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To: Atlantic Rim Monitoring Groups and Review Team

From: Dennis Carpenter, Field Manager 

Subject: Recommendations For and Changes to Monitoring Procedures for the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project

Recent discussions among the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM), Rawlins Field Office (RFO), interagency staff and participants on the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project Review Team have shown the need for a standard process for bringing proposals for monitoring or changes to monitoring for Atlantic Rim forwarded through the Review Team for a decision by the BLM-Authorized Officer. The process brought forward from the Review Team is adopted as the RFO's procedure. It includes:

1. The working group outlines the specific criteria and protocol for meeting the Record of Decision goals or the change to an already established criteria and protocol.
2. The working group shares this information with industry participants on the Review Team.
3. The work group receives comments from industry, and makes modifications, adaptations, or supplements as appropriate to the specific criteria/protocol.
4. The new or modified proposal goes to the Review Team for comments and recommendations.
5. The Rawlins Field Manager (BLM-Authorized Officer), reviews the comments and recommendations from the Review Team members and makes a decision.

6. The Review Team and the public are notified of the decision by letter.
7. It is the Field Manager's intention that this will be a process that is expeditious.

If you have any questions, concerns, or issues that might arise in this matter, please feel free to e-mail David Simons, Atlantic Rim Project Lead, at d75simon@blm.gov.