



The Weekly Preview

May 17 – 21, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Monday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight field hearing on "Managing Water for The Future: How Federal, State, and Local Entities are Supporting Agriculture." The Subcommittee will receive testimony from water managers and local farmers on innovative water conservation practices, ongoing water supply studies, and challenges in protecting the agricultural integrity of northern Colorado.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify:

- Mr. Michael J (Mike) Ryan, Regional Director, Great Plains Region, Bureau of Reclamation, US Department of the Interior, Billings, Montana
- Mr. Allen Green, State Conservationist, NRCS Colorado, US Department of Agriculture, Lakewood, Colorado
- Accompanied by Ms. Trudy Kareus, Executive Director, FSA Colorado, US Department of Agriculture, Lakewood, Colorado
- Ms. Jennifer Gimbel, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Denver, Colorado
- Mr. John Stulp, Commissioner of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Lakewood, Colorado
- Mr. Douglas Rademacher, Weld County Commissioner and Farmer/Rancher, Greeley, Colorado
- Mr. Jim Yahn, Chair South Platte Roundtable, Director of North Sterling Irrigation Co., Sterling, Colorado

- Mr. Bob Sakata, Farmer, Sakata Farms, Brighton, Colorado; Mr. Don Ament, Farmer and Former Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, Iliff, Colorado
- Mr. Eric W. Wilkinson, General Manager, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Berthoud, Colorado
- Mr. Tom Cech, Executive Director, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, Greeley, Colorado
- Mr. Harold Evans, Chairman, City of Greeley Water and Sewer Board, Greeley, Colorado

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(May 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., University of Northern Colorado, University Center, Columbine Suites, 2045 10th Ave, Greeley, CO)*

- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on the "Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam." The Subcommittee will receive testimony from representatives from the CNMI and federal officials on the progress and status of the implementation of federal immigration law in the CNMI.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(May 18, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

Quotable Quote

"It has long been evident, and I have repeatedly argued – as illustrated by clear ethical conflicts between its duties to both leasing and royalty collections – that too many responsibilities and too much power reside under one roof. Given this disaster in the Gulf, one has to ask whether leasing and safety policing are like oil and water and simply do not mix. I look forward to discussing Secretary Salazar's proposal to separate these functions in greater detail when he testifies before the Committee as part of a two-day oversight hearing on the BP oil rig explosion on May 26 and May 27."

–Chairman Nick J. Rahall III (D-WV), on May 11, 2010, after Interior Department Secretary Ken Salazar announced a proposal to split the Minerals Management Service (MMS) into two distinct agencies - one to inspect oil rigs and enforce safety regulations and one to oversee leasing and royalty collections. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [press release](#).

Calendar

Monday 5/17	Tuesday 5/18	Wednesday 5/19	Thursday 5/20	Friday 5/21
Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Field Hearing (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)			

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