



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference August 3, 2015

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DISCUSSION:

Passive Treatment Tour at Flight 93

Jeff Trump provided an update on the plans for the passive treatment tour at Flight 93. This tour will take place on August 27, 2015. Registration will begin at 0900. Opening remarks will begin at 1000. Tours will begin at approximately 1030. We have 100 persons signed up for this event. Thanks to Brent Means, Rich Beam, Malcom Crittenden, and Nancy Pointon, who will be guides/tour leaders for this Technical Transfer event.

Mike Richmond provided an update on the Applied Science Projects and proposed funding for them, reviewing the solicitation process. He also reviewed the Applied Science Cooperative Agreement Standard Operating Procedures for PTRs, Grants, and Technology Transfer Staff Standard Operating Procedures. As a reminder, approved and completed project files are available and can be viewed from our listing of applied science projects.

Mike Richmond also provided an update on upcoming Stream Protection Rule hearings scheduled for Pittsburgh, Big Stone Gap, Denver, Charleston, Lexington, and St. Louis.

STATES REPORTS

Most of the States are awaiting the Preamble to the Stream Protection Rule.

CHARLES STUREY (WV)

- There are 200 coal producing mines in WV. This year is the lowest production in WV in over 30 years.
- Alpha Resources (Coal Company) filing for bankruptcy. The State is watching with interest.

JEFF TRUMP (OSM): The next teleconference will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1:30PM. This is a change in the normal first Monday of the month due to Labor Day.