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United States Geological Survey

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Announcement of Public Briefing on Development of a Database of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Associated with Fossil Fuel Extraction from Federal Lands

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: USGS will conduct a public briefing on its work to develop a publicly accessible database on the greenhouse gas emissions associated with extraction of fossil fuels from federal lands.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 9 AM to 11 AM ET

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the USGS Auditorium (1C111), USGS National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robin O'Malley, Climate and Land Use Change Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 516, Reston, VA 20192, romalley@usgs.gov, (703) 648-4086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In January 2015, Interior Secretary Jewell requested that the US Geological Survey “establish and maintain a public database to account for the annual carbon emissions from fossil fuels developed on federal lands.” This meeting will provide a briefing on the basic methods, data sources, and likely format and content of project output. Results and data will not be presented; these will be contained in reports that undergo full USGS peer review and are expected in mid-2017. Note: In addition to carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH₄) emissions, the USGS project team was also able to obtain data for nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions.

Meeting Agenda: The objective of this meeting is to provide the public with a basic understanding of the methods being employed in this project and to ask questions. There will be several presentations followed by a question and answer period. Members of the public will be asked to state questions succinctly; written materials may be provided after the meeting (see contact information above) to expand upon any questions or comments.

The meeting location is open to the public and is wheel-chair accessible. Please contact USGS (see above) if additional assistive / interpretive or other services are required. We will do our best to meet any such needs. Public parking is available without charge in the USGS Visitor Lot.

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