

DATE: **January 12, 2009**  
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM CST

ATTENDEES: **In Bold**

Alabama AML: Larry Barwick, Michael Vinson

Alabama Surface Mining: Randall Johnson

Arkansas Mining Division: **Greg Melton, Wayne Van Buren**

Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals: Dean Spindler

Illinois AML: **Larry Lewis**

Indiana Division of Reclamation: Todd Huff

Indiana AML: **Marvin Ellis, Laura Montgrain**

Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau: Judith Kresbach

Kansas Surface Mining Section: Tim Wilson, Marlene Spence, Murray Balk

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Dale Berquist

Mississippi Coal Mining Division: **Stan Thieling**, Lonnie Barrier, Mike Bograd

Missouri Land Reclamation Program: **Larry Teson**

Oklahoma AML: Mike Sharp

Oklahoma Department of Mines: **Tekleab Tsegay**, Goran Randinovick

Texas Mining and Reclamation Division: Mark Schlimgen

OSM MCR: **Kimery Vories, Nick Grant**

OSM BFO: Sherry Wilson

OSM TFO: Al Clayborne

OSM IFO: Andrew Gilmore

*Significant updates in bold italics*

**Larry Lewis & Laura Montgrain AMD Workshop 2010 Update** April 13-14, 2010 Evansville IN. Registration underway with currently 3-4 registered. Status of travel assistance has not been promising so far although we are still looking travel support for 6 state staff members.

Transportation will be provided to the field sites and from the hotel to the meeting room. Illinois staff will have to stay on the Illinois side overnight and commute to the meeting room each day. Each day will include part of each day in the field & classroom. Field transportation will be provided. Theme will emphasize passive treatment bio-reactors. Program and Registration Info has been e-mailed. Send registration forms to Nick Grant.

**State Specific Tech Transfer Workshops** MCR is interested in providing State specific tech transfer workshops. Some interest has been expressed in topics such as natural stream design, geomorphic reclamation, and longwall mining. **Nick Grant** has prepared a survey on geomorphic reclamation and natural stream design to determine the level of activity and interest in the MCR for both active mining and AML. I would like to have each state provide a response to the survey and some states will need to provide an AML response and an active mining response.

**ONGOING EFFORTS**

1. **EPA CCB proposed rule to OMB on landfills and impoundments. OSM sent comments to OMB November 9. See Comments to OMB from Congressional Representatives, States,**

*Governors, Transportation Agencies, Labor, Tribal etc.*  
at <http://www.uswag.org/ccbletters.htm>

2. **OSM CCB Rulemaking** This rulemaking will probably be on hold until EPA completes its rulemaking.
3. Applied Science FY 2010. Solicitation was posted on the NTTT Website at <http://amd.osmre.gov/tcalroot/AppliedScience.aspx>. October 1, 2009. Deadline January 15, 2010.
4. **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held August 31-Sept 3 of 2010 in Charleston, WV with a full day field trip and a 2.5 day forum. Advertisement of the event has begun and on line registration is available.
5. **American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) Annual Meeting** –The AR staff will be the hosts in Pittsburgh, PA in 2010. ASMR is working with NAAMLPL to try and develop joint efforts that benefit both organizations.
6. The new OSM **Technology Transfer Website** is a work in progress and can be accessed at [www.techtransfer.osmre.gov](http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov). or by going to the MCR website at [www.mcrcc.osmre.gov](http://www.mcrcc.osmre.gov) and under the Links list clicking on “NT<sup>3</sup> OSM Technology Transfer.” *Please visit the applied science page to view final reports for past projects.*
7. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **March 17, 2010** at 10 AM CST.