

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY

March 1, 2012

1:00 – 1:30 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – Arielle Avishai, Lois Uranowski, **David Lane**

HDQ – **Josh Rockwell**

MCR – **Kimery Vories** (Team Leader)

WR – **Duane Matt**

TIPS – Lou Hamm

NTTP – **Tom Hines**

IMCC – Greg Conrad

WEIB – **Dave Berry**

NAAMLPL – John Koerth

Attendees in **Bold**

WR Report

- The **National Western Mining/Colorado Mining Association Conference** is being held March 19-22, 2012. Please contact Henry Austin for the particulars regarding our OSMRE booth/staffing and materials.
- **General service manager duties** are being performed.
- We are assisting with **ASMR conference** as needed.
- The **OSMRE e-learning initiative** is still developing with the Galena class being offered live next month.

MCR Report

- **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 is being sued by the environmental community for not publishing a rule in a timely fashion.
- **OSM CCR Rulemaking**- Solicitor review has been initiated on the proposed rule and EA. A proposed rule is scheduled for July of 2012.
- **ASMR Annual meeting June 9-14, 2012 in Tupelo, MS** The MCR is assisting ASMR with this event. It will sponsor technical sessions on Acid Mine Drainage Mitigation Case Studies in the Illinois Coal Basin and Natural Stream Design for the Midwest. 84 papers and posters have been submitted for this meeting. The documentation necessary for an OSM cooperative agreement for ASMR sponsorship has been prepared. Funding should be awarded by the end of March.
- **NAAMLPL Annual Meeting September 23-26, 2012 in Des Moines, IA** The MCR is assisting NAAMLPL with this event.

AR Report:

- AR continues to work on updates of the **Applied Science web site** as quarterly and final reports arrive. Maintenance of the site is significantly aided by customer comments and reviews by in house personnel that help keep information current.
- A **Blasting Workshop** is being planned for September 5-6, 2012 at the MSHA Academy in Beckley, WV. The workshop will focus on open discussions on how to better apply the science of blasting, critique and approve blast plans, evaluate compliance with the performance standards, keep records, certify blasters and take and defend enforcement actions. All regions are encouraged to participate. Most of the states should be able to stay at the academy free of charge through the MSHA/states cooperative agreement.

NTTP Report

- **Sarah Donnelly retired** the first of the year and Ann Walker is serving as Acting Chief of NTTP in the interim. The position has been posted and applications received.
- Numerous **NTTP Course offerings** were delivered in January and February 2012; they include Permit Findings Workshop Special Session in Salt Lake City, Enforcement Procedures in Pittsburgh, PA., Expert Witness Special Session in Denver, CO., AML Drilling and Grouting in Indianapolis, IN., Excess Spoil Handling and Disposal in Covington, KY., Rosgen Fluvial Geomorphology Class in Charleston, Effective Writing in Knoxville, TN., and next week Blasting and Inspection in Cincinnati, OH.
- NTTP is still working on **filling the remaining course coordinator positions** to assist with the many classes on our schedule.
- The **Rosgen Stream Fluvial Geomorphology course** was presented February 20-24 in Charleston, WV. The course was well received with 44 students attending from around the country. The course included intensive classroom lectures and exercises as well as two field days reviewing previous stream restoration projects and practicing the restoration design techniques learned in the classroom.
- The NTTP **National Steering Committee** will be meeting to review program activities on March 21-22.

HEADQUARTERS Report

UGMM:

- **Benchmarking Workshop**-I provided a presentation at the event titled, "Overview of OSM's UGMM Projects"
- **FY'12 Solicitation** is complete and ready to go
- Currently waiting to hear back with regard to the **Additional Needs Funding Request** that was submitted

RULES:

- **Temporary Cessation**-The team received the second round of comments from the Solicitor's Office. It is my understanding that the proposed rule will be published this month.
- **Cost Recovery Rule**-A letter will be mailed out to OSM's various Stakeholders announcing OSM's intent to develop a proposed rule for Cost Recovery. Under the authority of part 507 of SMCRA OSM will seek to develop a

- rule that will compensate OSM, for the full amount, for activities associated with permit review, amendments, reassignments/transfers, inspections, etc.
- **SPR**-To be delivered to the department Friday, but under the current political atmosphere, it may be delayed

ADMIN:

- The position of **Hydrologist** has been filled within HQ's Division of Regulatory Support. The new employee comes to OSM from USGS in Colorado. He will begin by the month's end.

TIPS Report

- The **TIPS steering committee** is slated for May 8-10, 2012 in (I'm assuming) Denver, CO.
- A few TIPS folks attended the **Federal ESRI conference** in Washington, D.C. February 21-24, 2012.

IMCC Report

- **IMCC Benchmarking Workshop on Mine Mapping** February 15 and 16 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel. The benchmarking workshop was a huge success – 75 attendees and all very good to excellent evaluations of the presentations and presenters.

WEIB Report

- WIEB – **Colorado Mining Association conference** will occur week of March 19. Reclamation awards luncheon will occur March 22.
- WIEB continues to coordinate with IMCC regarding **national oversight and program funding issues.**

NAAML P Report

- Winter business meeting is February 27-29, 2012 in St. George, Utah.

Exhibit Schedule

The following is the current OSM exhibits planned for the calendar year 2012.

- Colorado Mining Association Meeting in Denver in March by WR
- ASMR Tupelo, MS June 9-14, 2012 MCR (National Coordination)
- NAAML P Annual Meeting September 23-26, 2012 in Des Moines, IA MCR (National Coordination)
- MINExpo International **2012** September 24-26, **2012** Las Vegas, Nevada HDQ
- NASLR Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA September 2012 by MCR
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, College Station, TX October, 2012 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting, TX, October 2012, by MCR
- ISMR Jasper, IN December, 2012 by MCR

Next meeting: The Applied Science Consensus and Technology Transfer Planning Meeting will take place in Pittsburgh, PA at 1 PM March 28 through Noon on March 30, 2012.