ATTENDEES

EPA: Reid Rosnick, Susan Stahle (OGC), Angelique Diaz (Region 8)

Environmental Groups/Tribes: Sarah Fields, Uranium Watch; Aaron Mentzes, Earthworks; Paul Robinson, SW Research and Information Center; Scott Clow, Mike King, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Uranium Industry/Other: Jim Cain, Cotter; Scott Bakken, Cameco; Richard Bluebaugh, Powertech; Darrel Lyles, SENES; Richard Potter

UPDATE

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

EPA has addressed the comments from OMB staff and other interagency comments successfully. OMB staff has cleared the draft rulemaking and it was reviewed by OMB management. OMB officially cleared the draft proposed rulemaking on January 13, 2014. The package was returned to EPA, where several housekeeping items were be addressed, and the package began its trip to the Administrator’s office for signature. After signature the proposed rule will be sent to the Office of the Federal Register for publication, probably this month.

DISCUSSION

Sarah: How long is the comment period?
Reid: 90 days

Scott: Has EPA considered placing the rule (when it’s published) on the American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) portion of EPA’s website? Reid will look into it. Joann Chase is a contact in AIEO.

There was a request for a summary of what is in the proposed rule. Reid stated that that information cannot be released until after the proposal has been published in the Federal Register.

Question on if the proposed rule… will it include response to comments received – Reid clarified the process. The final rulemaking will include a response to all the comments in the preamble or a separate document, depending on the volume of comments. You will see some comments received to date addressed in the rule.
Sarah – Will it go on the federal rulemaking website? www.regulations.gov Reid – yes, the rulemaking will have a specific number and you can either 1. Submit a comment or 2. Read other comments at that website.

Sarah –Any idea of schedule after comments received? Reid – it will depend on the scope of the comments and if they have been addressed already or not.

Darryl – Joined late and asked for a process update. Reid – summarized info stated in his update.


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