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From: Fells, Sandy
Sent: Wed 7/10/2013 9:13:07 PM
Subject: FYI -- House Science Joint Subcommittee hearing next week -- a few more details

All –

Title: Lessons Learned – EPA's Investigation of Hydraulic Fracturing -- EPA is 0 for 3

Hearing is scheduled for July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Joint Subcommittee hearing – Environment Subcommittee, Chaired by Chris Steward (UT); and Energy Subcommittee, Chaired by Cynthia Lummis (WY)

Requested witness is Dr. Fred Hauchman, **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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EPA is only federal witness

No confirmation of additional panel members, but likely will include academia, API, oil & gas industry representative

OCIR will be providing Region 8 (Ayn) with draft testimony and Qs and As asap. Testimony is due to OMB for clearance on Mon., July 15 by 11:00 a.m. MDT.

Ayn will be coordinating with Martin, Howard and Shaunl, regarding any comments on the drafts.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Add'l info -- Here's Rep. Stewart's press release from June 20:

Stewart Statement on EPA Reversal of Fracking Claims in Pavillion, Wyo.

Third Instance of Missteps Highlights Agency's Growing Record of Baseless Attacks on Oil and Gas Production

Jun 20, 2013

Washington, D.C. – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced it has backed away from its controversial study alleging groundwater contamination from hydraulic fracturing activities in Pavillion, Wyo. The study, released in December of 2011, was met with a firestorm of criticism and concerns, including the absence of peer review prior to the report's release, a lack of data transparency, failure to adhere to information quality guidelines, and poor sampling and monitoring techniques that called into question the validity of the results.

Environment Subcommittee Chairman Chris Stewart (R-Utah): "I am happy to hear the EPA give up on this report and its erroneous conclusions, and conceded that state-level expertise and capabilities are most appropriate for overseeing safe and responsible energy production. This news is further evidence that the agency was more interested in pursuing headlines than sound science in its misguided and mishandled investigation in Pavillion. I can only hope the agency will learn from this mistake, as well as the mistakes made in Parker County, Texas and Dimock, Penn. and think twice before it smears the reputation of a community without the facts, data and conclusions to back up its allegations. In the coming weeks, I plan to more closely examine what went wrong to prevent these sorts of mistakes from being repeated and look forward to the Science Committee's continued leadership on this issue."

After the release of the draft report in 2011, the Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a hearing in which witnesses pointed out the flaws, weaknesses and shortcomings of the EPA investigation in Pavillion, including failure to coordinate with the state of Wyoming and utilize the

expertise of state regulators with experience in both the issues and the unique geologic conditions on the ground. In response to criticism of its handling of the investigation, EPA had extended the comment period on the report, set to conclude in January of this year, to September in an unprecedented nine month extension.

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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:40 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Cantor, Howard
Cc: Fells, Sandy; Stavnes, Sandra; Schmit, Ayn
Subject: RE: Please confirm coverage for agenda topic on for tomorrow's Biweekly RA HF Call @ Noon ET

Right now, Howard and I are scheduled for consultation with Wind River Tribes during this RA HF call tomorrow. Can you cover it?

Shaun McGrath

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From: Briskin, Jeanne
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 11:14 AM
To: Hanley, Mary; Teichman, Kevin; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Matthews, Lisa; Kumar, Chitra; Ruf, Christine; Hyde, Tinka; Bates, William
Subject: RE: Please confirm coverage for agenda topic on for tomorrow's Biweekly RA HF Call @ Noon ET

I can be on the line about the Cleveland conf. should we add the HF HSST hearing?

From: Hanley, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Teichman, Kevin; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Briskin, Jeanne; Matthews, Lisa; Kumar, Chitra; Ruf, Christine; Hyde, Tinka; Bates, William
Subject: Please confirm coverage for agenda topic on for tomorrow's Biweekly RA HF Call @ Noon ET
Importance: High

Hello,

You or your organization is identified to cover a topic on tomorrow's RA call agenda. The draft agenda, attached, mirrors the agenda for the call on June 26th which had to be cancelled at the last minute. Please confirm, asap, that your or someone from your organization will be on the line to cover the topics as noted in the attached. In the case of Pavillion, will can someone from Region 8 be available to cover that tomorrow? Note that I will be reviewing the draft agenda with the COS this afternoon so there may be some changes. When final, I will send it around. Thanks

Mary