

**Subject:** OOG Program Review Meeting

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At the direction of DEP Secretary Randy Huffman, the Office of Oil and Gas (OOG) has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of initiating a comprehensive program review to be conducted over the next few months.

The oil and gas industry has certainly evolved since many of the regulations and policies were developed, and a review of the program is needed to determine what changes may be necessary to ensure proper regulation of these operations. While much of the emphasis will be placed on issues surrounding the Marcellus Shale development, it is our intent to consider all aspects of the program including regulatory framework, funding, staffing, policy, etc., in this review process. We have tried to identify and include the various interested perspectives for this review.

We cordially invite you or your representative to attend the initial "kick-off" meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in our Kanawha City office at 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. Our plan for this "kick-off" meeting is to conduct a round table discussion that allows participants an opportunity to share issues of interest that may be considered for future evaluation. If you have the opportunity to formulate your issues in writing to provide to the group, that would also be beneficial.

In order to accommodate the possible number of attendees, we would ask that you contact B.J. Chestnut at [B.J.Chestnut@wv.gov](mailto:B.J.Chestnut@wv.gov) if you plan to attend.

Sincerely,

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Chief