

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY  
September 29, 2010  
1:00 – 2:00 PM Central Time

Participants

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

WR Report

- We are completing the annual awards video for the regulatory programs.

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 31-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** 86 forum and 72 field trip participants. Currently working on the proceedings.
- **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 to 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. OSM was officially given the lead on mine placement. EPA has defined minefilling as pertaining only to coal mining. EPA announced a 60 day extension of the comment period to November 19, 2010. EPA is currently conducting Public hearings.
- **MCR Natural Stream Design (NSD) Workshop:** A steering committee consisting of members from OSM, Illinois and Indiana program staff, Corps of Engineers, industry, and academia are developing a workshop exploring the unique nature and challenges of reclaiming streams in the Midwest. This three day event will take place May 17-19, 2011 in Mt Vernon, IL and will include field visits to stream restoration sites in Southern Illinois and Southwestern Indiana.

AR Report:

- The ARTT held the Fall 2010 meeting at Pipestem State Park, WV August 31 to September 2. Representatives from all AR states were present. ARTT was fortunate to have in attendance several guests of note including Tom Shope, Regional Director; Greg Conrad, IMCC Executive Director, Roger Calhoun, Charleston WV FOD; and Lou Hamm, OSM TIPS Manager. Applied Science Principle Investigators Lee Daniels and James Kern provided presentations on completed projects. During the meeting the Team

identified 2 Applied Science Priority Topics. The final choice will be made during the ARTT monthly teleconference on October 4, 2010 and reported to Kim.

#### NTTP Report

- NTTP is completing the 2011 course schedule and will release it October 1
- The SMCRA Principles and Field Procedures Pilot course ended last week with 32 student participants. It was well received with the majority of the students rating it as "Highly Useful" or "Essential" to their current positions.
- The Pilot of the "Acid Forming Materials: Soils and Overburden" course will be held October 19-22 in Carbondale, Illinois
- A Coal Field Communications Course will be presented October 26-28 in Hazard, Ky
- The "Orientation Course" for new OSM employees will be held November 2-5 in Washington, DC & Maryland

#### HEADQUARTERS Report

- Congress passed a CR for the Period October 1 through December 3.
- Currently developing the FY'11 UGMM Solicitation. The timeline is as follows:

February 5, 2010 Last date to submit an original paper copy along with one electronic copy of the proposal in PDF format to the OSM contact as indicated above.

February 15, 2010 OSM Grants Team and Project Tech Reps review each proposal to verify coverage of financial requirements and technical adequacy.

March 1, 2010 Verified proposals are forwarded to the UGMM Steering Committee to begin project review and rating.

April 12, 2010 Project ratings by The Underground Mine Map Steering Committee, OSM regional members, OSM headquarters member, and the National Mine Map Repository member(s) will be completed.

May 3, 2010 The Underground Mine Map Steering Committee will forward the consensus ranking to OSM's Core Leadership Team for approval. (CLT)

May 17, 2010 Funding decisions are made by OSM's CLT.

May 20, 2010 OSM will notify both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

June 30, 2010 OSM will complete the cooperative agreements with the successful applicants.

#### TIPS Report

- Service Managers are completing their routine annual visits this week.

- TIPS is reviewing the travel cuts that have been made for FY2011. The TIPS Steering Committee will be consulted with as these decisions are made.

#### IMCC Report

- The states are primarily focused on three major initiatives at the current time: 1) OSM's development of a draft EIS for the soon-to-be-proposed stream protection rule; 2) OSM's oversight improvement actions initiative, and in particular the final three components regarding Ten Day Notices, corrective actions, and a revised Reg-8 oversight directive; and 3) EPA's proposed rule on coal combustion residues. IMCC is also monitoring the FY 2011 budget as it continues through the appropriations process. A continuing resolution was approved on September 28 which will keep the government in business until December 3 at FY 2010 levels. IMCC is still hoping to see funding for benchmarking made available sometime in FY 2011, but for now this effort is on hold.

#### WEIB Report

- No specific events or meetings scheduled at this time. WIEB continues to work closely with IMCC to address the various OSM funding and oversight initiatives.

#### NAAML P Report

- No report this month.

#### Exhibit Schedule

The following is the current OSM exhibits planned for the calendar year 2010.

- NAAML P Annual Meeting Scranton, PA Sept 19-22, 2010 by AR
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, Bryan, TX October 7-8, 2010 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting Bastrop, TX October 24-27, 2010 by TFO
- ISMR Jasper, IN December, 2010 by MCR

Next conference call will take place **at 1 PM Central, November 10, 2010.**