



Appalachian Region Technology Team Teleconference June 5, 2017

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JEFF REAM (OSMRE):

Jeff updated the team on the Applied Science projects. He will be sending a summary of work completed on Appalachian Region projects from the most recent quarterly reports.

JEFF TRUMP (OSMRE)

The Team updated the agenda on the face-to-face meeting to be scheduled for June 19-21, 2017 at the MSHA Academy located near Beaver WV. The team discussed the agenda for the face to face meeting and we are looking forward to a workshop in September. Tentative dates are Sept 11-14, 2017 with a location and subject matters to be determined at the face to face meeting. Several topics were discussed as well as having a panel discussion.

STATES REPORTS:

ROCK MARTIN (PA):

- Pennsylvania is in the process of updating its e-permitting. Rock had some questions for the other States on the e-permitting process. Industry is balking at doing the transition, but they realize it is for their benefit and will improve proficiency.

Suggestion was made to have Rock get in touch with Daniel Kestner from VA for their input.

- Pennsylvania is also in the process of beginning a drone program for the State. Presently, they are looking at 1-2 people for licensing.
- The National Association for State Land Reclamationists (NASLR) is scheduled October 1-4, 2017 in Williamsport, PA.

RICHARD WAHRER (KY):

- There has been an increase of four coal permits from last year.
- States budget is due at the end of this month.
- On the IMCC, Greg Conrad will be retiring sometime in 2018.

BILL WINTERS (TN):

- Federal budget issues and resulting impacts to resources remain a concern and focus.
- A recent lawsuit in WV has made the connection between impacts from water discharging off a SMCRA site and causing CWA impacts in the receiving stream. KFO received an NOI of an almost identical issue/site in VA.

CHARLES STUREY (WV): Nothing reportable this month

JEFF SNYDER (MD): Nothing reportable this month.