

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

DATE: **October 25, 2007**
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM CDT

ATTENDEES:

Alabama AML:

Alabama Surface Mining:

Arkansas Mining Division: **Greg Melton**

Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals:

Illinois AML: **Larry Lewis**

Indiana Division of Reclamation:

Indiana AML: **Marvin Ellis**

Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau:

Kansas Surface Mining Section:

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division:

Mississippi Mining and Reclamation Division: **Stan Thieling, Lonnie Barrier**

Missouri Land Reclamation Program: **Larry Teson**

Oklahoma AML:

Oklahoma Department of Mines:

Texas Mining and Reclamation Division:

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

OSM BFO:

OSM TFO:

OSM IFO:

NOTICE: All Future OSM Regional Tech Transfer Conference Calls will be at the same call in Number (877) 319-2035 with the same pass code 348477#. Also be sure to check the Calendar of events on the OSM MCR Website at www.mcrc.org.

1. **OSM CCB Rulemaking ANPR** was published March 14, 2007. Comment period closed June 13, 2007. OSM CCB rulemaking team met in DC August 22 & 23 to write the proposed rule. Work continues on proposed rule.
2. **Kim Vories** reported on the **2007 Applied Science Process**. All projects have been funded. **Status of the 2005 and 2006 Applied Science Projects** have been updated and posted on technology transfer website www.techtransfer.osmre.gov. The **FY 2008** solicitation has been published on grants.gov October 2 and will close on January 2, 2008. Letters were sent to all prospective proposers in MCR. The solicitation document is available on the same technology transfer website. The final report for the robotics study for exploring underground mines was posted on the website.
3. **Larry Lewis** reported that the **AML AMD work group** is beginning to plan for the next MCR AMD workshop. He is working with Wayne Van Buren, Greg Melton, and Mike Castle on a joint workshop with Arkansas and Oklahoma. Investigations are focusing on Fort Smith in western Arkansas. Nick Grant will take the lead on OSM assistance for this event.

4. The CCB steering committee had its first conference call October 18 to begin planning for the next OSM **CCB forum in 2009**. The next call will be November 27.
5. **Kim Vories** reported the Bats & Mining Steering Committee will begin planning for the next Indiana Bat forum in 2009 at its first conference call on November 27.
6. **Kim Vories** reported that the MCR office has initiated a steering committee to begin planning for a national **geomorphic reclamation forum** with its first conference call November 6.
7. **MCR PHC/CHIA Resource Document is now available on the MCR website at www.mcrcc.osmre.gov**. Paper copies were sent to the head of all MCR program states.
8. The new OSM **Technology Transfer Website** is now up and running. Although it is a work in progress it can be accessed at www.techtransfer.osmre.gov. or by going to the MCR website at www.mcrcc.osmre.gov and under the Links list clicking on “NT³ OSM Technology Transfer.”
9. Kim Vories reported on upcoming TDT events including:
10. **Proceedings of 2006 CCB Forum** are now available on the revised CD and the MCR website at www.mcrcc.osmre.gov. Paper copies are at the printers waiting for our notice of registration with the Library of Congress.
11. **Geological Society of America** October 28-30 Denver CO. MCR staff will present a paper on CCBs in Coal Mining to Mitigate AMD.
12. **Indiana Surface Mining & Reclamation Symposium** December 3-4, 2007 Jasper, IN. OSM will provide papers on the Indiana bat status and Quail Habitat. OSM will also provide three instructors for a workshop on **Stream and Wetland Management**.
13. **IMCC Surface and Ground Water Database Development and Use** -- December 4 and 5 in New Orleans.
14. TIPS will sponsor a **Geospatial Conference** in Atlanta, GA on March 24-28, 2008. Information can be found on the TIPS website (www.tips.osmre.gov).
15. 7th Biennial Meeting - **Interstate Technical Group on Abandoned Underground Mines (ITGAUM)** in Kansas City, MO. March 26-28, 2008. Tim Wilson reported that this is probably the best conference around on issues related to protecting roadways from underground mine hazards. Info at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/engineering/geotech/hazards/mine/2008workshop.cfm>
16. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for November 28, 2007 at 10 AM CST.