

# WRTT Conference Call

## Title IV & V

November 27th, 2012

Tuesday 11:00 AM Mountain Standard Time

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### WRTT

#### TIPS, Technology Transfer, Training and General Information:

- Please check out the updated **NTTT** website for recent updates! These are located at: <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov>
- Please check out the updated **TIPS** website for recent updates! These are located in the “What’s New?” section of the page **Please check the site frequently:** <http://www.tips.osmre.gov> (I highly suggest you check out the “Contact us” drop down on that page. You can check out our new OOGL format!
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- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE-WR** website at: <http://www.wrcc.osmre.gov>
- Please review the *new* **WRTT SharePoint** site at: <https://nttt.osmre.gov/TechTransfer/default.aspx>
- Upcoming events: <http://amd.osmre.gov/ttcalroot/TTCalendar.aspx>
- Sharefile: <https://osmtips.sharefile.com/>

#### Discussion Topic:

General discussion on a variety of topics such as:

- Current list of WRTT members.
- New, exciting discussions topics for 2013.
- New format for 2013?
- Geomorphic reclamation forum- 2014.

## **WRTT Member Reports/Information**

Alaska:

### CHUITNA

Revised Draft Water Management Plan – Comments due to ACOE December 19th.  
Please get Agency comments to Tom Crafford by December 18th.

CHIA updates meeting/telconference Nov 20, 9:00am

Resubmittal /update of SMCRA application. Anticipated submittal of the Facilities Application (offshore dock, bulkhead, Ladd Landing and conveyors) PENDING.

### WISHBONE HILL

A SMCRA Permit Renewal: DNR sent a letter to UCM: a final decision on the permit renewal application cannot be completed until additional baseline & updates to the operation and reclamation plan has been approved.

DEC Air Permit

### LINC Energy-PT. MACKENZIE/TRADING BAY

Best interest finding for the proposed coal prospecting permits on the west side of Cook Inlet.

### CHICKALOON EXPLORATION PROJECT

At present 10 exploration drill hole locations have been marked and numbered.

UCM is mining in Two Bull, Jumbo Dome Mine and Jumbo Dome Road Corridor permit area. There is no mining in Poker Flats, Gold Run Pass mine at present.

Arizona (Navajo):

Not present.

Arizona (Hopi):

Not present.

Colorado:

The state of CO hired a new GW Hydrologist (Simons). Bond releases are continuing. CO is waiting on state amendments/rules review from OSMRE.

Montana:

Coal seam fires continue. One is going to be investigated near Roundup, MT by a new employee- Hayden Jensen. The office continues to get their E-AMLIS system up to date. Mike Glenn has moved to the Title V program.

Montana (Crow):

Not present.

## New Mexico:

Title V: Monte and James are involved with geomorphic reclamation at the El Segundo mine in NM. Groundwater monitoring data is being collected at the San Juan mine. San Juan coal Company submitted application for revision of Mine permit to change post mine land use on 1082 acres overlying underground mine. Staff is conducting a review. We have been supplying GIS data to a USGS staffer working on an aquifer model of the San Juan Basin. Linda Delay is developing an E-learning tutorial for the TIPS Training Program. The E-learning tutorial video will address remote sensing. Seed dollars purchased an Anabat Acoustic Bat Detector and Linda has been consulting with BCI bat biologists and is developing a small monitoring project for its use in both SMCRA programs.

Title IV: James attended a presentation on the use of Nitrogen foam and its use on extinguishing AML mine fires. 3 projects are underway with 2 more waiting in the wings. RFP's are being using in such instances as: Archeological work, environmental assessment and engineering projects. Two folks are retiring: John Guranich and Deana Vigil.

## North Dakota:

Title IV: Tim Oswald has taken another position. They gained a new employee- Joan Breiner. Grouting is taking place in Beulah, Dickenson, Zab, Wildon, Scranton and Bowman. Columbus now has a new interpretive center.

Title V: Commissioner Cramer has moved on to the U.S. House of Representatives. Matt Klingenstein has moved on to another job. Zana Turnes has been hired. There are three new permit applications being reviewed and technical reviews are taking place on various permits. The crew is attempting to use IPAD's on their inspections.

## Utah:

Title IV: Two planned coal projects and one underway (Wellington). The Wellington coal loadout is being reclaimed. Bob O'Brian is retiring. The Watas mine fire needs to be addressed. Jan Morse and Tony Gallegos recently attended the ITC training in VA.

## Wyoming:

Muthu Kuchanur attended the recent ITC training in VA. The E-Permitting initiative is moving forward. There are 4 CHIA's in progress. Many of the coal leases are under lawsuits due to the information contained in the CHIA's (material damage section).

## Casper Field Office:

Business as usual!

Program Support Division/Albuquerque Area Office/Farmington Area Office:

5,600 acre Pinabete Permit will develop coal resource to the south of the existing Navajo Mine. OSM is the lead agency responsible for completing the NEPA process that will evaluate OSM's federal actions under SMCRA as well several other federal actions including the BIA's decision on renewal of the four corners power plant lease and associated right-of-ways for transmission lines. Concurrently, Sections 7 and Section 106 consultation is being performed. A draft EIS for this mine should be complete and available in late 2013. There are many federal agencies involved with the project. The McKinley mine is in full reclamation and has been working with the Navajo Nation EPA on determinations of suitability of water quality for proposed permanent post mine impoundments.

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office:

Not present.

TIPS:

Funding for a **TIPS Geospatial Workshop** has not been found, so Management will investigate charging a registration fee for the conference. The issue is in the hands of the Regional Director.

TIPS is working with **Adams State University**, our partner minority school, to get their students into some of the conferences and events that OSM helps to sponsor. For example, the Bat Forum, the upcoming ASMR conference in Laramie, or the Geomorphic Conference in 2014. Adams State is evaluating TIPS and NTTP courses for full accreditation and college credits. They are also providing training to TIPS and NTTP instructors for online course development.

TIPS has revised the **Virtual Campus** in preparation for offering NTTP online courses.

Additional questions/comments?

**Next Call: January 15, 2013**