

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY  
January 8, 2009

Participants

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HDQ – John Craynon  
MCR – Kim Vories (Team Leader), Len Meier  
CLT – Erv Barchenger  
WR – Duane Matt  
NTTP –  
TIPS – Lou Hamm  
IMCC – Greg Conrad  
WEIB – Dave Berry  
NAAMLPL – Rick Chancellor

WR Report

The western region tech transfer group continues to prepare for two upcoming conferences:

- The SME/CMA conference to be held February 22-25, 2009 in Denver, CO.
- The ASMR/BLRS/WRTT combined conference to be held May 30-June 5, 2009 in Billings, MT.

MCR Report

- **Indiana Bat and Coal Mining.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held in the Charleston WV area with a one day field trip and a two day forum in 2010.
- **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 2010.
- **Geomorphic Reclamation. *Working on a request for over 30 Federal Employee authorization. 39 registered to date.*** The steering committee is continuing planning for an event April 28-30, 2009 in Bristol, VA with a one day field trip and a two day forum. On line registration is available at:  
<https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/Geomorphic-Reclamation-and-Natural-Stream-Design-at-Coal-Mines>.
- **Ohio State University CCB Research** – MCR has been working with the OSM CCB regional team at the request of OSU to begin cooperating on an Ohio CCB research initiative to conduct case studies on the use of FGD in mine reclamation. MCR is preparing a draft MOU for this effort.
- **Indiana Bat Coordination Work Group** – *Draft guidelines have been developed. OSM will send to Field Offices for comment. FWS will send to area offices for comment. Last round of comments to be incorporated and document distributed by end of March.* IN Bat Recovery Plan Final by Summer 2009.
- **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.

#### AR Report:

- University of Pittsburgh is holding, a briefing January 15, 2009 on the **Consol Mining Map Project**. Partnering with Consol Energy, Inc., PA Department of Environmental Resources and OSM, the University is preserving old mine maps and working with the other partners to digitally preserve these maps.
- OSM Tennessee has recently completed a **financial forecasting manual** that lays out yearly planning for long-term mine water treatment trust funds
- **The 2010 ASMR Conference** will be co-hosted by ARTT. The dates have just been set for June 5-12, 2010; the hotel in Pittsburgh, PA has been selected with contract negotiations are in progress. Other hosts include ARRI, Stream Restoration Inc. and Western Pennsylvania Coalition of Abandoned Mine Reclamation.
- **Planning is underway for 2009 AML technical workshop** highlighting innovative techniques to solve AML remediation projects.
- The **ARTT Team (bi annual) meeting** has been scheduled for February 24-25, 2009 in Charleston, WV. The main goal of this meeting is to review and rank the 2009 Applied Science proposals. The AR rankings will be forwarded to the National Technology Transfer team for inclusion in the national ranking process.

#### NTTP Report (*Need an Update by Sarah*)

- No report provided.

#### TIPS Report

- A new **Appalachian Region TIPS Coordinator** has been appointed. Eric Perry has been selected to replace Bill Winters.
- The **2009 TIPS Steering Committee** meeting will take place in Nashville, TN on May 19-21.
- TIPS has acquired some new **Service Managers**; therefore, a meeting of all TIPS Service Managers was held in Pittsburgh, PA during the first week of December to coordinate and discuss tasks, and bring the new Service Managers up to speed with their expected tasks.

#### HEADQUARTERS Report (*Need and Update by John*)

- The **proposed rule for mine placement of CCBs** will not be out until sometime in the new administration.
- HQ Division of Regulatory Support (DRS) will be sponsoring OSM's participation at the **Geological Society of America meeting in Portland, OR** in October 2009. Staff will work with MCR to ensure that the reserved booth is utilized.

#### IMCC Report - "No new updates"

- **Benchmarking Workshop on E-Permitting:** IMCC will definitely be moving forward with this workshop, but will not hold it until July or August of 2009. State travel restrictions loom large in our ability to schedule this, and other, workshops and conferences. We are hopeful that things will have loosened up a bit by next summer. IMCC staff is working with a steering committee to develop the program.

- **Benchmarking Conference Call on Water Quality Implementation Issues:** IMCC plans to hold a conference call to engage in some benchmarking activity on the subject of water quality implementation issues under SMCRA and the Clean Water Act. This will be a first attempt at trying to do this via conference call. It is tentatively scheduled for the January/February timeframe. We will develop an agenda of key issues, which will be initiated with a brief discussion by an affected state and then discussion will follow for a limited time period. This may result in a series of calls on the subject matter.
- **Transition Team Report:** IMCC will submit two reports to the Interior Department Transition Team: one concerning OSM and the other focused on the other Interior bureaus that we interact with (USGS, BLM).

#### WEIB Report

- No new events to report.

#### NAAML P Report

- The **Winter Business Meeting** of the NAAML P will be held in Oklahoma City March 17 and 18 at the Courtyard by Marriott.

#### Exhibit Schedule

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

- WOCA Conference, Lexington, KY May 4-7, 2009 by AR (National Coordination)
- Geomorphic Reclamation and Natural Stream Design at Coal Mines Forum April 28-30, 2009 by AR (National Coordination)
- ASMR Conference, Billings, MT May 30-June 5, 2009 by WR (National Coordination)
- NAAML P Conference, Rogers, AR September 24-30, 2009 by MCR (National Coordination)
- GSA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR October 18-21, 2009 by HDQ (National coordination)

Next conference call will be February 12, 2009 at 1:00 PM CST.