

**Talking Points for  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ANNA GOMEZ  
COMMERCE SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
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- It is my pleasure to welcome you again to the Department of Commerce for this meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee. Our Assistant Secretary, Larry Strickling, is unable to attend today because he is testifying to Congress. He sends his best regards to all of you.
- I want to thank outset our co-chairs, Dale Hatfield and Bryan Tramont, and all of the members, for your extraordinary commitments of time and energy to this committee. I know you have been exceptionally active and have worked hard within your subcommittees to define issues and produce draft reports.
- Today, good spectrum policy is more important than ever. We can't rest on our laurels. We are weeks away from release of the National Broadband plan. It is more and more apparent that good spectrum policy is a foundation to a good broadband policy. .
- New and more efficiently used spectrum can make a significant contribution to a more competitive broadband Internet access marketplace. Research and development can lead to innovative new spectrum access technologies, and these can spur a new round of innovation that will increase domestic spectrum efficiency through sharing and opportunistic use. If there is one thing we know about spectrum, is that there is increasing scarcity in the "beachfront" locations. If we are to get better at expanding the availability and affordability of broadband, we need to get better at sharing – between federal users, between commercial users, and between federal and commercial users. We need your expert advice in addressing this issue
- The reports you are working on for discussion at today's meeting and future sessions – on spectrum inventory, transparency, adjacent band interference and dynamic spectrum access, and incentives, will lead the way in spectrum management. This is why I emphasize the need for you to be specific as to the actions NTIA can take to implement your recommendations.
- And the work is just beginning, as you further define and explore these issues in your future work and advice to NTIA.
- Thank you all again for being here today. With that, I'd like to turn this meeting back over to our co-chairs, Dale and Bryan.