

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

DATE: **July 18, 2011**
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM CDT

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 Krebsbach, Mike Worland**

Kansas Surface Mining Section: Tim Wilson, 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: Mark Schlimgen

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) A workshop on AML grouting related to subsidence mitigation. It was the consensus of the group that NTTTP training is available for this subject but it would be very useful focus a Midwestern class for 2012 that would consider a class location in Kansas or Indiana. **Kim Vories will check into this possibility and report back to the team.**
- (2) Improving Consistency and Predictability with the USFWS and USCOE options for Wetlands and Waters of the U.S. on AML sites. It was the consensus of the team that this was a policy issue that needed resolution by OSM management. **Kim Vories will see if clarification can be obtained and report back to the team.**
- (3) Alternatives to On-Site Mitigation on AML projects. Could you use AML funds off site to mitigate USCOE requirements? It was the consensus of the team that this was a policy issue that needed resolution by OSM management. **Kim Vories will see if clarification can be obtained and report back to the team.**

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. The comment period ended November 19, 2010. The EPA director stated that there will be no rulemaking in 2011. EPA has announced the publication on an NODA on new data soon.

2. **OSM CCR Rulemaking** The team will hold its sixth conference call July 19, 2011. The draft EA associated with that proposed rule will need to be rewritten in light of the TVA ash pond accident. The current goal for revision of the draft EA is July 22. The 2008 proposed rule was rewritten to meet the director priorities. Conference calls are being arranged for informal stakeholder input. Team members will conduct the calls with the stakeholder groups including IMCC (Andy DeVito), NMA (Khalia Boyd), USWAG (Kim Vories), and the Sierra Club (John Sieving). A list of stakeholder specific questions has been prepared.
3. **OSM Stream Protection Rulemaking** OSM is internally reviewing the proposed rule and is writing the EIS.
4. **Applied Science FY 2010.** OSM has funded 5 of the 2010 projects and plans to fund 4 more with FY 2011 funds. **There was no Applied Science solicitation in FY 2011 and there are currently no plans for a solicitation in 2012.**
5. **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum.** The proceedings were published in early June. Please let Kim know if you need a paper copy. The proceedings will be made available electronically on the tech transfer CD and the Internet within the next month or two.
6. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **September 20, 2011** at 10 AM CDT.