

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY
May 25, 2010
1:00 – 1:30 PM Central Time

Participants

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

WR Report

- WR will be sending Henry Austin to help man the OSM booth at the **ASMR conference** in Pittsburgh, PA

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 31-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** 45 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** – 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** – EPA published its proposed rule on regulating CCB landfills and impoundments. They have a 90 day comment period. OSM was officially given the lead on mine placement.
- **White-Nose Syndrome & IN bat update:** As of April 28, 2010, biologists within the states of NY, VT, NJ, PA, VA, WV, TN, and MO had confirmed (or suspected) the presence of *Geomyces destructans*/White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) within a minimum of 30 Indiana bat hibernacula (Andy King USFWS).

From 2007 to 2009, the overall Indiana bat population declined by approximately 17% (approx. loss of 80,346 bats). This is the first observed decline since 2001. During the three previous biennial survey periods from 2001-2003, 2003-2005 and 2005-2007, the range-wide population had increased by 10.8%, 16.9%, and 10.1%, respectively. Between 2007 and 2009, it appears the increasing trend stopped and the overall population began to decline (Andy King USFWS).

AR Report:

- Final 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. Registration presently at 300+. Information on registration and program can be found at <http://www.pghminingreclamationconf.com/>.
- **ARTT Fall meeting** to be held August 31- September 2, 2010 at Pipestem, WV.

NTTP Report

- The **NTTP Steering Committee** is scheduled for July 28-29, 2010. The committee will review the results from the FY 2011 training needs survey and make tentative plans for the FY 2011 schedule.
- Those scheduled for the September **Principles of Inspection Course** were invited to attend either the May session or the pilot session of the new SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures class which will be held on September 13-24 in Columbus, Ohio. Program Directors nationwide have been notified of the spaces allocated for this initial class and information will be sent out shortly.
- A special session of the **Coal Field Communications** class was presented to personnel from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources April 13-15.
- Special sessions of the **Effective Writing Class** will be held for Indiana in June and for OSM's Casper Field Office in Kentucky.
- A special session of the **Coalfield Communications** class will be held in Hazard, Kentucky later this year for Kentucky blasting specialists.

HEADQUARTERS Report

Status of on EPA rulemaking concerning CCBs

Status of Stream protection rulemaking

Status of hiring a new hydrologist

UGMM proposal analysis has been send to management.

TIPS Report

- **Training schedule** is on the TIPS website (www.tips.osmre.gov).
- **TIPS Steering Committee Meeting** was held last week. TIPS has been assigned responsibility for the Bureau Geospatial Initiative. Much of the preliminary work for this initiative has been accomplished through the National Coal Mining Geospatial Committee that TIPS has sponsored for more than five years.

IMCC Report

- IMCC have identified some very worthy topics for **potential future benchmarking sessions**, but at this point, funding is needed before we can proceed.

WEIB Report

- WIEB and OSM will be meeting in Salt Lake City (**Annual Western States/OSM Leadership meeting**) June 15-16, 2010.

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
- 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 **June 22 at 1 PM Central, 2010**.