

**Highlights of
Teleconference on Workshop Process
Federal Oil Rule
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Participants

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Purpose

The purpose of the telecon was to discuss the processes and procedures for conducting the upcoming workshops on the Federal oil rule.

Key Points

- Industry wanted to know what kind of give-and-take could occur at the workshops. DOI replied that it could not make firm decisions, but could discuss the merits of the proposals and what direction it would head.
- Industry indicated that it would like to present its proposals to DOI in a personal setting. DOI stated that all discussion at the workshops must be completely open to the public under the rules of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Industry requested that the workshops be held in continuum. That is, progress on an issue made at one workshop would be carried forward to the next workshop before taking on new issues. DOI agreed with that approach.
- DOI stressed that it would need time to consider new proposals before attending the workshops. Therefore, it requested that industry submit its ideas in advance. Industry indicated it would try to respond to DOI's request by Wednesday, March 17.

- DOI stated that its workshop participants would include, at a minimum, Lucy Querques Denett, Hugh Hilliard, John Northington, Peter Schaumberg, and Debbie Gibbs Tschudy. Industry indicated it would like DOI to consider including other technical experts at the workshops. DOI asked that industry provide the names of DOI technical experts that industry would like to attend the workshops. Industry stated it would try to supply the names by Wednesday, March 17.
- DOI requested that industry's participation represent all segments of the industry, including majors.
- Industry agreed to submit a proposed agenda to DOI to further delineate the workshop process. Workshop panels are also being considered.