



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference

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TEAM DISCUSSION:

Mike Richmond told the Team that due to time and budgetary constraints, an open workshop will not be held this fiscal year. We are looking at having an ARTT team meeting and having presenters at the meeting. We will be looking at five issues/five presentations: (1) Trend Station with Roger Calhoun and Clairene Bailey; (2) AMD update with Brent Means; (3) Clinch River Study with Daniel Kestner; (4) WV Selenium study with Charles Sturey and Mike Shank; (5) Black Sided dace with Bill Winters presenting.

STATES REPORTS:

ROCK MARTIN (PA):

Pennsylvania is in the process of going “live” with e-permitting and continuing its development, and improvement(s) with industry. Three coal permits are being processed at this time.

RICHARD WAHRER (KY):

IMCC is hosting a meeting with the coal States RAs, OSMRE, and US Fish and Wildlife service (FWS) on July 19, 2017, in St. Louis. Topics of discussion will include the draft OSMRE/FWS MOU and the 2017 Biological Opinion regarding treatment of endangered species.

CHARLES STUREY (WV):

- The WV budget was passed by the Legislature, and became law without the Governor's signature.
- As an example of the trend in West Virginia, new permits in 2012 totaled 12, 471 acres; whereas, new permits in 2017, totaled only 5,000 acres.

BEN MCCAMENT (OH):

- Ohio budget just passed.
- The State is using the Alternative Bond Pool as a part of general revenue.

DANIEL KESTNER (VA): Nothing new to report this month.

JEFF SNYDER (MD):

- MD is 18th in the country in coal production and has remained so for the past few years.
- Two new permits are being issued, and 4 new amendments are pending.
- Deep mining in MD continues to exhibit a slight increasing trend.