

To: Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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Re: An update on SCEG Natural Resources subcommittee

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A summary of actions by Natural Resources subcommittee

- Subcommittee has met 4 times
- Subcommittee asked for stakeholder comments and suggestions in February; 2,200 emails sent and online input tool available since January
 - 7 organizations or individuals responded by email or via online survey
- Subcommittee continues to explore issues related to 2 suggestions:
 - the cost for counties to post septic permits online,
 - the development of electronic forms related to permitting under the Metal Mine Reclamation Act
- Subcommittee has identified additional issues for staff analysis:
 - cooperative agreement between Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and DEQ for sharing of mining records
 - information related to job training programs in departments of Commerce and Labor and Industry
- Some subcommittee suggestions have been directed to the IT subcommittee, specifically related to notarized affidavits required for some permits
- Subcommittee is not scheduled to meet again
- SCEG scheduled to meet in June (in Havre) and September