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Subject: RE: meeting

Heard from our POC in the WO on Monday (7/22). The Deputy who is reviewing the NOI requested every reference to "climate" and "greenhouse gasses" be removed. We did. Eddie reviewed and approved the changes. I sent it back to the WO on Tuesday (7/23). Heard from our POC right away. She said she forwarded it to the Deputy...but no idea when it will be approved. Could be days or weeks.

FYI: Cindi West called me on Tuesday. She just wanted an update. She seemed surprised (and not surprised) about the request to remove references to climate and greenhouse gasses. All of her interactions with the Department have been very supportive of the work in her office (in spite of what the main stream media reports about the "Administration").

Bottom-line: public meetings are on hold. We are not moving forward, per Eddie, until the NOI is published.

I'll keep you posted.

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Any word on public meeting yet?



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