

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY
June 22, 2010
1:00 – 1:30 PM Central Time

Participants

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

WR Report

- No report this period.

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 31-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** *50 participants registered to date.*
- **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.
- **Ohio State University CCB Research** – OSU is working on securing the permit for the high-volume FGD gypsum demo project near Conesville power plant of AEP. Placement of FGD gypsum is expected begin in late summer or early fall. Background monitoring is already in progress.
- **EPA CCR Rulemaking** – EPA published its proposed rule on June 21, 2010 on regulating CCR landfills and impoundments. They have a 90 day comment period. OSM was officially given the lead on mine placement. EPA has defined minefilling as pertaining only to coal mining. ACAA plans to request an additional 120 days.
- **White-Nose Syndrome update:** Biologists within the states of NY, VT, NJ, PA, VA, WV, TN, MO and OK had confirmed (or suspected) the presence of *Geomyces destructans*/White-Nose Syndrome (WNS).

AR Report:

- The **2010 Joint Mine reclamation Conference with OSM-ARRI, PA Watershed Coalitions and AR Technology Transfer** was held June 5-11, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. The 340 attendees was kept busy trying to determine which of the approximately 100 presentations, technical tours and seminars to attend. The presentations and technical papers will be posted on the conference web site <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com/> as well as on ASMR site: <http://dept.ca.uky.edu/asmr/W/>

- **ARTT Fall meeting** to be held August 31- September 2, 2010 at Pipestem State Park, WV. Technical agenda is being developed

NTTP Report

- A letter was sent last week to the national training contacts identifying space allocations and requesting nominations for the upcoming **SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures** course planned for September 13-24, 2010
- If you who have not responded to the **2011 Training Needs Survey**, please do so as soon as possible.
- The **OSM New Employee Orientation Course** will be scheduled either the week of October 25th or November 1.
- The **National Technical Training Program Steering Committee** will be holding their summer meeting on July 28 and 29. The Committee will be reviewing the results of this year's Training Needs Survey, reviewing proposed changes to several courses and considering development of new ones in addition to other topics such as program accomplishments.
- Two special sessions of the **Effective Writing** course are planned based on specific need requests: One in Indiana on June 23-24 and one in Casper, WY on August 31-Sept. 1

HEADQUARTERS Report

No report this period.

TIPS Report (Lou Please send report)

- TIPS has filled its **GIS position** by hiring Janine Ferarese. We will fill Janine's vacancy by hiring a Federal Career Intern at the GS-5,7,9 level with promotion potential to GS-12. If anyone knows of a qualified GIS Geographer that would be interested in this Denver position please have them send a resume to Lou Hamm as soon as possible. The position will be filled in the next two weeks.
- The TIPS "**E-Tools for Permitting and Reclamation**" class is underway in Denver this week.
- TIPS courses have been approved for full **college credits from Adams State University**, Alamosa Colorado. Anyone who wished to receive full college semester hour credits for the TIPS course that they attend has only to pay a fee of \$55 per qualifying credit hour.

IMCC Report

- **IMCC/STATES Meetings:** OSM's Western Region and states held a productive meeting on June 15 and 16 in Salt Lake City at which a variety of topics were discussed including oversight, technical support, technical training, the GeoMine pilot project, pending OSM rulemakings, and various AML issues. A similar meeting of OSM's Appalachian Region and states will be held the week of June 28 in Pittsburgh. Many of the same issues will be discussed and there will also be a meeting of the key data stewards who will be involved with the GeoMine pilot project.
- IMCC is currently involved with or **monitoring several key issues** for the states including OSM's newest oversight improvement action reports; proposed AML legislation (H.R. 5479 and S. 2830), EPA's coal combustion residues (coal ash) proposed

rule, and a recent reprogramming request from OSM concerning moneys in the FY 2010 appropriation.

WEIB Report

- No report this time period.

NAAML P Report

- 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 2010.

- Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum Charleston, WV, August 31- September 3, 2010 by MCR
- NAAML P Annual Meeting Scranton, PA Sept 19-22, 2010 by AR
- NASLR Annual Meeting Carbondale, IL Sept 14-15, 2010 by MCR
- 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 **at 1 PM Central, July 15, 2010**.