MEETING NOTES

Participants:
Angie Sherman, OSMRE MCR
Abby Alkire, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Daniel Wedemeyer, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Dylan Daehn, Iowa Department of Agriculture
Johnathan Hall, Alabama Surface Mining Commission
Matthew Trousdale, Alabama Department of Labor AML
Mark Stacy, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Marvin Ellis, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Rawles Roberts, Oklahoma Department of Mines

Discussion:

• 2017 ASMR Conference April 9-13, Morgantown, West Virginia
  o Joint conference with West Virginia Mine Drainage Task Force and Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) – For more information visit the website American Society of Mining and Reclamation
  o MCR will assist the AR region with the booth

• MCR is working with the web team to update the MCR section of the technology transfer team page; once this is updated meeting notes will be posted here. There is also an events calendar on this page, it will be updated with conferences, workshops, etc.

• TIPS & NTTP training schedule for 2017 available on the OSMRE website

• Topics of interest for workshops in 2017?
  o AMD
• Applied science 2017 – We don’t know about funding
• Applied science research topics? None discussed. Please send me any topics you come up with.

• Team would like status updates on OSMRE rulemaking, funding

• Future topics of discussion: Bonding, Blasting, Ash

• Team decided we would meet every other month

State Reports:

Kansas, Marlene Spence – KDHE has an opening for a Professional Engineer, someone familiar with mining and SMCRA would be ideal. Not sure when it will be posted but will be posted to the following places: Pittsburg Morning Sun, Kansas Engineer.org, Monster.com, Engineerjobs.com, Careerbuilder.com, Admin.ks.gov

Indiana, Mark Stacy – They discovered the current water quality contracted lab was omitting a step in standard methods. Not getting negative acidity values. Wondered what kind of problems others are seeing with water quality issues coming from analytics at labs? Worked with Paul Behum OSMRE, problems may be pervasive in MCR and beyond, would be helpful to come up with guidance or procedure document to help states with sampling collection and analysis techniques.

No other state reports

The next scheduled conference call will be March 15, 2017, 1:30 pm CST.