

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY
January 21, 2010
1-1:30 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – **Lois Uranowski**
HDQ – **John Craynon, Josh Rockwell, Carmen Fells**
MCR – **Kimery Vories** (Team Leader)
WR – Duane Matt, Dale Herbort
TIPS – **Lou Hamm**
NTTP – Sarah Donnelly, **Tom Hines**
IMCC – **Greg Conrad**
WEIB – **Dave Berry**
NAAMLPL – **Rick Chancellor**
Attendees in **Bold**

WR Report

- The 112th **National Western Mining Conference** will take place in Denver on February 9-11. We will have an NTTT booth there.

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 31-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** *Currently working advertising this event.*
- **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.
- **MCR AMD Workshop in Evansville, Indiana** – Plans are progressing on a regional workshop focusing on passive treatment of AMD in *April 13 & 14, 2010*.
- **Ohio State University CCB Research** – Research is now entering Stage 2 which is field implementation. MCR was involved with a conference call with OSM representatives from AR and the OSU researchers on their plans for conducting their field research.
- **EPA CCB Rulemaking** – MCR staff have been providing input to HDQ for OMB on comments on the proposed EPA rulemaking that would remove the beneficial use category for mine placement and require that disposal would constitute a hazardous waste designation. OMB has extended the Federal comment period by 30 days. MCR staff will participate in a conference call with OMB, DOE, DOI, and DOT today on the issue.
- **FY 2010 Applied Science Status** – We received 46 proposals, 26 AR, 9 WR, and 11 MR. A CD with the proposals has been sent to AR so that they can be placed on a controlled access website. The proposal review should be able to begin the week of January 25.

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 Mine Reclamation joint conference (ARRI, PA Watershed Coalitions and AR Technology Transfer)** is ongoing. Conference will be held June 5-11, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. Information on registration and program 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

- The **NTTP Steering Committee** is scheduled to meet on February 3 & 4. This meeting will cover the NTTP 2011 Needs Survey, FY 2009 and 2010 accomplishments, and projections of the effects of current oversight efforts on the training programs.
- There are **three new members on the NTTP Steering Committee**: Butch Lambert (VA) has taken the place of Benny Wampler; Randy Johnson (AL) will be taking the place of Melvin Hodgkiss; and Paul Ehret (OSM-MR) will be taking the place of Len Meier. NTTP expresses its appreciation for the contributions made by Melvin, Len and Benny to the Steering Committee.
- NTTP will be working with Pennsylvania on some administrative issues concerning **out-of-state travel**. NTTP encourages all program participants to provide prompt administrative paperwork to the program for training participation to assist us with meeting those needs.
- NTTP is doing better on **distribution of travel packets and payments** and looks forward to continued improvements.
- Several **course revision meetings and course “dry-run” presentations** are scheduled:
 - The revision team for the **Underground Mining Technology** course met last week to update course materials;
 - The **Geology and Geochemistry** course revision team is currently meeting for course updates;
 - The **Acid Forming Materials Geology and Geochemistry** course dry-run is scheduled for Feb. 2-5; and
 - The **SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures** course has scheduled a dry-run for February 22-26.
- **Two course date changes** include the Bonding Workshop: Cost Estimation that will be postponed from 2/23-25 until after June of this year; and the Quantitative Hydrogeology class scheduled for 5/20-23 is being moved to the week of August 30.

HEADQUARTERS Report

- Underground Mine Mapping proposals for FY'10 are due Feb 5th. The PTRs and Josh continue to work on the corrective actions identified from the ICR. We have agreed on the standardization of numerous reports, and are developing reporting files for use on the NTTT website.

TIPS Report

- TIPS continues to send out the new **Memorandum of Understanding** for use of TIPS software and equipment to States and Tribes. The package includes a separate agreement for use of the AutoCAD software as well. These documents go to the Director of each state program.

IMCC Report

- IMCC has been working on providing extensive **comments to OSM on stream buffer zones and proposed changes to oversight**. IMCC has stated it's objections to any oversight realignment that would negatively impact NTTP, TIPS, and NTTTT.

WEIB Report

- **National Western Mining Conference** in Denver (February 9-11). Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety will post a booth, and will present annual reclamation awards with the Colorado Mining Association at the luncheon of February 11, 2010.
- WIEB filed **comments with OSM regarding the pending oversight changes**. Comment letter dated December 15, 2010.
- **State mandated furloughs** are causing Colorado to withdraw students from allocated training seats during furlough weeks.

NAAML P Report

- The **2010 Winter Meeting** will be held at Lajitas TX February 21-23, 2010.
- The 32nd **Annual National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML P) Conference** will be in Scranton, Pennsylvania, **September 19-22, 2010**. It will be hosted by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation and will be held at the **Hilton Scranton & Conference Center**. Additional information may be found on the Association's web page at: <http://naamlp.net/>

Exhibit Schedule

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

- 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 **March 9, 2010 at 1:00 PM CST**.