



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference November 2, 2015

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SPR Update: OSMRE is in the process of categorizing SPR comments so that we can properly be responsive.

Potential Applied Science Projects: Proposals due by COB 11/3/2015. These will then be put on a shared file site. Jeff Trump reviewed the dates for submission; however, the Regional Teams MUST have the results of their proposal reviews to the National Tech Transfer Team NLT December 21, 2015. This team will then meet during the week of January 19-22, 2016 to discuss and reach a consensus on rankings. Consensus scores must be completed by the NTTT NLT January 30, 2016. Further discussion was held about holding a face-to-face meeting at the MSHA Academy. Jeff Trump is to contact the MSHA Academy and get back with team members. Unfortunately, the MSHA academy has no vacancies for the dates requested to meet the pre-mentioned dates to meet. Other venues are being considered as well.

TEAM Reports:

BEN McCAMENT (OH): Comments have been submitted for the Stream Protection Rule (SPR)

PAUL ROTHMAN (KY):

- Kentucky submitted comments on the proposed SPR, the DEIS, and RIA.
- Elections held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the office of Governor. Republican Matt Bevin has been elected as Kentucky's next Governor.

MICHELE HAMLIN (PA): Robert Robinson, PE, is the new director of PA DEP's Bureau of Mine Safety. He has 39 years of experience in the mining industry and most recently was the head of engineering functions at the Consol PA Coal Company's Bailey Mine.

JOHN CAREY (MD): Nothing to report.

DANIEL KESTNER (VA):

- Comments have been submitted for the SPR.
- A new Departmental head of the agency, John Warren has been appointed.

CHARLES STUREY (WV) Although Charles was not able to be present for the phone call, here are his comments for the State of WV:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the on the development and potential implementation of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement's proposed Stream Protection Rule

WITNESS LIST:

Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Mr. Randy Huffman, Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Jim Hecker Director, Environmental Enforcement Project Public Justice.

Mr. Todd Parfitt Director Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Hal Quinn President and CEO National Mining Association.

<http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings-and-business-meetings?ID=982dcc04-a80a-4055-8e87-a59cef3bac83>

- The Attorney Generals of West Virginia, Ohio, Arkansas, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Wyoming, Louisiana, Arizona, Kentucky, Texas, Wisconsin, Alabama, and Nebraska submitted joint comments on The Proposed Stream Protection Rule
- West Virginia DEP submitted comments on The Proposed Stream Protection Rule

JEFF TRUMP (OSM): The next teleconference all will be Dec 7, 1:30PM.