

**MEETING SUMMARY
MCR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

DATE: April 18, 2012

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, **Mary Lou Flowers**

Indiana Division of Reclamation: Todd Huff

Indiana AML: Marvin Ellis

Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau: Judith Krebsbach, Mike Worland

Kansas Surface Mining Section: **Marlene Spence**, Murray Balk

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Dale Bergquist

Mississippi Coal Mining Division: Stan Thieling, Andrew Hitchcock, 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: **John Caudle**

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

OSM BFO: Sherry Wilson, Linda Williamson

OSM TFO: Al Clayborne

OSM IFO: Andrew Gilmore

Significant updates in bold italics

The purpose of the call is to initiate a discussion and planning for the following MCR Topics:

(1) OSM published an Applied Science solicitation for 2012 on October 1, 2011. OSM received 11 proposals 5 AR, 4 WR, and 2 MCR. **Scoring of the proposals has been completed. The list of proposals by region is attached.**

(2) OSM/ASMR Technical Sessions at 2012 Annual Meeting in Tupelo, MS. MCR has submitted abstracts for 6 presentations each for two special technical sessions:

(1) ACID MINE DRAINAGE MITIGATION CASE STUDIES IN THE ILLINOIS COAL BASIN

(2) NATURAL STREAM DESIGN FOR THE MIDWEST

(3) Plenary Session Speaker on OSM Stream Protection Rule

(3) OSM is assisting with NAAML P September 23-26, 2012 annual Meeting in Des Moines, IA.

(4) A Blasting Workshop is being planned by AR for **September 5-6, 2012** at the MSHA Academy in Beckley, WV. The workshop will focus on open discussions on how to better apply the science of blasting, critique and approve blast plans, evaluate compliance with the performance standards, keep records, certify blasters and take and defend enforcement

actions. All regions are encouraged to participate. Most of the states should be able to stay at the academy free of charge through the MSHA/states cooperative agreement. **There are 50 slots that are available. Lodging and meals will be provided by the MSHA academy. Send me the names and e-mail addresses of staff wishing to attend by May 4. I will forward this to the AR staff organizers.**

ONGOING EFFORTS

1. EPA CCR proposed rule to OMB on landfills and impoundments. EPA has published a proposed rule June 21, 2010 with two possible options, either under Subtitle C hazardous waste or Subtitle D solid waste. **EPA is being sued by enviros and ash recyclers for lack of action. No news on when or what EPA will ultimately propose.**

2. OSM CCR Rulemaking. The proposed rule and EA were submitted for solicitor review in mid February. **Publication of a proposed rule is scheduled for July 2012.**

3. OSM Stream Protection Rulemaking OSM is internally reviewing the proposed rule and is writing the EIS. **Publication of the proposed rule is scheduled for June of 2012.**

4. Indiana Bat Guidance Document Survey. A survey was sent to the FWS, OSM, states, and industry to assess how the guidance document was working. The survey results have been completed and the original guidance document development team has been re-activated to determine if changes need to be made. The current schedule is to have any changes implemented by September of 2012.

5. Next Conference Call will be scheduled for **June 26, 2012** at 10 AM CST.