

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

DATE: **December 11, 2012**

TIME: 1:00 PM to 1:15 PM Central Time

ATTENDEES: **In Bold**

Alabama AML: 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: Mary Lou Flowers

Indiana Division of Reclamation: Todd Huff

Indiana AML: Marvin Ellis

Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau: Judith Krebsbach, Mike Worland

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

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Judith Stoute

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: **John Caudle**, Stephanie Reed

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:

Rulemaking

1. **EPA CCR proposed rule to OMB on landfills and impoundments.** EPA published a proposed rule June 21, 2010 with two possible options, either under Subtitle C hazardous waste or Subtitle D solid waste. EPA still accepting comments. Legislation originating in the House seeks regulating CCR disposal similar to municipal solid waste that is Federally enforceable. **Most recent news is that a rulemaking is at least a year of more out.**
2. **OSM Rulemaking.**
 - Stream Protection Rule: Team is reforming, continuing to look at additional alternatives
 - Cost Recovery and Limited Liability Rules: Currently seeking surnames from the Solicitor's Office. 4 Solicitors must now surname rule packages.
 - Coal Combustion Residue Rule: Seeking Solicitor's Review/Comments.
 - Temporary Cessation of Operations: On Hold
 - Emergency Action Plans Rule?: As a result of an IG report, OSM is looking into its authority to require EAP's during the permitting process rather than the current requirements (at the time an issue is discovered).

3. Indiana Bat Permitting Guidance Document The technical team has completed their recommendations for improving the joint FWS/OSM/IMCC document and has submitted that to the management team.

4. Technology Transfer

ASMR Geomorphic Reclamation Session(s) June 2013 – 6 talks have been submitted to date for a Geomorphic Reclamation and Natural Stream Design OSM special session(s). ASMR is working on field trip possibilities.

OSM Geomorphic Reclamation Forum 2014 – Planning has begun for a national forum in Albuquerque NM May 20-22, 2014.

Geomorphic Reclamation Initiative – The Director of OSM is pursuing the development of a national geomorphic reclamation Initiative similar to ARRI to promote new science, technology and widespread adoption of this technology.

Alabama A&M University Science Seminar Speakers: MCR will provide a speaker on “ARRI and Use of the FRA in surface coal mine reclamation” in January 31 and a speaker on “Protecting Endangered bats at coal mines” April 18, 2013.

Mine Placement of CCRs: Planning for the Future, Forum 2014 – A steering committee has been initiated to begin planning for a forum in 2014.

Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines II, Forum 2015 – A steering committee has been initiated to begin planning for a forum in 2015.

5. Next Conference Call will be scheduled for **February 12, 2013** at 1 PM Central Time