

**MEETING SUMMARY
MCR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

DATE: **October 21, 2008**
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM CDT
ATTENDEES:
Alabama AML:
Alabama Surface Mining:
Arkansas Mining Division: **Wayne VanBuren, Greg Melton**
Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals:
Illinois AML: **Larry Lewis**
Indiana Division of Reclamation:
Indiana AML:
Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau:
Kansas Surface Mining Section: **Tim Wilson**
Louisiana Injection and Mining Division:
Mississippi Mining and Reclamation Division:
Missouri Land Reclamation Program:
Oklahoma AML:
Oklahoma Department of Mines:
Texas Mining and Reclamation Division:
OSM MCR: **Kimery Vories, Bill Joseph**
OSM BFO:
OSM TFO:
OSM IFO:

Significant updates in bold italics

The team discussed the selection of a State technical representative for the **Applied Science Review and Selection Process** to represent the Mid-Continent States. The results were that **Marlene Spence** from the Kansas program was unanimously approved to be the MCR state representative.

Larry Lewis and the team discussed the results of the **AMD workshop** in Arkansas and made suggestions for improvements for the next workshop in Indiana. We need to organize the event to facilitate discussion more. We need to organize the field trip around the use of a bus or vans to avoid an excessively long caravan of cars. Overall the team agrees that the AMD workshops are great benefit to the states and should be continued.

ONGOING EFFORTS

1. **OSM CCB Rulemaking** The ANPR was published March 14, 2007. *OSM plans to have the proposed rule published sometime between November 2008 and March 2009.*
2. **The Geomorphic Reclamation Forum is officially scheduled for April 28-30, 2008 in Bristol, VA. On-line registration is now available.**
3. **2009 AML Conference will be September 24-30, 2009 in Rogers, AR**
4. **Applied Science Solicitation is now available on the NTTT Website for FY 2009**

5. **Indiana Bat Coordination Meetings** –This effort concerns improving consistency and effectiveness of protection and enhancement plans for Indiana Bats on SMCRA mine sites under the 1996 Biological Opinion. OSM members on the Working Group are Ian Dye and Craig Walker. State members are Tim Taylor from Indiana, Richard Wahrer from Kentucky and Bob Fala from West Virginia. The group plans to have a final product by the end of 2008.
6. **Indiana Bat and Coal Mining Forum.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held the summer of 2010 in Charleston, WV with a full day field trip and a two day forum.
7. **CCB Placement after new OSM CCB Rule Forum.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held during the last half of July 2010 in Morgantown, WV with a full day field trip and two day forum.
8. **Geomorphic Reclamation Forum.** The steering committee is continuing planning for a forum to be held April 28-30, 2009 in Bristol, VA with a full day field trip and two day forum. On line registration is now available at <ps://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/Geomorphic-Reclamation-and-Natural-Stream-Design-at-Coal-Mines>
9. **Ohio State University CCB Research** – MCR has been working with the OSM CCB regional team at the request of OSU to begin cooperating on an Ohio CCB research initiative to conduct case studies on the use of FGD in mine reclamation. OSM is currently drafting and MOU for this effort.
10. **American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) Annual Meeting** – WR staff are actively involved in assisting the planning for the meeting June 2009 in Billings Montana.
11. The new OSM **Technology Transfer Website** is a work in progress it can be accessed at www.techtransfer.osmre.gov. or by going to the MCR website at www.mcrcc.osmre.gov and under the Links list clicking on “NT³ OSM Technology Transfer.” *Please visit the applied science page to view final reports for past projects.*
12. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for December 16, 2008 at 10 AM CST.