

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY
December 8, 2009
1-2 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – **Lois Uranowski**

HDQ – John Craynon, **Josh Rockwell, Fred Block, Carmen Fells**

MCR – **Kim Vories** (Team Leader)

WR – **Duane Matt**

TIPS – Lou Hamm

NTTP – Sarah Donnelly, **Tom Hines**

IMCC – **Greg Conrad**

WEIB – Dave Berry

NAAMLPL – **Rick Chancellor**

Attendees in **Bold**

WR Report

- A **service manager visit** was completed to the state of UT. The TIPS chief attended the meeting for support.
- A **Minority Higher Education Program** (MHEP) presentation was given at Adams state college in the state of Colorado. Contacts and follow-ups were made with both University of New Mexico and Salish Kootenai College.
- **Applied Science Cooperative Agreement** correspondence has been fairly heavy.
- Planning of **OSM Technology Transfer booths** for both the Society of Mining Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) and the Colorado Mining Association (CMA) are ongoing.
- Discussion on the proposed **oversight effect** and how it will affect the TIPS program are taking place. The Western Region Management Council (WRMC) is taking place this week and they will discuss TIPS involvement in future oversight operations.

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 30-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** *Currently working on field trip logistics and contracts, hotel contract, and event program.*
- **White Nose Syndrome** – Now occurs in 65 caves in 9 states. Killed up to 1 million bats since outbreak in 2007. Caves on Federal lands in 33 states have been closed. Many States are closing caves on State lands. Plans are being prepared to raise some endangered species (Virginia Big Eared Bat) in captivity in an attempt to save them.
- **BCI MOU** - MCR has been working with Bat Conservation International to renew the earlier 5-year agreement. MCR is preparing a draft MOU for this effort.
- **CCB Placement at Mines.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held in Morgantown, WV with a one day field trip and a two day forum in **2011**.
- **Ohio State University CCB Research** – Research is now entering Stage 2 which is field implementation. MCR has sent a letter to OSU committing to providing technical assistance as requested.

- **MCR AMD Workshop in Indiana** – Plans are progressing on a regional workshop focusing on passive treatment in *April 13 & 14, 2010*.

AR Report:

- The **AMD Water Treatment Workshop for AML** will be held March 2-4, 2010 in Morgantown, WV. The main objective of the workshop is to provide state AML professionals a platform to share technical practices for treating acid mine drainage.
- Core team planning the **2010 ASMR joint conference with ARRI, PA Watershed Coalitions and AR Technology Transfer** has been meeting to plan this huge event. The conference will be held June 5-11, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. Information including the **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (due October 19th)** can be found at <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com/>
- The **ARTT team meeting** will be held February 24-25, 2010 in Charleston, WV; main purpose is to rank the Applied Science proposals.

NTTP Report

- Fifty **training course offerings** are planned for the NTTP FY2010 calendar.
- The **Instructor Training Course** was held November 1-6, 2009. Twenty new NTTP/TIPS instructors were added to instructor talent for the training programs.
- Ann Walker will be sending out the request letters to supervisors for instructors for FY 2010 probably by the end of this week.
- The **NTTP Steering Committee meeting** will be on Feb. 3-4 in New Orleans.
- NTTP will be inviting individuals to attend and critique the ‘dry run’ of the new **SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures course** Feb. 22-26.

HEADQUARTERS Report

- Due date for FY’ 10 UGMM proposals is February 5th. Next week Josh will be hosting a conference call with all UGMM PTRs to review the interim guidance document(s) as it relates to the UGMM program. We will also be discussing inclusion of a goals statement with the co-ops and developing standard reporting formats.
- Josh will be attending the MSHA, “Coal Impoundment Design Manual Meeting” next week. He will report back to NTTT with a summary. Attached is a copy of the agenda for this meeting. What is interesting is that MSHA is calling this an “Impoundment Design Manual,” and on the agenda, the document is titled “Engineering and Design Manual: Coal Refuse Disposal Facilities.” This course may just be specifically looking at the changes to the Impoundment areas of the total document.

TIPS Report

- It was proposed to buy more **ArcGIS licenses** as ESRI software has no license sharing.
- The TIPS license **server** for the west has moved to the federal center. It has been proposed to move the east server to Washington D.C. Headquarters.
- Discussion on the proposed **oversight effect** on the TIPS program showed us in a holding pattern for the time being. The Western Region Management Council (WRMC) is taking

place at this moment and they will discuss TIPS involvement in future oversight operations.

IMCC Report

- IMCC held its **benchmarking workshop on electronic permitting and mobile computing** on October 28 and 29 in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. A total of 56 state and federal representatives attended the workshop which received an overall rating of 4.5 out of 5 for value and effectiveness. Many remarked that it was one of the best and most helpful training sessions that they have ever attended. IMCC thanks the NTTT for their assistance with the direction of the workshop. At this point, IMCC has expended all of its funding for this project and will not be able to hold additional workshops without receiving more in the way of OSM contract funding.

WEIB Report

- No report was provided.

NAAML P Report

- The 2010 Winter Meeting will be held at Lajitas TX February 21-23, 2010.

Exhibit Schedule

The following is the current OSM exhibits planned for the calendar year 2008/2009.

- ISMR Jasper, IN December 7-8 by MCR
- ASMR Pittsburgh, PA June 7-10, 2010 AR (National Coordination)
- Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum Charleston, WV, August 31- September 3, 2010 by MCR
- NAAML P Annual Meeting Scanton, PA Sept 19-22, 2010 by AR
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, College Station, TX October , 2010 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting, TX, October 2010, by MCR
- ISMR Jasper, IN December, 2010 by MCR

Next conference call will take place **January 21, 2009 at 1:00 PM CST.**