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**July 11, 2017**

**9:00-9:30      Daily Scheduling Meeting**

Location: Office

**10:00-10:30      Drive to Holiday Inn Capitol**

Staff: Laura

**10:30-11:00      American Farm Bureau Council of  
Presidents**

Location: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C

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Staff: Laura

**11:00-11:30      Drive to DOI**

Location: Office

**11:30-12:00      Update on Klamath**

Location: Office

Staff: Alan, Scott Cameron

**12:00-12:30      Call with Mexican Energy Secretary Joaquin**

Location: Office

Staff: Vincent, Karen Senhadji

**1:30-2:00      Meeting with Chief of Staff**

Location: Office

**3:00-4:30      FWS Sportsmen Briefing**

Location: Office

Staff: Downey, Greg Sheehan

**5:00-6:00      Tour of Lincoln**

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**United States Department of the Interior**  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
**COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

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**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have two briefings:

10:30 - 11:00	am	American Farm Bureau Council of Presidents Remarks
12:00 - 12:30	am	Call with Mexican Secretary of Energy Joaquin

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### COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**TIME:** 10:30 - 11:00 am  
**SUBJECT:** American Farm Bureau Council of Presidents Remarks  
**FROM:** Aaron Thiele

#### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Provide remarks regarding to state and Puerto Rico American Farm Bureau Federation Presidents during their annual DC conference. Topics they would like to hear about is how the Department of Interior under the Trump Administration is going to work with farmers and ranchers. Antiquities Act / Monument Review, Endangered Species Act, and agricultural opportunities on federal lands and permitting issues are some of their top priorities.

#### II. PROGRAM DETAILS

**ATTIRE:** Business  
**PRESS:** Closed

#### III. PARTICIPANTS

51 State/Puerto Rico Farm Bureau presidents, AFBF President Zippy Duvall, EVP Julie Anna Potts and an estimated 55-60 with staff. AFBF photographers will be present.

#### IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

10:00	am	Depart DOI en route Holliday Inn
10:20	am	Arrive Holiday Inn, Greeted by Valeria Zavala
10:25	am	Enter hold room adjoining conference room
10:25	am	Introduction of Secretary by AFB President Zippy Duvall
10:30	am	Remarks from Secretary
10:50	am	Q&A session
11:00	am	Secretary exits stage
11:05	pm	Depart en route DOI

#### V. DISCUSSION

Describe the issue, topic, or event being briefed and include relevant actions or policy implications. If recommending a particular action for the Secretary, add it in brackets, as in the example below.

#### VI. ATTACHMENTS

**In Briefing Book:**  
**TAB 1:** Zippy Duvall Bio



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**TIME:** 12:00 - 12:30 am

**SUBJECT:** Call with Mexican Secretary of Energy Joaquín

**FROM:** Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs (202-208-5479)  
Ethan Taylor, Senior Policy Adviser, OIA (202- 513-7748)

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#### I. PURPOSE

DOI's cooperation with Mexico began more than a century ago, on shared and migratory species. Energy is also high priority for the U.S.-Mexico bilateral relationship, and Mexico's Energy Ministry (SENER), led by Secretary Pedro Joaquín (hwa-KEEN), is one of DOI's primary counterparts, particularly with regard to management of offshore oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of this courtesy call is to:

- become acquainted and underscore the importance of a strong DOI-SENER relationship;
- reinforce the importance of our technical exchanges on oil and gas resources, especially in implementing the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs Agreement (TBA) to manage transboundary oil and gas reserves along the maritime boundary in the Gulf of Mexico.

#### Participants

##### DOI

Vincent DeVito, Energy Counselor

Karen Senhadji, Director, Office of International Affairs

Ethan Taylor, Senior Policy Adviser, Office of International Affairs

##### SENER

Secretary of Energy Pedro Joaquín

Alejandro Amerena, Director General of International Affairs

#### II. TALKING POINTS

- Recognize the long-standing importance of Mexico for DOI.
- Underscore the importance of a strong relationship between DOI and SENER.
- Encourage continued technical exchanges and sharing of best practices between DOI, SENER and its National Commission on Hydrocarbons (CNH), to learn from each other's experiences, and to support Mexico's energy sector reforms.
- Highlight that DOI continues to work with SENER and CNH to implement the Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement (TBA), and look forward to holding an annual TBA meeting with Mexico in the coming months to discuss implementation.
- Share that DOI is eager to finalize the Model Transboundary Unitization Agreement this year.
- *IF ASKED about the status of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI):* As is typical in a transition, the Administration is reviewing many existing initiatives. EITI is one of them, and further activity is on hold until this review is completed.



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## III. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

### DOI Energy Counterparts in Mexico

- SENER is responsible for overseeing oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, as well as onshore.
- Within SENER, the National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH) is a major counterpart for DOI.
- Another key counterpart in Mexico for DOI is the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT).
- SEMARNAT oversees environmental regulation of oil and gas production through its Agency for Safety, Energy, and the Environment (ASEA).

### The Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement (TBA)

- The Agreement was negotiated between the Department of State and the Mexican Foreign Ministry (SRE), with support from DOI and Mexico's SENER.
- The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (P. L. 113-67) granted the authority to implement the terms of the Agreement to the Secretary of the Interior.
- The TBA sets out a framework for joint exploration and exploitation of geological hydrocarbon structures and reservoirs across the U.S.-Mexico maritime boundary.
- The State Department, DOI's Bureaus of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) implement the TBA for the U.S.
- SENER/CNH, SEMARNAT/ASEA and DOI exchange best practices in offshore management and regulation to implement the TBA.

### Additional DOI Cooperation with Mexico on Energy

- DOI engages extensively with Mexico, both onshore and offshore, particularly in regions with potential transboundary reserves, such as the Gulf of Mexico.
- Mexico's historic energy sector reforms – signed into law in August 2014—can strengthen its resource management framework and help stabilize and diversify energy supplies.
- Regulatory exchanges involving BOEM and BSEE encourage a level playing field and a familiar regulatory framework for U.S. companies.
- Joint incident response planning and exchanges on regulatory practices can also help reduce the risk that oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico will threaten U.S. waters.
- DOI's U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has also engaged periodically with Mexico on energy.
- USGS provides science-based, impartial comprehensive information on global energy resources to help ensure a stable U.S. supply for future economic and societal needs.
- These assessments typically rely on strong cooperation and information sharing with partners in the relevant countries, including Mexico.
- In 2014, USGS released an assessment of unconventional oil and gas resources in Northeast Mexico.
- In 2012, USGS released a report on undiscovered conventional oil and gas accumulations within priority geologic provinces of Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize.
- DOI's International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) receives funding from the State Department Energy Bureau for DOI bureaus to engage in technical exchanges.

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- With this funding, DOI-ITAP partners with Mexico and other countries to exchange best practices on both unconventional and conventional oil and gas resources.
- Recent DOI-ITAP activities with Mexico include workshops on oil spill preparedness and response, and environmental management of offshore oil and gas development.
- In the past, DOI has shared information with SENER about implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which is under review in the U.S.

**IV. BACKGROUND****Pedro Joaquín, Secretary of Energy (SENER)**

**Current Tenure:** Mr. Joaquín has been the Secretary of Energy (SENER) under President Peña Nieto since December 2012.

**Professional Background:** Mr. Joaquín is a member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), and has had many different positions within the party and in public service. He has been director general of the Fondo Nacional para el Desarrollo Turístico (FONATUR) and general secretary of his party. He served as Governor of Quintana Roo from 1981 to 1987. He was appointed Secretary of Tourism in 1990 by former president Carlos Salinas de Gortari and has also served in the Chamber of Deputies. Mr. Joaquín succeeded Marco A. Bernal as Peace and Reconciliation Commissioner in Chiapas. In 1998, President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León appointed him Ambassador to Cuba. In 2005, Mr. Joaquín joined Alfonso Romo's political group Opción Ciudadana.

**Educational Background:** Mr. Joaquín studied law at the Universidad Iberoamericana.

**Personal Details:** Mr. Joaquín was born on August 5, 1950 in Cozumel, Quintana Roo. Mr. Joaquín is the son of Nassin Joaquín Ibarra, a businessman from Cozumel, and his sister, Addy Joaquín Coldwell, is also active in political circles.