Uinta Basin
Oil and Gas Operators

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- Proposed Oil and Gas Related National Rulemakings

- Methane/VOC Regulatory Updates

- Tribal NSR Federal Implementation Plan (FIP)

- Definition of Source

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Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

Methane/VOC Regulatory Updates - NSPS OOOO Revisions and Control Techniques Guidelines

EPA proposed revisions to build on our 2012 New Source Performance Standards for the oil and gas industry to reduce methane emissions and to achieve additional reductions in VOC emissions.

- This rule would apply to new sources nationwide – including to sources in Indian Country
- Draft Control Techniques Guidelines – or CTGs – provide states guidelines for requiring VOC reductions from existing sources in ozone nonattainment areas that are classified as moderate and above. (See Handout)

Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

- EPA proposed a national Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for implementing the Tribal Minor NSR Program for new and modified oil and gas production sources in Indian country.
  - Proposed FIP would be in lieu of site by site permitting for sources in attainment areas.

- EPA proposed to revise the definition of source under 40 CFR 52.21 (PSD) permitting regulations for certain oil and gas emission units.

Proposed Oil and Gas Related Rulemakings

- The proposed rules (NSPS/CTGs, Tribal NSR, and Source Definition) will be published together soon in the FR.
- 60 day comment period after publication.
- Public hearings scheduled for Sept 23 (Denver and Dallas) and Sept 29 (Pittsburgh).
- Plan to finalize all three rules Summer 2016.

Approaches in Indian Country for Control of Existing Sources

- If necessary and appropriate, EPA may issue a site-specific FIP for tribal lands at risk of becoming non-attainment status, consistent with EPA's Tribal Authority Rule.

- From the proposed Tribal NSR FIP: "The EPA's plan is to address existing sources, to the extent necessary, in the context of area- or reservation-specific FIPs designed to address areas or reservations with air quality issues (including nonattainment areas), as they arise, that are associated with oil and natural gas activities."

Questions?