

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

DATE: **July 8, 2010**
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM CDT

ATTENDEES: In Bold

Alabama AML: Larry Barwick, Michael Vinson
Alabama Surface Mining: Randall Johnson
Arkansas Mining Division: **Greg Melton, Wayne Van Buren**
Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals: Dean Spindler
Illinois AML: **Larry Lewis**
Indiana Division of Reclamation: Todd Huff
Indiana AML: Marvin Ellis, Laura Montgrain
Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau: Judith Krebsbach
Kansas Surface Mining Section: Tim Wilson, Marlene Spence, Murray Balk
Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Dale Bergquist
Mississippi Coal Mining Division: **Stan Thieling**, Lonnie Barrier, Mike Bograd
Missouri Land Reclamation Program: Larry Teson
Oklahoma AML: Mike Sharp
Oklahoma Department of Mines: **Tekleab Tsegay**, Goran Randinovick
Texas Mining and Reclamation Division: **Mark Schlingen**
OSM MCR: **Kimery Vories, Nick Grant**
OSM BFO: Sherry Wilson
OSM TFO: Al Clayborne
OSM IFO: Andrew Gilmore

Significant updates in bold italics

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.

According to OSM management, it is very unlikely that OSM will be able to provide State travel support to this event.

ONGOING EFFORTS

- 1. EPA CCB proposed rule to OMB on landfills and impoundments. EPA has published a proposed rule June 21, 2010 with two possible options, either under Subtitle C hazardous waste or Subtitle D solid waste. The comment period has been extended to November 19, 2010.***
- 2. OSM CCB Rulemaking** OSM management is committed to a CCB rulemaking effort but it may be delayed until next year due to resource constraints.

- 3. Applied Science FY 2010.** OSM management has notified the top five scoring proposals of their desire to fund them either with year-end funding or with FY 2011 applied science funds. FY 2010 applied science funds are being used to support the EIS for the Stream Protection Rulemaking. **There will be no Applied Science solicitation in FY 2011. The next applied science solicitation will be FY 2012. The MCR technology transfer team needs to develop a High Priority Topic for FY 2012.** The **Underground Mine Mapping Program** will have a solicitation in FY 2011.
- 4. Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum.** The steering committee conducted a forum August 31-Sept 3 of 2010 in Charleston, WV with a full day field trip and a 2.5 day forum. There were 87 participants registered from a wide range of backgrounds. U.S. Fish and Wildlife stated that they have already received a petition to list two more bat species as endangered due to WNS impacts and are expecting more to follow.
- 5. Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **November 9, 2010** at 10 AM CST.