DENR Staff Proposal for Stakeholder Involvement in the Development of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Program

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Recommended Stakeholder Group

- A group of individuals who represent the various stakeholder interests related to oil and gas management in North Carolina
- Meetings would occur as needed, perhaps every other month, starting with an orientation
- Meetings could be less frequent if the MEC does not need input at a particular stage in the process
- To make discussions productive, membership would be limited to 20 to 25 people
- Group would disband once rules are adopted and regulatory program is established

Stakeholder Group Functions

- Stakeholder Group could provide input to decisions being made by the MEC in the form of recommendations
- Meetings could include:
 - Briefing on topics the MEC has heard
 - Discussion of alternatives MEC is considering
 - Providing expertise on issues the MEC may not be personally knowledgeable about
 - Review and discussion of draft rules MEC is considering
 - Finding consensus among stakeholders to formulate group recommendations to the MEC

Stakeholder Group Members

- First draft of list of members comes from S.L.
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- Additional members added based on recommendations of DENR staff
- Not all members would have to attend all meetings
- The public will be welcome to attend meetings but not to participate in discussions

Recommended Membership

Local Government

- 2 from municipalities in the Triassic Basin, selected by NCLM
- 2 from counties in the Triassic Basin, selected by NCACC

Industry

- 1 from the American Petroleum Institute
- 1 from America's Natural Gas Alliance

Consumer Protection

- 1 from Consumer Protection Section of the Department of Justice
- 1 from RAFI-USA

Agriculture

North Carolina Farm Bureau

Recommended Membership, cont'd

DENR Staff Experts (1 representative each)

- Division of Air Quality
- Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources
- Division of Waste Management
- Division of Water Quality
- Division of Water Resources

Other State Agencies (1 representative each)

- Department of Transportation
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Labor
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Division of Emergency Management
- Wildlife Resources Commission

Recommended Membership, cont'd

Environmental Organizations

 3 representatives from 3 different organizations, chosen to represent the range of viewpoints within the environmental community

Scientific and Technical Expertise

3 representatives from different organizations

Additional Participants

Staff and MEC

- DEMLR staff to facilitate and take notes
- MEC members
- STRONGER as possible

Additional Contacts List

- Anyone else who wishes to receive information about upcoming meetings and stay in the loop
- Individuals on the contact list may provide input into stakeholder meetings by communicating with another stakeholder or with DEMLR staff

Additional Opportunities for Public Input

- Public comment periods
- Contacting DEMLR staff
- Contacting other stakeholders

Shale Gas Listserv

http://lists.ncmail.net/mailman/listinfo/denr.shale.gas