

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY

May 3, 2011

1:00 – 1:30 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – Arielle Avishai, **David Lane, Eric Perry**

HDQ – Steve Sheffield, **Josh Rockwell**

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

- **ASMR Conference** is June 11-16 in Bismarck, ND. The booth display has been coordinated with the Western Technology Transfer folks that have the lead on the Technology Transfer display. The conference will include a separate Bond Release Workshop, and the Western Region Technology Transfer annual meeting will take place on Wednesday afternoon at the conference. All Technology Transfer personnel are welcome to attend.
- The Western Region has received a request from the state of Alaska to convene a working group to research applications for **in-situ coal development**. They are beginning to receive requests for exploration and permits concerning in-situ mining and would like to know what other states and OSM are doing. The Western Region is convening the workgroup with representatives from Western states and Western Region OSM to address the best way to address these applications through SMCRA.

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 to be published in May.
- **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 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 comment period ended November 19, 2010. Will not publish in 2011. Will initiate a new round of public comment.
- **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. There are 143 participants registered to date. More information can be found at:

<http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov/NTTMainSite/Events/importantevents.shtm>

AR Report:

- Eric Perry is temporarily acting for Lois Uranowski for 120 days. We welcome Eric to this call.
- The ARTT Team conducted the monthly teleconference on May 2, 2011. All State representatives, with the exception of Pennsylvania, were present.
- All States reported on budget and travel constraints and political changes.
- We discussed topics for the Fall ARTT meeting that will be held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia September 20 through 22, 2011. David will make arrangements for presentations by Applied Science Principle Investigators for recently completed projects. The ARTT members will provide suggested topics. Representatives from TIPS, NTTP and IMCC will be extended invitations.

NTTP Report

- NTTP sent out the Fiscal Year 2012 Needs Survey today asking what the needs are for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Ruchi Kohli was selected for the position of Course Manager replacing Jane Stieber who retired in January of this year.
- NTTP cancelled two courses scheduled for June as we are short two coordinators. We may need to cancel one of the 6 classes scheduled for July if these positions aren't filled.

HEADQUARTERS Report

- The Director has given the go-ahead to **conduct the ranking and rating for the FY'11 UGMM proposals**. The proposals have been distributed to the voting members of the UGMM Steering Committee and the ranking process should be complete by May 24th. A briefing paper will then be developed for use during the June CLT meeting and will include the final ranking and recommendations for funding.

TIPS Report

- The **TIPS Steering Committee** will take place this month on May 24-26. Agenda topics include a business networking discussion concerning OSM and state efforts to place SMCRA related mining data online through the GeoMine initiative.
- TIPS continues efforts to place some training courses online.

IMCC Report

- Now that much of the congressional workload associated with the FY 2011 and FY 2012 budgets is behind us in terms of hearings, testimony and statements, **IMCC is focused on several regulatory matters**. The states anticipate an opportunity to weigh in on a concept paper that will be prepared in advance of a proposed rule on mine placement of

coal combustion residues, probably in the June timeframe. We also anticipate additional work associated with the preliminary draft environmental impact statement (PDEIS) for the stream protection proposed rule. We also expect to see additional opportunities to work with OSM on several of the key oversight directives, particularly REG-8, REG-23 and INE-35.

- IMCC also will be looking at the **potential for advancing a benchmarking workshop** on a topic of special interest to the states, assuming we can solicit a small amount of funding from OSM to support this initiative. Topics of interest include underground mine mapping and technical issues associated with the anticipated stream protection rule.
- IMCC is also working with both the Appalachian and Mid-Continent Regions to formulate agendas and logistics for **two upcoming OSM/State regional meetings**: June 1 and 2 in Cincinnati and June 21 and 22 in St. Louis.

WEIB Report

- No Report

NAAML P Report

- 2011 NAAML P **Annual Conference**. October 9-12, 2011. Olympic Valley, California (Squaw Valley/Tahoe area). “The Gold and Silver States – the Legacy of Mining that Built the West.” Conference will be jointly hosted by California and Nevada AML programs. Conference tours will include AML sites in both California and Nevada. For information on California and Nevada AML programs check these web links: www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_lands/index.htm ; minerals.state.nv.us

Exhibit Schedule

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

- MCR Natural Stream Design May 17-19, 2011, MCR
- ASMR Bismarck, ND June 11-16, 2011 WR (National Coordination)
- NAAML P Annual Meeting Olympic Valley, CA October 9-12, 2011 by WR
- NASLR Annual Meeting, The Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels, WV, September 25-28, 2011 by AR
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, College Station, TX October, 2011 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting, TX, October 2011, by MCR
- ISMR Jasper, IN December, 2011 by MCR

Next conference call will take place **at 1 PM Central Time, June 28, 2011.**