

**Subpart W Stakeholders Conference Call
January 8, 2015**

ATTENDEES

EPA: Reid Rosnick, Tom Peake, (ORIA), Susan Stahle (OGC),

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

Industry: Jim Cain, Cotter

Other: Travis Stills, Energy and Conservation Law Office

UPDATE

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

Since our last call, the comment period for the proposed rule has closed (October 29, 2014). I just looked at our docket to see how many comments have come in, and we currently have about 40 comments of varying size. FYI, our docket number is EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0218.

The process going on right now is to review all of the comments, group together comments that make a similar point, determine which comments can be addressed immediately and which comments may take longer to address. We also need to determine which comments will be addressed by our contractor, as they for instance specifically worked on the risk assessment. Now that the holidays are over I will be scheduling a meeting of the work group and get the ball rolling on the same type of internal document that we produced for the proposal, namely the analytic blueprint. This document will chart the path we will take with the end result being a final rule. I'll be happy to discuss this process if you like. (Analytic Blueprint, Early Guidance, researching, responding to comments, writing the rule, Final Agency Review, OMB review, Administrators signature).

DISCUSSION

Sarah Fields – EPA needs to withdraw the proposal and start over. There are too many errors, lies and misinformation. The changes are too significant to continue with a final rule. EPA needs to start again.

Tom Peake- The 192 rule has been signed by the Administrator. We believe publication in the Federal Register will be on Monday, January 11. We are posting all of the regulatory information on our website. The proposed rule focuses on ground-water protection at in-situ leach (ISL), a.k.a. in-situ recovery (ISR) uranium recovery facilities. We have a list-serv and we are sending

the pre-publication notice and a fact sheet out. If you would like to be notified, send you email address to rosnick.reid@epa.gov and we will send it to the proper people.

Sarah Fields – When will EPA address the section of 192 that regulates conventional mills? Also, I hope the public hearings will be held in areas where the people most affected live. Denver is not that type of area.

Tom Peake: We hope to look at other revisions after this proposal has cleared.

Next call: Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 11 AM Eastern Time.

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