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# Update from SME

## Light at the end of the Tunnel?



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## Notable Activities since 2011 Meeting

- SME and SEC discussions
- Petition for Rule Change of IG7
- SME Guide Update
- USGS Workshop

## SME and SEC discussions

- Meeting in December 2011 in Washington
  - SME CRIRSCO Representatives (2)
  - SME Reserve Committee other Representatives (2)
  - SME Public Affairs and Governmental Relations Director
  - 6+ representatives from SEC, levels 1-4 (of 6)
- Agenda
  - SME Guide and IG7 Comparison
  - CRIRSCO Family of Codes
  - Current Issues
- SEC declines adding IG7 update to its short term agenda in January-February 2012

SME decided best approach to get change of IG7 onto the SEC's work agenda was to file a Petition for Rule Change of IG7

- External counsel selected in May 2012.
- Outline developed by SME Reserve Committee used as basis to draft petition
- First Draft issued May 30, final draft September 29, 2012. Petition drafted with input from SME Reserve Committee, CRIRSCO, and Industry Representatives
- Petition filed with SEC October 1, 2012; congressional support being sought

SME Reserve Committee met at the SME Annual meeting in February 2012.

- SME Guide needs re-alignment with CRIRSCO Template
- Committee agreed to form a working group to begin process for update
- Target is 2013 for SME Guide update

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) invited SME CRIRSCO representatives to a workshop and presentation

- Workshop to update USGS personnel on international standards for resource and reserve reporting
- Harry Parker attended workshop on October 19th

- Sponsored by Minerals Information Center
- Attended by 30 persons
- Separate meetings with staff and management thereafter

- Minerals Information Center used to be part of Bureau of Mines. Part of USGS for 10-15 years
- Consists of commodity and country specialists
- Annual reports published
- They tabulate statistics on resources and reserves from various sources. Probably cover more of the world than any other government agency
- Production statistics sent to Federal Reserve for use in industrial production models (very important)

- Most are members of SME and attend local section meetings
- Glad to hear of/from “outside world”
  - SEDAR
  - JORC code update. Very confused by Resources used by Australian Govt. Told equivalent to USGS reserves
  - Existence of NAEN code and mapping Russian GKZ system to CRIRSCO Template

- No plans to update Bulletin 1450 or Circular 831
- Could possibly write letter to SEC supporting updating Industry Guide 7. Then could pull stats from 10K and 20F reports. Urge codes to require recovery factors – reserves to saleable product
- Agree ASTM proposed standard on resource depletions and sustainability ill advised and will not support it