



Royalty Policy Committee

Planning, Analysis and Competiveness Subcommittee
(Economics)



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Competitiveness
Subcommittee
Recommendations**

An onshore oil drilling rig stands in the center of a field. The rig is a tall, lattice-structured tower with a blue section near the top. In the background, there are several blue and white storage tanks and other industrial structures. The foreground is a field of dry, brown grass with a small stream or ditch running through it. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, suggesting an overcast day.

Onshore Working Group Recommendations

Presenter: Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance

Onshore Working Group Recommendation #1

Recommendation: BLM should conduct a pilot project for active resource areas to implement a Notification of Permit to Drill (NPD) program in lieu of obtaining an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) on eligible Federal Lands. Upon receiving an operator or lessee's NPD submittal, the BLM would have 15 days to notify the operator in writing if the NPD is incomplete.

Not later than 45 days after receipt of a complete NPD, the BLM shall either: (1) notify the operator of any objections; or (2) take no action. If no action is taken, the operator may conduct the drilling and production activities for which the notification of permit to drill was submitted. If the BLM notifies the operator of an objection, the operator may resubmit a revised NPD or resubmit application as an APD.

Nature of change: This pilot project may be conducted through rulemaking or by inclusion in the Department's legislative proposals to Congress



Coal Working Group

Presenter: Matthew Adams, Cloud Peak Energy

Coal Working Group Recommendation #1

Recommendation: RPC recommends that the Secretary of the Interior pursue rulemaking to adopt all applicable provisions to the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification Act of 1996 to include Federal coal by the provisions of each statute. The Secretary should also propose including Federal coal be included in the statute in his legislative proposals to Congress.

Nature of change: This change would require rulemaking and an inclusion in the Department's legislative proposals.



Thank You

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