

Meeting Notes

Agency: Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office

Location: Cheyenne, WY

Date: January 12, 2009

Attendees:

Irene Yu, NRC
Patrice Bubar, NRC (via phone)
Nancy Barker, VHB
Ed Heffern, Geologist, BLM
Janet Kurman, NEPA Specialist, BLM
Larry Claypool, BLM
Larry Jensen, BLM
Pam Stiles, BLM
Bob Jonssen, BLM

Purpose:

To talk about the status of the MOU

Discussion:

- Patty gave an overview of how the MOU came about and the status of the MOU
 - Comments on the MOU from OGC and staff are ready to go back to BLM HQ
 - NRC lead, BLM as cooperating agency for license application
 - NRC cooperating agency, BLM as lead for Plan of Operations
 - MOU to be signed by Feb 09 according to BLM HQ
- BLM feels that MOU should be signed at the state level
- BLM in the state and field offices have not had a chance to review the MOU
- BLM provided NRC with a copy of the new DOI implementation of NEPA regulations and a copy of their MOU with DEQ
- BLM does not feel that they can go with an EA for these ISL facilities because of the public interest in these applications and because the GEIS is inadequate
- BLM's main concerns are water quality and cumulative impacts at these sites

Questions:

- Does the MOU include state contacts?
- At what point does the NRC engage with other agencies and notify them that they are undertaking an environmental review of an ISL application?
- Does the reducing nature of the CBM process and the oxidizing nature of the ISL process cause a problem? This needs to be addressed in the EAs.
- Should NRC have quarterly calls with BLM and DEQ regarding current and future applications?

Action Items:

None

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