

DATE: **September 8, 2010**
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

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

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Dale Bergquist

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 Schlingen**

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

OSM BFO: Sherry Wilson

OSM TFO: Al Clayborne

OSM IFO: Andrew Gilmore

Significant updates in bold italics

MCR Natural Stream Design (NSD) Workshop: A steering committee consisting of members from OSM, Illinois and Indiana program staff, Corps of Engineers, industry, and academia are developing a workshop exploring the unique nature and challenges of reclaiming streams in the Midwest. This three day event will take place May 17-19, 2011 in Mt Vernon, IL and will include field visits to stream restoration sites in Southern Illinois and Southwestern Indiana.

According to OSM management, it is very unlikely that OSM will be able to provide State travel

- 3. Applied Science FY 2010.** OSM management has notified the top five scoring proposals of their desire to fund them either with year-end funding or with FY 2011 applied science funds. FY 2010 applied science funds are being used to support the EIS for the Stream Protection Rulemaking. **There will be no Applied Science solicitation in FY 2011. The next applied science solicitation will be FY 2012. The MCR technology transfer team needs to develop a High Priority Topic for FY 2012.** The **Underground Mine Mapping Program** will have a solicitation in FY 2011.
- 4. Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines Forum.** The steering committee conducted a forum August 31-Sept 3 of 2010 in Charleston, WV with a full day field trip and a 2.5 day forum. There were 87 participants registered from a wide range of backgrounds. U.S. Fish and Wildlife stated that they have already received a petition to list two more bat species as endangered due to WNS impacts and are expecting more to follow.
- 5. Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **November 9, 2010** at 10 AM CST.