Transition Team Question #1

Q: Does FE have a Policy Group for SPR that interfaces with policy decision at DOI's BLM and on issues regarding OCS matters or with MMS?

- **Deliverable: Confirm whether FE does in fact have such a policy office for SPR**.

A: SPR Policy Group

No, the Office of Fossil Energy does not have a centralized policy office; however, the Office of Petroleum Reserves does have a policy group that is responsible for assessing SPR-related issues and establishing FE positions on SPR program policy issues. The SPR's policy group plans and executes studies to advise senior DOE managers on critical policy matters such as the appropriate SPR size, drawdown rates, use policies, and oil market vulnerabilities. The SPR policy office is also responsible for conducting assessments of potential market impacts resulting from DOE crude oil acquisition.

The Petroleum Reserve's SPR policy group and Office of Operations and Readiness maintain a working relationship with the Department of the Interior/Mineral's Management Service. This relationship allows both Departments to collaboratively execute Administration policy initiatives associated with SPR fill and the Royalty-in-Kind Exchange Program.