



**Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference
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Update on Applied Science Projects: Jeff Ream gave an update on the Applied Science proposals/projects. I have attached the spreadsheet on that information.

TEAM REPORTS:

BILL WINTERS (TN):

TN completed materials on the Stream Protection Rule (SPR) and the TN Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM).

DANIEL KESTNER (VA):

On the pump storage proposal feasibility study, there were no grant monies approved. VA is looking at other financial opportunities including a possible venture with the State of WV. Coal companies may be banding together as well for this effort.

CHARLES STUREY (WV):

Governor-elect Jim Justice announced that Austin Caperton will serve as his secretary for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

BEN MCCAMENT (OH):

States budget was due at the end of January.

JOHN CAREY (MD):

Since the SPR was axed, what are the States to use in the interim for guidance?

Although Richard Wahrer (KY) was not on the call, he did send in a bullet comment similar to John's (AND other States questions as well). Since the SPR might require a new MOU with Fished and Wildlife Services, there is a need to fix the "regulation hole" being left behind.