

Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) & ART: Combining Science and Art

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

Two-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Central: 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

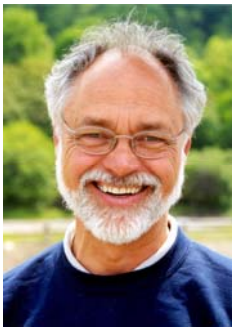
Mountain: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Pacific: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

A Watershed Academy Webcast:

Building constituencies across disciplinary and physical boundaries can be challenging in watershed work. A project called *AMD&ART*, winner of the 2005 Phoenix Award for community involvement, successfully combined both good science and art to make a difference in eastern coal country. Dr. T. Allan Comp, volunteer founder/director of the now-completed project, will discuss how he mobilized a community and a team of scientists, artists and VISTA volunteers to implement treatment systems that also serve as recreational sites, art parks, educational centers, and historical sites. Thanks to funding and expertise from many stakeholders, including the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, AmeriCorps, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Office of Surface Mining, EPA and others, environmental and economic degradation due to Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) has been remediated using a multi-disciplinary approach. Join us for this inspirational Webcast and learn some valuable lessons from a true leader in community-based watershed protection.

Instructors:



T. Allan Comp, Director, Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team

Dr. T. Allan Comp has received national awards for his work with the people of the Appalachian coal country, for his successful effort to engage the art and humanities in environmental recovery and for his remarkable choreography of multiple federal agencies working with rural mining communities. He has been profiled by the Chicago Center for Arts Policy in its “Great Arts Innovators: Great Writers” series; his AMD&ART Project won the EPA Phoenix Award in 2005, among other awards, and he has two EPA Bronze Medals. An historian of technology with a deep commitment to cultural resources, community engagement and environmental reclamation, he is finding ways for VISTA and AmeriCorps volunteers to create a pathway to greater community engagement in the recovery of the Appalachian coal country. He is currently the Director of the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team (www.acwt.org), bringing full-time VISTA staff positions to support more than 50 watershed groups in the most challenging watersheds of coal country. He is also the Director of a new Western Watershed Team just starting in Colorado.

The Watershed Academy

The Watershed Academy is a focal point in EPA’s Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. The Academy sponsors live classroom training and online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watershedacademy.

Registration

Registration for this Webcast opens July 11, 2007. You must register in advance to participate in the Webcast. To register, visit www.clu-in.org/live. The Webcast will be a Web-based slide presentation with a companion audio portion. There are two options for accessing the audio portion of the Webcast: by phone OR by streaming audio broadcast (not both). When registering, you will be able to select the audio option you prefer to accompany the Web-based slides. If you choose the streaming audio option, you will not be able to participate by telephone. However, you will be able to submit questions online for the presenters to answer during the Webcast. Closed-captioning is available. Upon registration, you will receive complete participation instructions. **Please note that there are a limited number of toll-free phone lines available, so register early to guarantee your spot. Because of the limited number of spaces, we strongly encourage you to reserve a conference room and invite your colleagues and other partners to participate.** If you register after that limit is reached, you will be added to a waiting list. After the Webcast is over, an audio version of the Webcast will be available—visit www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts for more information.

Questions?

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