



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference October 3, 2016

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DISCUSSION:

JEFF TRUMP (OSM)

Discussion centered about the upcoming face-to-face meeting to be held at the MSHA Academy from Nov 28-Dec 1, 2016. The Team discussed the agenda and focused on subject areas for the meeting.

TEAM REPORTS:

BEN MCCAMENT (OH):

OH continues to watch RECLAIM and the AML Pilot legislation in Congress and the potential implications to the AML program if passed.

CHARLES STUREY (WV):

- WVDNR conducted two training sessions at Pipestem, one for Permitting and the other for Inspection and Enforcement.
- EPA filed specific objection to NPDES Permit No. WV 1017021 - Reissuance No. 3 for Mingo Logan Coal Company- Spruce No. 1 Mine; SMCRA No. S501397.
- We notified US Fish and Wildlife that we an issue with a bat buffer on an existing operational permit that needs to be resolved.

MICHELE HAMLIN (PA)

Nothing reportable this month.

DANIEL KESTNER (VA)

VA had similar concerns as OH on the RECLAIM and AML pilot legislation in Congress.

JEFF TRUMP (OSM): The next scheduled teleconference call will be held on November 7, 2016 at 1:30PM.