

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY
March 9, 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, John Koerth
Attendees in **Bold**

WR Report

- WR is involved with oversight.

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**. 33 participants registered from 6 MCR states 1 AR state, 3 OSM, 1 USFS, and 4 consultants.
- **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. EPA has announced it will publish a proposed rule April 15.

AR Report:

- The **AMD Water Treatment Workshop for AML** was held March 2-4, 2010 in Morgantown, WV with about 34 state and OSM staff participating. The workshop contained panel and “lessons learned” discussions that will assist the AR states in their efforts to maximize the positive impacts of water treatment and source minimization to affected watersheds while considering the most effective cost solutions.
- 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/>

NTTP Report

- The **NTTP Steering Committee** met on February 3 & 4. The upcoming needs survey was discussed as were the 2008-2009 training year accomplishments and strategic planning for FY 2011 and beyond.
- The development team for the **Acid Forming Materials Geology and Geochemistry** course met Feb. 2-5 to continue with course development.
- The development team for the **SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures** course conducted a dry-run February 22-26. The dry run included presentations of the course lecture modules, descriptions of the planned classroom and field exercises and an overview of the course module sequencing. There were eight state and OSM reviewers during the week representing all Regions and both Title IV and V programs.
- The instruction team for the **Enforcement Tools and Applications** course is scheduled to meet the week of March 15 to discuss needed revisions to the course.

HEADQUARTERS Report

- UGMM Current status: The time to submit proposals closed Feb 5th. 11 proposals were received. A website for electronic distribution is being completed. The regional Grants Financial Specialists will need to review their respective proposals for completeness (as required by the new Guidance Document). On 3/19, after the GFS approve the proposals, they will be distributed either electronically or hard copy to each voting member of the UGMM Steering Committee for ranking. On 4/12, the recommendations will be forwarded to the CLT.

TIPS Report

- No report.

IMCC Report

- No report

WEIB Report

- No report

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.

- ASMR/ARRI 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
- NAAMLPA 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 meeting will take place **April 7, 2010 in San Antonio, TX.**