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.mcrcc.osmre.gov.

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](http://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](http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov), or by going to the MCR website at [www.mcrcc.osmre.gov](http://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](http://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](http://www.tips.osmre.gov)).


16. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for November 28, 2007 at 10 AM CST.