



Appalachian Region Technology Transfer Team Teleconference March 6, 2017

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JEFF REAM (OSMRE):

- We discussed the recent surveys sent out for the Internal Control Audit for the Applied Science program. Charlie Sturey had a question about the survey, and said that he would be returning his reply shortly.
- Jeff gave an update on the progress of the AMD Treat rewrite effort, and said that OSMRE was ahead of schedule on their tasks. OSMRE and USGS will be having a meeting next week to discuss USGS's scope of work and schedule.

TEAM REPORTS:

BILL WINTERS (TN):

- TN is in the process of issuing permits –one for 1500 acres, and probably 2-3 more in the upcoming months.
- OSMRE and US Fish and Wildlife Services are partnering up for science mining projects on impacts regarding conductivity on endangered species.

RICHARD WAHRER (KY)

- IMCC meeting will be held Apr 2-5, 2017 in Williamsburg, VA. Subjects to be discussed will be biological opinions, Reg 8, Ten Day notices and bonding.
- KY is reorganizing its State offices, looking at a 9% overall budget cut.

- IL has surpassed KY in overall coal production. IL is now #3, KY is now #4 in coal production.

JOHN CAREY (MD):

- On a TDN-OSMRE has not responded in 7 years.
- Bonding is in the process of being reviewed
- Issuance of permits has really slowed down, although it does appear a couple of permits may be issued this year.

DANIEL KESTNER (VA):

Virginia's annual Arbor Day celebration will be held Apr 27th at a former gob pile reclamation site. Students have been invited from Russell County schools to plant trees and participate in educational sessions about reclamation.

ROCK MARTIN (PA):

- PA is in the process of non-coal reassessments.
- Permitting is slow in the State.

The next scheduled ARTT Teleconference call will be Apr 3, 2017.