

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA

## Committee

## No.

80502

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

08/15/2016

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

08/15/2018

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

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## 8c. Actual Term Date

01/01/2018

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGENCY

## 13. Effective Date

12/21/2012

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open

0

## 17b. Closed

0

## 17c. Partially Closed

0

## Other Activities

0

## 17d. Total

0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

In order to achieve EITI status, countries must meet certain sign-up requirements, including the formation of a Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI and develop a fully-costed work plan. The Committee fulfilled the sign-up requirements by serving as the initial MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary is made available to all other interested parties and the public. The Committee also considers and makes

recommendations concerning whether the current formulation of the MSG as a FACA committee proves adequate to achieve and maintain EITI compliance, and, if not, determining what the optimal alternative organizational and administrative structure would be to accomplish that purpose.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee consists of approximately 24 members, but will not exceed 27 members. The Secretary may appoint members selected from, but not limited to:

- Up to 9 members representing the extractive industry, including oil, gas, and mining companies and industry-related trade associations.
- Up to 9 members representing civil society organizations, including organizations with interest in the extractive industry, transparency, and government oversight and members of the public, as well as public and/or private investors.
- Up to 9 members representing the Federal, State, and/or local government interests, Tribal governments and individual Indian mineral owners.

The Secretary appoints members to the Committee to serve for 3-year terms. Alternate members may be appointed to the Committee. Alternate members must be approved and appointed by the Secretary before attending meetings as representatives. Alternate members shall have experience and/or expertise similar to that of the primary member. Any vacancy on the Committee is filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary appoints the Committee Co-Chair(s).

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee meets approximately three to four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee serves as the MSG and its duties include consideration and fulfillment of the tasks required to achieve EITI compliant status. In that capacity, the Committee: Develops and recommends to the Secretary a fully-costed work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation, and incorporating an assessment of capacity constraints. This plan is developed in consultation with key EITI stakeholders and published upon completion. Regular Committee and Subcommittee meetings provide opportunities for collaboration and consultation among stakeholders so the MSG is set to advise the Secretary and issue proposals for conducting long-term oversight and other activities necessary to achieve EITI candidate and compliant status.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The USEIT MSG has fulfilled its responsibilities to the Secretary as documented in the Charter and is now terminated. The Department, through ONRR will continue to mainstream (publicly disclose) DOI revenue reporting in lieu of redundant company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation. The Department, as managed by ONRR, has robust audit and assurances practices in place to demonstrate accountability for the revenues paid and received for our country's oil,

gas, and mineral resources. In September 2011, the U.S. announced that it would begin the multi-year process of becoming an EITI compliant country. The U.S. intends to implement EITI to provide accessible and useful information about public resources and their associated revenues. Doing so better informs public policy and strengthens public trust. With this effort in participatory government and collaborative decision making, public financial management will be enhanced and citizens will have easier and more understandable access to information about public resources which the government manages on their behalf. In December 2012, following a comprehensive stakeholder assessment and call for nominations, the Secretary of the Interior formed the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Federal Advisory Committee, also known as the MSG. The MSG is comprised of 21 members and 20 alternates who represent a variety of stakeholders. The USEITI MSG has been meeting regularly since February 2013 to oversee USEITI implementation, define the scope and materiality for initial reporting, prepare an application for EITI candidacy, and meet the requirements contained in the EITI Standard. In December 2013, the Secretary of the Interior submitted the application for candidacy and in March 19, 2014, the U.S. became an EITI candidate country. The U.S. published its first USEITI Report in December 2015 and its second Report in November 2016. The U.S. was prepared to issue a 2017 Report to the EITI International Board for validation in April of 2018, however, in preparing to do so it became apparent that there were U.S. laws that would prevent us from meeting specific provisions of the EITI Standard. In May 2017 the U.S. announced postponement of the June 2017 meeting pending a final decision on whether to formally withdraw

from the initiative.

## Designated Federal Officer

Judith Wilson Manager, Information and Data  
Management Program

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adamson, Rebecca	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	President, First Peoples Worldwide	Representative Member
Alvarado, Estella	03/04/2016	12/21/2018	Anadarko Petroleum	Representative Member
Blank, Michael	08/09/2016	08/08/2019	Peabody Energy	Representative Member
Brian, Danielle	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Executive Director, Project On Government Oversight (POGO) Senior Stainability	Representative Member
Bugala, Paul	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Analyst, Extractive Industries, Calvert Investments	Representative Member
Carlson, Curtis	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Financial Economist	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Denning, Phillip	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Shell Oil Company	Representative Member
Farrell, Lynda	03/04/2016	03/03/2019	Pipeline Safety Coalition	Representative Member
Gardner, Michael	08/06/2015	08/05/2018	Rio Tinto	Representative Member
Ginsberg, Susan	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Vice President, Crude Oil and Natural Gas Regulatory Affairs, Independent Petroleum Association of American (IPAA)	Representative Member
Gould, Gregory	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kohler, Veronika	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Director of International Policy, National Mining Association	Representative Member
LeVine, Michael	12/11/2013	12/22/2018	Oceana	Representative Member

Lenoir, Julie	12/23/2015	12/22/2018	Blackfeet Nation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Matthews, Mike	07/18/2014	12/22/2018	State of Wyoming Dept of Audit - Mineral Audit Division	Representative Member
Nesseth, Johanna	12/23/2015	12/22/2018	Chevron	Representative Member
Romig, Keith	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Technician, United Steelworkers (USW)	Representative Member
Ross, Michael	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Professor, UCLA Department of Political Science	Representative Member
Smith, Carl	12/21/2012	12/22/2018	Executive Director, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission	Representative Member
Taylor, Betsy	12/23/2015	12/22/2018	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Representative Member
Ware, Claire	01/13/2015	01/13/2018	Shoshone Arapaho Minerals Compliance Office	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 21**

### **Narrative Description**

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency concerning revenue from natural resources by monitoring and reconciling industry payments and government revenues at a national level. In order to achieve EITI status, countries must meet certain sign-up requirements, including the formation of a Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI and develop a fully-costed work plan. The Committee fulfilled the sign-up requirements by serving as the initial MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary is made available to all other interested parties and the public. The Committee considers and makes recommendations concerning whether the current formulation of the MSG as a FACA committee

will prove adequate to achieve and maintain EITI compliance, and, if not, determining what the optimal alternative organizational and administrative structure would be to accomplish that purpose.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee**



**for the life of the committee?**

7

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Advisory Committee has put forth several formal recommendations to the Department of Interior and the EITI International Board and they are: 1. The United States Candidacy Application 2. Terms of Reference for the Independent Administrator 3. Request for Adapted Implementation 4. 2015 Executive Summary and Reconciliation Report 5. 2016 Executive Summary and Reconciliation Report 6. Request for Extension of Adapted Implementation 7. Beneficial Ownership Roadmap

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

71%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

All of these recommendations were accepted by the Department and the EITI International Board and fully implemented with the exception of the Beneficial Ownership Roadmap and the Request for Extension of Adapted Implementation.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Not Applicable

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

At the June 10-11, 2014 meeting Secretary Sally Jewel attended the Advisory Committee Meeting and profoundly thanked the Committee for all their hard work. At the November 16-17, 2017 meeting Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and National Security Council Member Mary Beth Griffin would both addressed the group to thanked members for their efforts.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Access Comments**

All advisory committee meeting materials are publicly available at: [www.doi.gov/eiti](http://www.doi.gov/eiti)