

Protocol: Follow-Up Interviews

- 1a. If the status of the issue is known, ask:
I am aware [*explain what is known about the official status of the issue*]. Has anything else happened with this issue since [*month of initial interview*]? [*Probe about changes in venue; if status is unclear, probe to see if the issue is, realistically, still alive*]
- 1b. If the status of the issue is not known, ask:
So I was wondering if you could tell me what's happened with [*issue*] since [*month of initial interview*]? [*Probe about changes in venue; if status is unclear, probe to see if the issue is, realistically, still alive*]
2. If the issue is not alive, ask:
Do you foresee this issue coming up again in perhaps some other form or coupled with some other policy or directed at some other set of policymakers?
3. One of the things we talked about in our meeting was the other people who were actively involved with this issue. You mentioned [*specific names of policymakers, staffers, other lobbies*]. Are these people still involved? Are there any new players on this issue?
 - 3a. [*If relevant*] Have you continued to work with [*names of coalition partners*]?
 - 3b. Are you working with any people or groups that you weren't working with the last time we spoke?
 - 3c. You also mentioned that you were targeting [*names of members of Congress, agency personnel, etc.*] on this issue. Are these people still your targets? Do you have any new targets on this issue?
4. When we spoke last time, you said the primary argument you were using to advance your position on this issue was [*describe argument*]. Is that still your main argument, or have you incorporated other arguments at this point? [*If new arguments added, probe for which is primary and why the new arguments are being used*]
 - 4a. [*If relevant*] Why has your argument changed?
5. So, looking back at what's happened so far, do you feel that your organization [*you*] had an impact on this issue?
6. You've already been very generous with your time so let me bring this to a close. I just wonder if there's something else on this issue that I should be asking about?

[*If appropriate, ask for permission to follow up later.*]