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 NTTP training is available for this subject but it would be very useful to 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.