MEETING SUMMARY
MCR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

DATE: December 11, 2012
TIME: 1:00 PM to 1:15 PM Central Time
ATTENDEES: In Bold
Alabama AML: 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: Mary Lou Flowers Indiana Division of Reclamation: Todd Huff Indiana AML: Marvin Ellis
Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau: Judith Krebsbach, Mike Worland
Kansas Surface Mining Section: Marlene Spence, Murray Balk
Louisiana Injection and Mining Division: Judith Stoute
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: John Caudle, Stephanie Reed
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:

Rulemaking

1. EPA CCR proposed rule to OMB on landfills and impoundments. EPA published a proposed rule June 21, 2010 with two possible options, either under Subtitle C hazardous waste or Subtitle D solid waste. EPA still accepting comments. Legislation originating in the House seeks regulating CCR disposal similar to municipal solid waste that is Federally enforceable. **Most recent news is that a rulemaking is at least a year of more out.**

2. OSM Rulemaking.
   Stream Protection Rule: Team is reforming, continuing to look at additional alternatives Cost Recovery and Limited Liability Rules: Currently seeking surnames from the Solicitor's Office. 4 Solicitors must now surname rule packages.
   Temporary Cessation of Operations: On Hold
   **Emergency Action Plans Rule?: As a result of an IG report, OSM is looking into its authority to require EAP's during the permitting process rather than the current requirements (at the time an issue is discovered).**

3. Indiana Bat Permitting Guidance Document The technical team has completed their recommendations for improving the joint FWS/OSM/IMCC document and has submitted that to the management team.

4. Technology Transfer

   ASMR Geomorphic Reclamation Session(s) June 2013 – 6 talks have been submitted to date for a Geomorphic Reclamation and Natural Stream Design OSM special session(s). ASMR is working on field trip possibilities.

**Geomorphic Reclamation Initiative** – The Director of OSM is pursuing the development of a national geomorphic reclamation Initiative similar to ARRI to promote new science, technology and widespread adoption of this technology.

**Alabama A&M University Science Seminar Speakers:** MCR will provide a speaker on “ARRI and Use of the FRA in surface coal mine reclamation” in January 31 and a speaker on “Protecting Endangered bats at coal mines” April 18, 2013.

**Mine Placement of CCRs: Planning for the Future, Forum 2014** – A steering committee has been initiated to begin planning for a forum in 2014.

**Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines II, Forum 2015** – A steering committee has been initiated to begin planning for a forum in 2015.

5. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for **February 12, 2013** at 1 PM Central Time