

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

DATE: **September 20, 2011**
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:30 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, Mike Worland

Kansas Surface Mining Section: **Marlene Spence**, Murray Balk

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Dale Bergquist

Mississippi Coal Mining Division: Stan Thieling, Andrew Hitchcock, 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 Schlimgen

OSM MCR: **Kimery Vories**, Nick Grant

OSM BFO: Sherry Wilson, Linda Williamson

OSM TFO: Al Clayborne

OSM IFO: Andrew Gilmore

Significant updates in bold italics

The purpose of the call is to initiate a discussion and planning for the following MCR Topics:

- (1) An NTTP workshop on AML grouting related to subsidence mitigation. Based on the MCR survey there are 20-21 potential state participants for this event if held in the Mid-West. This has been communicated to NTTP and they are going to try to make it happen in 2012. Kim will communicate the result as soon as NTTP has a definite plan.
- (2) Improving Consistency and Predictability with the USFWS and USCOE options for Wetlands and Waters of the U.S. on AML sites. It was the consensus of the team that this was a policy issue that needed resolution by OSM management. The response from OSM management is that this is a very state specific issue which can only be addressed by the COE in a given state.
- (3) Alternatives to On-Site Mitigation on AML projects. Could you use AML funds off site to mitigate USCOE requirements? It was the consensus of the team that this was a policy issue that needed resolution by OSM management. See the OSM management response to item 2.

ONGOING EFFORTS

1. ***EPA CCR 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 ended November 19,***

2010. The EPA director stated that there will be no rulemaking in 2011. EPA has announced the publication on an NODA at some unknown time in the future.

2. **OSM CCR Rulemaking.** The draft EA associated with that proposed rule is not yet completed. The 2008 proposed rule was rewritten to meet the director priorities. Conference calls have been conducted with stakeholders including IMCC, NMA, USWAG, the Sierra Club/environmental organizations, and the tribes. The team visited CCR placement sites at mines in Pennsylvania and New Mexico. Publication of a proposed rule is still scheduled for spring 2012.
3. **OSM Stream Protection Rulemaking** OSM is internally reviewing the proposed rule and is writing the EIS.
4. **Applied Science FY 2010.** OSM has funded 9 of the 2010 projects with FY 2011 funds. **There was no Applied Science solicitation in FY 2011. OSM is working on announcing a technical study solicitation directed to emerging oversight issues to be funded as funds become available.**
5. **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum.** The proceedings were published in early June. It will soon be available on the NTTTT website and the MCR technology transfer CD.
6. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **November 15, 2011** at 10 AM CDT.