



## **Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference October 5, 2015**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

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### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **STREAM PROTECTION RULE (SPR)**

Most states are still submitting questions and comments about the Stream Protection Rule (SPR). States representatives indicated they would still like more time to properly review the SPR. States are reporting that industry is taking a downward spiral because of increasing rules and regulations; not only from OSMRE, but also from Department of Environmental Protection, Corps of Engineer, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### **WATER SUPPLY REPLACEMENT:**

Michele Hamlin had a question on water supply replacements; in particular small scale reverse osmosis units. The question was are operators in your state installing home RO systems for water supply replacements, does your program have any requirements concerning their usage by operators in home water supply replacements and who would be responsible for maintenance of the units following installation? State representatives discussed what their States do and don't do. In general, all agreed that the Operators would be responsible for maintenance for 20 years.

#### **STATES REPORTS**

**MICHELE HAMLIN (PA):**

The proposal to amend Pennsylvania's remaining regulations was announced this week in The Pennsylvania Bulletin. The announcement and proposed changes can be viewed at <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol45/45-40/1758.html>

**BEN McCAMENT (OH):**

Ohio is in the process of redoing their Water Quality Water data standards and updating their database accordingly.

**BILL WINTERS (OSM):**

OSMRE in Tennessee is reviewing the Endangered Species Act and are also looking at forfeiture of AML bonds.

**CHARLES STUREY (WV DEP):**

Although Charlie was unable to be on the teleconference call, he did send notes that he wanted included:

- West Virginia DEP is still reviewing the Stream Protection Rule
- Annual training for inspection & reinforcement and permitting underway. There has been a 4% cut in spending for the overall budget. There will be no additional hiring of State employees until further notice. WV is experiencing a seven figure deficit.

**APPLIED SCIENCE PROJECTS UPDATE:**

**MIKE RICHMOND (OSM):**

- Mike told the Team that the Request for Proposals was sent out in August 2015.
- He also reviewed the list of personnel for the National Technical Transfer Team (NTTT): They are as follows: Russ Kirkham, (WIEB), Mike Sharpe (NAAML), Greg Conrad (IMCC), Robert Welsh (TIPS), Duane Matt (WR), Debbie Dale (MCR), Cecil Slaughter (HQs). The NTTTP representative has not yet been selected.

**JEFF TRUMP (OSM)**

The next schedule ARTT teleconference will be held on November 2, 2015 at 1:30PM.