



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference December 7, 2015

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TEAM DISCUSSION:

Stream Protection Rule (SPR) Update: OSMRE continues the process of categorizing SPR written comments so that we can properly be responsive.

ARTT Meeting on Potential Applied Science Projects

This meeting will be pushed back until at least February. We may not know until January 2016 for an exact date. Applied Science proposals will be distributed to the Team as soon as possible. Only team members and Technical Experts will be provided access at this time. Disclosure forms MUST be submitted to Mike Richmond before the proposals will be released.

TEAM REPORTS:

PAUL ROTHMAN (KY):

- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Steve Hohmann retired on November 30th, 2015. Deputy Commissioner Sandy Gruzesky is currently in charge of (DNR).
- Governor elect Matt Bevin will be inaugurated tomorrow (December 8, 2015), and all Kentucky state offices are closed. Governor elect Bevin is currently in the process of

naming his Cabinet Secretaries. At this juncture we have not heard who has been named Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, nor Commissioner of the DNR.

- The KY legislative session will start next month (January 5, 2016 and run through April 12, 2016) and high on the list will be the biannual budget. We have been working on our budget for the past few months, but that is all subject to change with the incoming new administration.

JEFF TRUMP (OSM):

Next call will be January 4, 2016 (1:30 PM)