ will continue fighting for all tribes as Secretary of [the] Interior. As the trustee to all 567 Federally Recognized tribes, we wish [Secretary Zinke](#) ▼ every success in advancing the Federal Government's treaty and trust obligations."

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

"I congratulate Rep. [Zinke](#) ▼ on his confirmation as Interior Secretary, and am eager to work with him to restore balance to the management of federal areas. This is particularly important for Alaska, which has more at stake and is more deeply affected by this Department than any other part of our country."

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

"Today I voted to confirm Congressman [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ as the next Secretary of the Interior. As Interior Secretary, Mr. [Zinke](#) ▼ will be tasked with managing our public lands and natural resources, including our national parks and significant historic sites across Virginia which are maintained by the National Park Service. During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I was encouraged by Mr. [Zinke's](#) ▼ public commitment to address the National Park Service's maintenance and repair backlog, which now totals more than \$12 billion. I look forward to working with him to find common sense solutions to reduce that backlog."

[Steve Bullock](#), ▼ Democratic Governor of Montana

"I congratulate [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ on his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior. Montanans know how important this post is to protecting our public lands, outdoor recreation, tourism, and natural resource industries."

Barry Russell, CEO of Independent Petroleum Association of America

"As a conservationist from a western energy-producing state, Congressman [Zinke](#) ▼ appreciates the need to manage our nation's lands and waters while implementing multiple use policies that enable a variety of activities from conservation and recreation to job development and energy production. IPAA congratulates Congressman [Zinke](#) ▼ and looks forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as Secretary of the Department of the Interior."

Collin O'Mara, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation

"As an organization that represents millions of hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, the National Wildlife Federation and its state affiliate, the Colorado Wildlife Federation,

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believe that Rep. [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ has the conservation **ethic** and leadership ability to be a strong Interior Secretary."

Randall Luthi, President of National Ocean Industries Association

"The National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) congratulates Secretary of the Interior [Ryan Zinke](#) ▼ on his bipartisan confirmation. [Secretary Zinke](#) ▼ brings the promise of dawn after eight years of darkness for the offshore energy industry. His confirmation testimony laid out a sensible and fair path forward for the United States to not only maintain, but increase its energy leadership. That path leads to the return of a truly broad-based energy policy, using both traditional offshore energy sources, such as oil and natural gas, and non-traditional sources, such as wind."

In response to [Secretary Zinke's](#) ▼ two secretarial orders that expand access to public lands and increase hunting, fishing, and recreation opportunities nationwide:

Nick Wiley, President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

"[[Secretary Zinke](#)] ▼ has done a great service to our hunters and anglers, the firearms and angling industries and the public trust by issuing these Orders. We look forward to working closely with our federal partners at the Department of Interior to deliver the best possible stewardship of America's fish and wildlife resources."

Jeff Crane, President of Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

"CSF looks forward to working closely with [Secretary Zinke](#) ▼ on developing a list of priorities that will protect and advance fish and wildlife and public lands conservation, as well as keep federal lands open for public access and recreation. Today's meeting on the Secretary's first morning in office was a clear indication of his commitment to these shared goals."

Dave Nomsen, [Vice-President](#) ▼ of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever

"We're pleased to see the new Secretary's first action addressing top-of-the-line issues for sportsmen, sportswomen and other conservationists, including hunter access to quality wildlife habitat on our nation's public lands."

The Virginian - Pilot (Norfolk, VA.)

December 21, 2016

Obama extends ban on Atlantic drilling, including off Virginia coast. What will Trump do?; Environmentalists applaud, but the oil industry looks for a quick reversal from next president.

BYLINE: Dave Mayfield The Virginian-Pilot

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President Barack Obama on Tuesday put the weight of his waning administration behind banning oil and gas drilling off parts of the East Coast, including Virginia. The question immediately became: What will Donald Trump do? Industry groups are counting on him to reverse Obama's course soon after he takes over the White House in January.

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Obama invoked a rarely used provision of a 1953 federal law to declare 31 Atlantic Ocean canyons from New England to Virginia indefinitely off-limits, along with 125 million acres of the Arctic Ocean. The law says that "the president of the United States may, from time to time, withdraw from disposition any of the unleased lands of the outer Continental Shelf."

The two southernmost canyons to be protected are off Virginia, including the Norfolk Canyon, which begins 70 miles off the Virginia Beach coast. Together, all of the canyons make up about 3.8 million acres and are considered among the ocean's most diverse ecological "hot spots."

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center had been preparing much of the past year to nominate the Norfolk Canyon as a national marine sanctuary. A task force put the nomination on hold, however, after Trump's election last month, citing uncertainty over how the new administration would receive the initiative.

Obama's action Tuesday was accompanied by Canada's placing a moratorium on new leasing in its Arctic waters.

Environmental groups and tourism officials in many East Coast communities generally cheered Obama's action, though some said they had hoped he'd try to safeguard even more areas. They had been pressing for long-lasting prohibitions because Trump has said he wants to step up offshore exploration, which they fear could bring economically devastating oil spills.

Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association, decried Obama's action, saying it "not only risks the long-term energy security and energy leadership position of the United States, it **violates** the letter and spirit of the law." He argued that more oil and gas development, particularly in the Arctic, is vital to national security.

The president has twice before declared federal waters – off parts of Alaska – indefinitely off-limits to exploration, claiming powers he said were given to him under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. Some legal analysts have said that even if Trump declares Obama's latest decision null and void, the issue likely would be tested in court.

"There's no such thing as a permanent ban," said Erik Milito, a policy director at the American Petroleum Institute.

But Niel Lawrence, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the statute says a president can withdraw waters from the country's leasing plans and "it doesn't say you can put it back in."

The Obama administration's move to protect more areas of the Atlantic from drilling completes a turnaround. Last year, it included Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia in its 2017-22 offshore oil and gas plan. In March, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management pulled the Atlantic states from the blueprint, citing opposition from coastal communities, the Navy and NASA.

Administration officials still haven't decided whether to approve applications by six companies for seismic surveys for oil and gas along the East Coast – activities that are regulated in a separate process.

Environmental groups have asked the administration to reject the testing as well. They say it threatens to harm whales and other marine mammals.

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A group called the Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast has been particularly vocal on the anti-drilling side. Among its members are the Virginia Beach Restaurant Association and the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce.

Laura Wood Habr, vice president of the Beach association, said she was pleased that Obama recognized the importance of the canyons but wishes he had banned future oil and gas leases for the entire Atlantic coast.

"Water, just like air, has no boundaries," Habr said.

A spill anywhere along the coast would have wide-ranging effects, she said, including in the canyons over which Obama is seeking to throw a protective cover.

Pat Broom, a board member of the Outer Banks chamber, predicted that the opposition to drilling off North Carolina won't end under Trump: "There's definitely interest and energy to continue to push this issue and make it clear that we feel this is something that is not good for our area."

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NOIA Decries Obama Withdrawal of Offshore Areas, Looks Forward to [Trump Administration](#) ▼

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The National Ocean Industries Association issued the following statement by President **Randall Luthi**:

"[President Obama's](#) ▼ short sighted, unilateral withdrawal of Atlantic and Arctic Ocean areas from future oil and gas leasing not only risks the long-term energy security and energy leadership position of the United States, it **violates** the letter and spirit of the law.

"Such an expansive withdrawal, particularly when argued as being 'permanent', is clearly inconsistent with the Outer Continental Shelf Land Act's steadfast declaration that '... the Outer Continental Shelf is a vital national resource reserve held by the Federal Government for the public, which should be made available for expeditious and orderly development, subject to environmental safeguards, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs ...'

"Furthermore, today's decision puts the United States at a competitive disadvantage and sacrifices thousands of potential jobs and billions of dollars in government revenue. While other countries are ramping up offshore oil and natural gas exploration in the Arctic and in the Atlantic basin, [President Obama](#) ▼ has benched the United States, dismissing his own advisors who have argued that energy development, particularly in the Arctic, is imperative to our national security.

"Today's decision also ignores that global energy demand is projected to increase by as much as 48% by 2040, and that fossil fuels are projected to meet about 80% of that

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demand. A robust offshore leasing program is crucial not only to meeting America's domestic energy needs, but to providing an affordable, reliable and safe source of oil and natural gas to developing nations.

"We are hopeful that the incoming [Trump administration](#) ▼ can repair some of the damage done to the offshore energy industry and America's energy security over the past eight years by putting policies in place that increase, rather than decrease, access to federal offshore areas."

Farmington Daily Times (New Mexico)

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Feds: Fracking off coast not causing significant impact

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SAN DIEGO - An environmental assessment from two federal agencies released Friday determined that fracking off the coast of California causes no significant impact, thus lifting a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing that was instituted earlier this year.

"The comprehensive analysis shows that these practices, conducted according to permit requirements, have minimal impact," Abigail Ross Hopper, director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, said in a statement.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement joined in the assessment, which analyzed well stimulation treatments on 23 oil and gas platforms off California's coast between 1982 and 2014, and came back with a "Finding of No Significant Impact."

The Center for Biological Diversity, the environmental group that filed a lawsuit that resulted in the moratorium, said Friday it is considering filing another suit in light of the agencies' decision.

"Offshore fracking is just an incredibly dangerous activity and we certainly wish the federal government was taking stronger actions to protect our oceans and our coast," Miyoko Sakashita, the director of the center's oceans program, told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

The environmental assessment looked at fracking - in which high-pressured fluids are pumped into a well to break through rock formations to loosen oil and gas - as well as impacts from waste water that is disposed in the process.

Companies still need to go through the federal application and permitting processes to frack at individual sites.

Industry officials welcomed the Friday's announcement.

"Offshore energy is a vital source of jobs and revenue for both California and the U.S., and the sooner operations offshore California can resume the better," **Randall Luthi**, president of

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the National Ocean Industries Association, said in a statement, dismissing the **lawsuit** that led to the assessment as "hyperbole" from "extreme environmental groups."

The agencies' assessment looked into and oil and gas platforms on the Outer Continental Shelf, in federal waters.

Waters within three miles of California's coast are subject to state rules, which Sakashita said are stricter.

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Judge: WRG

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PARTICIPANTS: Honorable Michael Bromwich, director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement; **Albert Modiano**, president of the U.S. Oil & Gas Association; and Donald Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and commissioner on the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, **testify**

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U.S. Oil & Gas Association President **Albert Modiano Testifies** Before House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Legislative - Final

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Presentation

ALBERT MODIANO, U.S. OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT: Thank you for the invitation to the US Oil & Gas Association to comment on the Chairman`s Discussion Draft to Reorganize the Interior Department`s Offshore Energy Agencies.` `

The US Oil & Gas Association is the nation`s oldest oil and natural gas trade association. It was founded in October 1917 in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association following the United States` entry into World War I. A principal purpose of the Association`s formation was to provide essential supplies of petroleum and petroleum products to the allied forces; helping the Allies, ``. . .to float to victory on a wave of oil.`` The US Oil & Gas Association`s contribution to victory helped establish it as an Association in which individuals working cooperatively could resolve mutual problems and achieve great results.

Over the past ninety-four years the US Oil & Gas Association has been a strong advocate in public policy debates for the individuals who build and sustain the U.S. petroleum industry. These individuals represent companies of all sizes in the domestic industry, majors, independents; family owned companies, small partnerships as well as single entrepreneurships.

The Association has over 3,500 individual members, covering the full spectrum of the domestic petroleum industry. The Association is unique among industry trade groups. It is the only national association with Divisions in the States along the vital Gulf of Mexico; which include the Texas Oil and Gas Association, the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association of Oklahoma and the US Oil & Gas Association Mississippi/Alabama Division.

During my career I was a civil servant in the Department of Energy and in the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service (MMS) working on energy and oil and natural

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gas policy. At MMS, I first served as Director of the Office of Policy and then as the MMS Deputy between the years 1989 and 1993.

The Chairman has drafted an important discussion document on how Congress should reorganize MMS and delegate its authority to the President and Secretary of the Interior to undertake the nation`s business of federal leasing, approving development activity, safety, environmental review, sustained federal workforce competency and collecting the revenues associated with such activities.

Reorganization should be guided by several fundamental principles. The new organization should have clear lines of authority, it should be given the budget and staffing that it needs to do its mission, and it should be given the means and opportunity to discharge its responsibilities as efficiently as possible.

The USOGA shares and supports the need to establish clear lines of authority for oil and natural gas operations on federal lands and the Outer Continental Shelf and the collection of federal royalties. The discussion draft draws new lines of clear authority by establishing a new organization chart and adopting this organization by an act of Congress. With these clear lines of authority, it strengthens the Department of the Interior`s ability to undertake resource development, facility inspection, workplace safety and environmental stewardship.

The Chairman`s reorganization plan defines new institutional reporting responsibilities (with new supporting organizations and programs) and new Bureaus with focused and circumscribed priorities in a way that makes their role and mission understandable and accessible to all.

The Chairman`s discussion draft moves beyond the reorganization steps taken by Department of the Interior over the past year. It proposes an organic act for the new organization. It establishes a new Under Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The two new Bureaus reporting to the Under Secretary, Energy and Land Minerals, are- the Assistant Secretary Ocean Energy Safety (comprised of the Bureau of Ocean Energy and Ocean Energy Safety Service) and an Assistant Secretary Land and Minerals Management (comprised of the Bureau of Land Management Office of Surface Mining, reclamation and Enforcement). It also moves the existing Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation under the new Under Secretary. A new Under Secretary with direct congressional authority helps to make Department`s resource development activities and policies more transparent and accountable to the public and Congress.

By proposing an organic Act establishing the Under Secretary, Assistant Secretaries and Bureaus in place of MMS, the discussion draft recognizes that Congress should have an important role through its power of advice and consent in approving the President`s appointees nominated to lead and manage these activities. Senate confirmation of the President`s appointments to the Department of the Interior`s Under Secretary and Assistant Secretaries for Energy Lands and Minerals is an important part of checks and balances. Senate confirmation hearings often spark additional congressional and public discussion of national priorities and goals. The country`s federal oil and natural and gas development policies would likely also benefit from such confirmation hearings.

The discussion draft also codifies that the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget manage the Office of Natural Resources Revenue responsible for collecting all federal royalties and revenues for onshore and offshore energy production. It makes clear that royalty collection operations must be separated from leasing, safety and environmental responsibilities. However, a closer look if this action establishes clearer lines of authority, or not, should continue to be reviewed in greater depth.

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Collecting federal royalty payments it is a question of rules, accounting and accuracy.

The rules for such payments, accounting, auditing report records, and enforcement remains today, fundamentally, the same as the origin of the word ``royalty`` implies- the King`s collection of a share of the purse gained from any use and bounty obtained on the royal hunting grounds. A royalty payment for the value at the site of the catch is owed to the King. Americans expect no less from the use of its commonwealth. When the public, through the Department, awards a federal lease contract for oil or natural gas production, it expects to be paid its royalty share of the value of this resource taken at the point of its production.

This committee and the Chairman should consider whether, or not, the royalty collection and enforcement mission is really separated enough from the general policy and budget operations of the Department of Interior if it is housed in the policy and budget office. Just as the intermingling, threat of intermingling, or perceived opportunity for intermingling of priorities at odds with one another, was a concern when it was under the MMS roof, some might argue that unless this operation truly stands alone these concerns remain unaddressed. Given all of the above, the Chairman`s draft does provide greater clarity, competency, efficiency, and accountability to responsible resource development.

In addition to drawing clear lines of authority and accountability, providing adequate resources are critical for success. The new Under Secretary for Land and Resource Management and Bureaus must receive the necessary funds needed to succeed.

Congress ultimately determines funding.

Much of the impetus for reorganization came from concerns over royalty collection, safety and environmental review practices. In addressing safety, you cannot organize your way out of accidents, but you can help all participants understand and adopt operating practices to bring the risk as close to zero as humanly possible. Many of the Chairman`s proposals to address safety issues will mean authorizing and appropriating money to develop these programs. Safety evaluation and improvement never ends, it is a continuing priority year in year out. Congress should provide the necessary funds to keep these programs robust and moving forward.

Environmental stewardship is akin to safety. Studies, reviews and scientific analyses take resources of staff and money. Following the organizing principles of establishing clear lines of authority and a commitment to funding it is also important to review reorganization plans as to whether or not the new organization is also given the means to discharge its responsibilities as efficiently as possible.

The industry agrees with the goals of reorganization, but it is important to note that there is some concern about whether, or not, some parts of the plan provides the most efficient means to discharge its various missions. The question asked is does adopting an organic act help or distract from the goals of the proposed reorganization? Does creating a new bureaucracy help the Department of the Interior better manage its offshore agencies? In the end, is efficiency really improved?

In this case, some express concern that by reforming MMS (and adding some new missions) under an organic legislative mandate, Congress has created a new bureaucracy and a new energy monarch that might be less efficient, prone to mission creep, and lead to unintended consequences. The wiles of organizations and their development over time can be erratic and institutionalizing congressional power and authority at a single point, is a step that should be taken with serious review and scrutiny.

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However, consolidation also has many merits, and creating an Under Secretary, as stated before could be a very efficient way to organize. In addition, an Under Secretary also creates a champion for the Department's energy portfolio bringing both clearer and greater authority to the management, of its offshore energy activities. An Under Secretary could be champion for budget and staff, and give undivided management attention to keeping the trains on time. An Under Secretary could help increase the pace of energy development and highlight its importance. On the other hand, some are skeptical that separating under different entities the review of exploration plans and drilling permits could slow everything down and in the end not be efficient government. That is certainly a potential outcome, unless, again, there are adequate resources and staff assigned to these activities.

Of particular importance to the industry is the emerging and future role of the Center for Offshore Safety that the industry has established in Houston, Texas. The President's panel that studied the BP accident recommended the creation of an independent safety body to review all phases of drilling operations so as to assure that industry meets the highest international standards. The industry took the recommendation to heart by establishing and funding just such an institution.

This safety institute is designed to address many of the same safety concerns expressed by the current administration and by the Chairman - as demonstrated by the programs and organization proposed. The industry's Center for Offshore Safety is modeled on similar organizations established by foreign oil companies and the nuclear power and chemical industries. The goal is to improve the offshore safety through better and more efficient management and operations. The Committee should continue to study the draft's proposal to establish an Ocean Energy Safety Service --- so that the shared goal of safety is coordinated among government, industry and others so that it does not, unintentionally, become a forum only for academic debate, at the expense of adopting and deploying the latest, best safety scenarios.

The effort to reorganize and redirect the work of the former Minerals Management Service addresses many of the concerns about real or perceived conflicts by partitioning the mission across three new agencies. The Chairman's draft proposes steps and establishes organic congressional approval. The industry hopes that these changes provide the means to discharge these responsibilities as efficiently as possible so that operational and regulatory programs regarding onshore and offshore exploration, leasing, plan approval and permitting continue to be undertaken in as timely, certain, efficient and seamless manner as possible.

Again, a review of the Chairman's discussion draft in terms of it establishing clear lines of authority, a commitment to adequate budget and staffing to do its mission, and providing the means to discharge its responsibilities as efficiently as possible finds that these organizing principles are embedded in the reorganization proposal. In the end, however, the most important measure of a reorganization's success is if it works as intended - and as the industry relies so much on the actions of the Department for access, leasing and permit review it is critical that a new bureaucracy make things better, not worse.

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MMS STUDIES NEW WAYS TO SOLVE ROYALTY FIGHTS

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The Minerals Management Service is thinking globally in an effort to resolve many of the royalty-related disputes it has with oil companies.

The cases involve payment issues associated with leases, including product valuation, royalty reporting and payment, and production monitoring.

Albert Modiano, MMS deputy director, told OILGRAM NEWS in a recent interview that the intent of the "global settlement" approach is to "forestall years of protracted negotiations, years of staff time, and hundreds of hours of **audits**. The Justice Dept. spends lots of time and money each year litigating our cases and we win some and we lose some. . .

"There may be some cases in which the federal government would rather litigate.. .(But) in cases where we are confronting a potential risk in court, we would rather go forward and settle it and get 80-90 cents on the dollar, which is probably a pretty healthy settlement for the federal government, and open the system up." MMS has already reached an agreement in principle with Conoco resolving 26 cases, Modiano said. The agreement is under review and not yet final.

The Conoco settlement "grew out of discussions between ourselves and Conoco," Modiano said. "We both looked at it and thought there's got to be a better way to resolve these disputes" than the standard process of appeals and hearings that could take several years to resolve.

"We shouldn't let things sit for five or six years," he said.

It's not a good, efficient way to be as an organization that has both a regulatory hat and the hat of a landlord. It's just not efficient to let the money sit there." Before deciding to pursue a broad settlement of outstanding royalty disputes, MMS officials review the cases on a

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company by company basis. "At some point we sit down and determine what's in the best interest of the U.S. government, taking into account our litigation risk, whether the (MMS) director would or wouldn't rule in favor of the (company), and what our policy positions are," Modiano said.

MMS plans to discuss possible settlement negotiations with other companies.

"In some sense the companies have to take the step too," Modiano said. "They have to understand it is a very serious set of negotiations, that many things get put on the table, and we're doing in the best interests of the U.S. government. Companies are now looking at their own appeals before the director and deciding whether they want to take the risk." URL: <http://www.platts.com>

November 21, 1991

OCS POLICY PANEL FAULTS ASPECTS OF IMPACT AID

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An Interior Dept. proposal to give states and localities financial assistance to help pay for the effects of OCS development won't provide aid during offshore exploration, and that led to complaints to department officials by members of the OCS Policy Committee meeting in Fairfax, Va.

Paul Rusanowski, division of governmental coordination in the Alaska governor's office, urged Interior to "consider impact assistance during the exploration phase and not just during the production phase." Exploration activity "can have a significant impact" onshore, he said.

When told by a department official that the proposed impact assistance program wouldn't pay for a dry hole, Rusanowski asked, "Is this a useful way to sell the (OCS leasing) program?" Walter Cruickshank, chief of the economics, leasing and policy branch for the Minerals Management Service, alluding to the budget constraints the department is under, responded, "the more revenues you include, the harder it would be to sell the program" to the Administration.

Greg Sovas, director of the division of mineral resources for New York's Environmental Conservation Dept., told officials that if the department is asking the states to work with local communities to accept the federal leasing program, MMS will either have to fund state programs or develop its own. "You're not going to get to the royalty stage (which would pay for impact assistance) unless you have an educational program either funded or run by the MMS," he said.

Other members of the committee objected to Interior's proposal to provide half of the aid directly to local communities. Donna Moffitt, representing North Carolina, suggested the aid go directly to the states, which would be committed to giving half to local communities. "You would have the same result, but would remove the specter of buying off the local communities," she said.

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Cruickshank said the department is concerned that if it didn't provide aid directly to the local communities, coastal localities "with political power would get more money regardless of where the local impacts are." Other concerns were raised about the failure of the proposal to earmark how the money would be spent. Cruickshank acknowledged there would be no formal accounting system and that, theoretically, the money could be used by local officials to purchase an auto.

Jerome Selby, mayor of Kodiak Is. Borough, Alaska, responded that his accountability is to residents of his community, "and if I don't spend the money wisely, I shouldn't be around." **Albert Modiano**, deputy director of the MMS, told OILGRAM NEWS that while Interior doesn't want to dictate how the money should be spent, it has an obligation to track how it's used and "mechanisms to get at **abuse**."

Charles Groat, executive director of the American Geological Institute, representing Louisiana, said the state favors impact assistance legislation proposed by Sen. Breaux (D-LA), which provides 37.5% of bonuses, rentals and royalties on future production, compared to Interior's proposal of 12.5% of future royalties.

The Breaux bill would provide more financial assistance sooner than the Interior proposal, which is important for Louisiana because it must deal now with the effects of current, ongoing development, Groat told OILGRAM NEWS. Future development is likely to have less of an impact because of improved technology, he said. URL: <http://www.platts.com>

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Western Energy Alliance sues Interior over lack of federal lease sales

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HIGHLIGHT: The Western Energy Alliance filed a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Department of the Interior, claiming the department ignores nearly century-old federal law by failing to hold quarterly oil and gas lease sales.

The Western Energy Alliance filed a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Department of the Interior, claiming the department is ignoring nearly century-old federal law by failing to hold quarterly oil and gas lease sales.

In the suit filed Aug. 11 in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, the Western Energy Alliance said the DOI and the Bureau of Land Management are clearly violating the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, which set requirements on how many mineral lease sales are to be held yearly.

"Lease sales shall be held for each state where eligible lands are available at least quarterly and more frequently if the Secretary of the Interior determines such sales are necessary," according to the act.

Instead of holding quarterly lease sales, the Western Energy Alliance cites a number of instances where the BLM has canceled lease sales or failed to schedule four lease sales during a fiscal year. The group also claimed the Interior Department has changed its rules in some regions so that certain areas are only available for bidding once a year instead of quarterly.

"BLM's illegal administration of its leasing program has injured and will continue to injure individual Alliance members," the group said. "The failure to hold lease sales according to the Mineral Leasing Act's mandate unnecessarily delays - and can completely halt - development of certain federal minerals. Alliance members have had to wait years in many cases for leases to be finally offered for sale. Without a full leasehold, oil and natural gas operators cannot proceed to the development phase, and many Alliance members have had projects held up for years because of unnecessary and illegal delays at the leasing stage."

The Western Energy Alliance said it has issued Freedom of Information Act requests to BLM offices asking for documentation on how agency staff determines when to hold lease sales. In each case, the group said, its requests have met with silence. The group said BLM was doing the bidding of anti-oil-and-gas activists, whether intentionally or otherwise. "Through protests and petitions, the keep-it-in-the-ground movement is trying to coerce BLM into **violating** the law by stopping all leasing on federal lands," said **Kathleen Sgamma**, the group's vice president of government and public affairs. "Yet without doing anything, activists could achieve the same goal just by leaving BLM to its own devices. Western Energy Alliance is simply asking the courts to compel BLM to follow decades-old law and hold quarterly lease sales in every oil and natural gas state."

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EGGERT TESTIFIES AT SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OVERSIGHT HEARING

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The following information was released by the Colorado School of Mines:

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources invited Professor Roderick Eggert to testify on March 28 at an oversight hearing to examine the United States' increasing dependence on foreign sources of minerals and opportunities to rebuild and improve the supply chain in the U.S.

Eggert is a professor and interim director of the Division of Economics and Business, deputy director of the Critical Materials Institute, and Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation chair in mineral economics at Colorado School of Mines.

The hearing was March 28 at in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. It will be webcast live on the committee's website; an archived video is available.

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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee - Hearing

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EVENT: Full committee hearing on the United States' increasing dependence on foreign sources of minerals and opportunities to rebuild and improve the supply chain in the United States.

WITNESSES: Murray Hitzman, associate director for energy and minerals at the U.S. Geological Survey; Alf Barrios, chief executive of Rio Tinto Aluminum; Randy MacGillivray, vice president for project development at [Ucore Rare Metals Inc.](#); ▼ Kevin Cosgriff, president and CEO of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association; and **Roderick Eggert**, chair in mineral economics in the Colorado School of Mines's Division of Economics and Business, **testify**

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HOW TRUE IS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM ABOUT PRICE VOLATILITY OF TECH METALS?

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It's often assumed that exotic metals and minerals critical to clean energy technologies are more price volatile than more common commodity metals. They're mined in much smaller quantities and often as by-products of other high-volume production materials, and even slight changes in production, demand, and consumer end-uses can greatly affect markets.

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But are they really more price-volatile? Preliminary research by the Colorado School of Mines (Mines) and funded by the Critical Materials Institute (CMI) suggests that conventional wisdom about the high price volatility of by-product metals and minerals is generally true, but with several caveats.

"There's actually been very little empirical evaluation of the conventional wisdom, and this was an attempt to test that," said Rod Eggert, Deputy Director of CMI and professor at Mines. "This is a beginning. Further research could help us understand what's truly driving price volatility."

The research used regression analysis to compare the price volatility of by-product metals and minerals to commodity materials produced primarily or solely as main-products or individual products.

The data showed that over the past 50 years, using annual average pricing, metals and minerals with significant by-product production were 50 percent more volatile than those produced as main or individual products. But in contrast to annual data, monthly price data from the past ten years showed only mixed evidence that by-products have greater price volatility.

Eggert said the mixed evidence of price volatility using monthly price data may be explained by the smaller volume of transactions for by-product materials on a month-to-month basis, often leading to unchanged published prices for several months at a time.

The paper laid the groundwork for further study, which should investigate the underlying determinants of price volatility, which may include one or more of the following characteristics of metals produced as by-products: the dependence of by-product supply on developments in markets for the associated main product, the generally small number of producing mines or companies, few consumers and end-use applications and the general lack of transparency in these markets. All of these characteristics make by-product prices potentially more prone to volatility.

Understanding price volatility helps CMI make assessments of what materials may face supply risks in the future risks that may come in the form of either price volatility or physical unavailability of material, said Eggert.

"This helps us begin to understand the markets for a number of elements that up until now have been used in relatively small quantities in limited applications," said Eggert. "But these elements could be used in much greater quantities if certain clean energy technologies develop and grow."

"We read a lot of opinion about the prices of rare earths and other critical materials and where they're going. But CMI must focus on actual data. In order to direct our scientific research on the uses of these materials the most effectively, we must check these assumptions against what the numbers are really telling us," said CMI Director Alex King. The results of the research were published in the paper "Volatility of by-product metal and mineral prices" in *Resources Policy* by Michael Redlinger and Roderick Eggert from the Division of Economics and Business, Colorado School of Mines, and funded by the Critical Materials Institute.

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Colorado School of Mines Director and Professor, Division of Economics and Business Dr. **Roderick Eggert, Testifies** on Energy/ Mineral Resources Hearing on Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy - Final

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Conference Call Participants

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Presentation

RODERICK EGGERT: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Rod Eggert. I am Professor of Economics and Business at Colorado

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School of Mines. My area of expertise is the economics of mineral resources. I participated in two activities relevant for today`s hearing. I chaired the committee of the U.S. National Research Council (NRC) that prepared the 2008 report Minerals, Critical Minerals, and the U.S. Economy. I served as a member of the committee of the American Physical Society and the Materials Research Society (APS/MRS) that prepared the 2011 report Energy Critical Elements-

Securing Materials for Emerging Technologies.

I organize my remarks into three sections. First, I describe the context for current concerns about strategic and critical minerals. Second, I summarize the 2008 NRC report on critical minerals identified above. Third, I present my personal views on strategic and critical minerals, which are significantly shaped by the NRC and APS/MRS studies.

Context

Mineral-based materials are becoming increasingly complex. In its computer chips, Intel used 11 mineral-derived elements in the 1980s and 15 elements in the 1990s; it may use up to 60 elements in the future. General Electric uses some 70 of the first 83 elements of the periodic table in its products. In contrast, as recently as two or three decades ago, a typical household owned products containing perhaps 20 elements. Moreover, new technologies and engineered materials create the potential for rapid increases in demand for some elements used previously and even now in relatively small quantities.

The most prominent although by no means only examples are gallium, indium and tellurium in photovoltaic solar cells; lithium in automotive batteries; and rare-earth elements in wind turbines, hybrid vehicles, compact-fluorescent light bulbs, and a number of defense and military applications.

These technological developments raise two concerns. First, there are fears that supply will not keep up with the explosion of demand due to the time lags involved in bringing new production capacity online or more fundamentally the basic geologic scarcity of certain elements. Second, and more-directly relevant to today`s hearing, there are fears that supplies of some elements are insecure due to, for example, import dependence, export restrictions on primary raw materials by some nations, industry concentration, or the reliance on byproduct production that characterizes the supply of some strategic and critical minerals. In both cases, mineral availability or more precisely, unavailability has emerged as a potential constraint on the development and deployment of emerging and important technologies, especially in the clean-energy and defense sectors.

Minerals, Critical Minerals, and the U.S. Economy

It was in this light that the standing Committee on Earth Resources of the National Research Council initiated a study and established an ad hoc committee, which I chaired, to examine the evolving role of nonfuel minerals in the U.S. economy and the potential impediments to the supplies of these minerals to domestic users. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Mining Association sponsored the study, the findings of which appear in the volume Minerals, Critical Minerals, and the U.S. Economy (NRC 2008).

The report provides a broad context for current discussions and concerns. It defines a `critical` mineral as one that is both essential in use (difficult to substitute away from) and subject to some degree of supply risk. Under this definition, `strategic` minerals are the subset of critical minerals essential in military applications.

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The degree to which a specific mineral is critical or strategic can be illustrated with the help of a figure (Figure 1). The vertical axis represents the impact of a supply restriction should it occur, which increases from bottom to top. The impact of a restriction relates directly to the ease or difficulty of substituting away from the mineral in question. The more difficult substitution is, the greater the impact of a restriction (and vice versa). The impact of a higher costs for users (and potentially lower profitability), or physical unavailability (and a ``no-build`` situation for users).¹

The horizontal axis represents supply risk, which increases from concentration of production in a small number of mines, companies, or nations; market size (the smaller the existing market, the more vulnerable a market is to being overwhelmed by a rapid increase in demand); and reliance on byproduct production of a mineral (the supply of a byproduct is determined largely by the economic attractiveness of the associated main product). Import dependence, by itself, is a poor indicator of supply risk; rather it is import dependence combined with concentrated production that leads to supply risk. In Figure 1, the hypothetical Mineral A is more critical than Mineral B.

Taking the perspective of the U.S. economy overall in the short to medium term (up to about a decade), the committee evaluated eleven minerals or mineral families. It did not assess the criticality of all important nonfuel minerals due to limits on time and resources. Figure 2 summarizes the committee's evaluations. Those minerals deemed most critical at the time of the study that is, they plotted in the upper- right portion of the diagram were indium, manganese, niobium, platinum-group metals, and rare-earth elements.

Any list of critical minerals reflects conditions at a specific point in time. Criticality is dynamic. A critical mineral today may become less critical either because substitutes or new sources of supply are developed. Conversely, a less-critical mineral today may become more critical in the future because of a new use or a change in supply risk. Although the study did not make explicit policy recommendations, it made three policy-relevant recommendations, which I quote below-

1. The federal government should enhance the types of data and information it collects, disseminates, and analyzes on minerals and mineral products, especially as these data and information relate to minerals and mineral products that are or may become critical.
2. The federal government should continue to carry out the necessary function of collecting, disseminating, and analyzing mineral data and information. The USGS Minerals Information Team, or whatever federal unit might later be assigned these responsibilities, should have greater authority and autonomy than at present. It also should have sufficient resources to carry out its mandate, which would be broader than the Minerals Information Team's current mandate if the committee's recommendations are adopted. It should establish formal mechanisms for communicating with users, government and nongovernmental organizations or institutes, and the private sector on the types and quality of data and information it collects, disseminates, and analyzes. It should be organized to have the flexibility to collect, disseminate, and analyze additional, nonbasic data and information, in consultation with users, as specific minerals and mineral products become relatively more critical over time (and vice versa).
3. Federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation, Department of the Interior (including the USGS), Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and Department of Commerce, should develop and fund activities, including basic science and policy research, to encourage U.S. innovation in the area of critical minerals and materials and to enhance understanding of global mineral availability and use.

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Four Propositions I organize my personal views around four propositions. First, the issues are broader than rare earths, despite the prominence of rare earths in the news over the last year. Exactly 4 which minerals are `critical` (essential in use, subject to supply risk) varies from industry to industry, nation to nation, and over time. A number of recent studies suggest possible critical elements. Each list reflects a specific context. In the field of energy, the U.S. Department of Energy (2010) identifies five rare earths (dysprosium, europium, terbium, neodymium, and yttrium) and indium as especially critical to wind turbines, fluorescent lighting, electric vehicles, and photovoltaic thin films. A study by the American Physical Society and Materials Research Society (APS/MRS, 2011) focusing on energy technologies identifies the same six elements as possibly critical, plus several other rare earths, the platinum-group elements, and several elements important for photovoltaics (gallium, germanium, selenium, tellurium), as well as cobalt, helium, lithium, rhenium, and silver. For military hardware and defense systems, gallium, lithium, niobium, the rare-earth elements, rhenium, and tantalum. For European industry, the European Commission (2010) antimony, beryllium, cobalt, fluorspar, gallium, germanium, graphite, indium, magnesium, niobium, the platinum-group elements, rare earths, tantalum, and tungsten. The Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) maintains joint government-industry stockpiles for seven elements (chromium, cobalt, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, tungsten, and vanadium) deemed especially important for Japanese industry and for which there are significant supply risks. JOGMEC is closely monitoring several others (gallium, indium, niobium, platinum, rare earths, strontium, and tantalum). Over time, which materials are critical changes with advances in materials science and engineering that reduce reliance on specific elements, and with advances on the supply side that relax supply constraints. Second, each element has its own story, and import dependence by itself need not be risky. From all the attention rare earths have received, one might think that geopolitical risks and import dependence are the only cause for concern about availability and supply risk. Geopolitical risks and import dependence certainly are important for those elements with geographically concentrated production, where one or a small number of companies or governments might act opportunistically or unpredictably to the disadvantage of users. But import dependence by itself need not be risky if foreign sources are numerous and diversified, and if the associated foreign governments believe in undistorted international trade.

Different elements have different constraints on availability, as APS/MRS (2011) illustrates. Although essentially no element is in danger of being used up (or depleted) in a geologic sense, some elements are not significantly concentrated by geologic process above their average crustal abundance. Germanium used in fiber optics, infrared optics, 5 and photovoltaic cells is an example. Germanium is not especially rare on average in the earth's crust but rarely is present as the main component in minerals.

In other cases, technical limitations constrain the availability of an element. Rare-earth elements actually are not very rare geologically. They exist in a number of minerals, such as eudialyte, that at present are not a source of supply because existing methods of mineral processing and extractive metallurgy are inadequate (both technically and commercially) to remove the rare earths from other elements and, in turn, separate the specific rare-earth elements from one another.

Byproduct supply is another source of supply risk. Indium, for example, is produced as a byproduct of zinc production. Tellurium is a byproduct of copper refining. The key insight here is that the availability of indium, tellurium, and other byproducts is strongly influenced by the commercial attractiveness of the byproduct's associated main product (zinc in the case of indium, copper for tellurium). A significant increase in the price of a byproduct may

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not result in a significant increase in the production of the byproduct, once the available byproduct is recovered from a main-product ore.

Environmental and social concerns are factors influencing the availability of an element. The point is not to dispute that mineral production can have negative consequences for the natural environment or local communities; it can and does in some circumstances. Rather the point is- processes to ensure that mineral production occurs in ways that are consistent with standards for environmental protection and respect for society can (a) increase the time lag between an unexpected increase in demand and new production capacity to meet this demand and (b) redirect the location of production away from nations with stricter (or less-predictable) environmental and social rules to nations with less-strict (or more-predictable) rules. Third, markets are responding, but time lags can be significant. Markets provide powerful incentives for investments that re-invigorate supply and reduce supply risk. There are minor manias now in exploration for mineral deposits containing rare-earth elements and, separately, lithium. Over the next five to ten years, a number of non-Chinese rare-earth mines are likely to begin production. However, given the long lead times between initial exploration and mining (which can range anywhere from five to fifteen years or more), only those rare- earth projects in advanced exploration or development prior to the rare-earths crisis of the last year will be producing rare earths in the next few years.

Increased recycling also can be an important response to constraints on supply. Recycling comes in two forms. The most obvious comes from recycling of products at the ends of their lives for example, recovering ferrous and nonferrous metals from junked automobiles. Less obvious but very important is the recycling of manufacturing scrap or waste.

On the demand side, markets encourage users of mineral-based elements to obtain ``insurance`` against mineral supply risks. In the short to medium term users can, for 6 example, maintain stockpiles, diversify sources of supply, develop joint-sharing arrangements with other users, or develop tighter relations with producers. Over the longer term, users might invest in new mines in exchange for secure supplies or, undertake research and development to substitute away from those elements subject to supply risks. Fourth, there are essential roles for government. To ensure mineral availability over the longer term and reliability of supplies over the short to medium - Encouraging undistorted international trade. The governments of raw-material- importing nations should fight policies of exporting nations that restrict raw-material exports to the detriment of users of these materials.

- Improving regulatory approval for domestic resource development. Foreign sources of supply are not necessarily more risky than domestic sources. But when foreign sources are risky, domestic production can help offset the risks associated with unreliable foreign sources. Developing a new mine in the United States appropriately requires a pre-production approval process that allows for public participation and consideration of the potential environmental and social effects of the proposed mine. This process is costly and time consuming arguably excessively so, not just for mines but for developments in all sectors of the economy. I am not suggesting that mines be given preferential treatment, rather that attention be focused on developing better ways to assess and make decisions about the various commercial, environmental, and social considerations of project development.

- Facilitating the provision of information and analysis. I support enhancing the types of data and information the federal government collects, disseminates and analyzes. Sound decision making requires good information, and government plays an important role in ensuring that sufficient information exists. In particular, I recommend (a) enhanced focus

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on those parts of the mineral life cycle reserves and subeconomic resources, byproduct and coproduct primary production, stocks and flows of materials available for recycling, in-use stocks, material flows, and materials embodied in internationally traded goods and (b) periodic analysis of mineral criticality over a range of minerals. At present, the markets for most strategic and critical minerals are less than completely transparent, in large part because the markets are small and often involve a relatively small number of producers and users, many of which find it to their competitive advantage to keep many forms of information confidential.

- Facilitating education and research. I recommend that the federal government develop and fund pre-commercial activities that are likely to be underfunded by the private sector acting alone because their benefits are diffuse, difficult to capture, risky and far in the future. Over the longer term, science and technology are key to responding to concerns about the adequacy and reliability of mineral resources innovation that both enhances our understanding of mineral resources and mineral-based materials and improves our ability to recycle essential, scarce elements and substitute away from these elements.

Education and research go hand in hand. Educational programs, especially those at the graduate level, educate and train the next generation of scientists and engineers. On the supply side, education and research in the geosciences, mining, mineral processing and extractive metallurgy, environmental science and engineering, manufacturing, and recycling can help mitigate supply risks and increase mineral availability. On the demand side, improvements in materials design fostered by education and research in materials science and engineering can ease the pressures imposed by those elements or minerals subject to supply risks or limited availability. Government, in addition to simply funding education and research, can play an important role in facilitating collaborations among universities, government research laboratories, and industry.

A common conclusion of almost all recent studies on strategic and critical minerals is to urge governments to improve and expand activities related to information and analysis, education, and research (for example, APS/MRS 2011, European Commission 2010, NRC 2008). A number of other government interventions in markets have been proposed, such as military or economic stockpiles of rare earths and other critical elements; loan guarantees for investments in mines and processing facilities; and special, fast-track environmental permitting for mines that would produce rare earths or other critical minerals. These more-direct market interventions, although perhaps advisable in specific circumstances, are more controversial and less compelling in general as responses to the challenges of critical minerals.

To sum up my personal views, the current situation with strategic and critical minerals requires attention but not panic. By undertaking sensible actions today, there is no reason for crises to develop. But I also am aware that without a sense of panic, we may not undertake these actions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to address any questions you have.

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