

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

DATE: **December 16, 2008**  
TIME: 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM CST

ATTENDEES:

Alabama AML:

Alabama Surface Mining: **Randall Johnson**

Arkansas Mining Division: **Greg Melton**

Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals:

Illinois AML:

Indiana Division of Reclamation: **John Richardson**

Indiana AML: **Marvin Ellis**

Iowa Mining and Minerals Bureau:

Kansas Surface Mining Section: **Tim Wilson**

Louisiana Injection and Mining Division:

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

Missouri Land Reclamation Program:

Oklahoma AML:

Oklahoma Department of Mines: **Tekleab Tsegay**

Texas Mining and Reclamation Division:

OSM MCR: **Kimery Vories**

OSM BFO:

OSM TFO:

OSM IFO:

**Significant updates in bold italics**

**Tim Wilson** reported that the NAAMLPLP will be sending out a call for papers for the upcoming annual meeting in Rogers AR September 28-30, 2009. He and Wayne Van Buren are working on soliciting papers and presenters. They will have details on the website after the first of the year. They would appreciate any suggestions or assistance.

**Larry Lewis** submitted a report for the **AMD Workshop for 2010 in Indiana**.

Based on preliminary discussions between Larry Lewis, Mark Stacy and Steve Herbert, the workshop would: (1) The dates for this is to be determined but will for sure be in the Spring of 2010; (2) The workshop should encourage interaction among members and include more “trouble-shooting” or group participation/discussion, similar to what we did in the Illinois workshop in 2007; (3) The number of presentations should be limited so sufficient time can be allocated to the presentations and for Q & A versus having several different presentations; (4) We need to combine people better when transporting them from site to site for the field trip.

Larry will schedule a phone conference with Mark/Steve & others at the end of January to move this forward. Please call Larry at (217) 524-6513 if you want to be involved in the planning of this event.

## **ONGOING EFFORTS**

1. **OSM CCB Rulemaking** OMB has returned the proposed rule to OSM with the instructions that it must be resubmitted for publication during the next administration.
2. The Geomorphic Reclamation Forum is officially scheduled for April 28-30, 2008 in Bristol, VA. On-line registration is now available.
3. **2009 AML Conference will be September 24-30, 2009 in Rogers, AR**
4. **Applied Science Solicitation is now available on the NTTT Website for FY 2009**
5. **Indiana Bat Coordination Meetings** –This effort concerns improving consistency and effectiveness of protection and enhancement plans for Indiana Bats on SMCRA mine sites under the 1996 Biological Opinion. OSM members on the Working Group are Ian Dye and Craig Walker. State members are Tim Taylor from Indiana, Richard Wahrer from Kentucky and Bob Fala from West Virginia. The group was provided a final plan for committee review during December. They plan to go public early in 2009.
6. **Indiana Bat and Coal Mining Forum.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held the summer of 2010 in Charleston, WV with a full day field trip and a two day forum.
7. **CCB Placement after new OSM CCB Rule Forum.** The steering committee is planning for a forum to be held during the last half of July 2010 in Morgantown, WV with a full day field trip and two day forum.
8. **Geomorphic Reclamation Forum.** The steering committee is continuing planning for a forum to be held April 28-30, 2009 in Bristol, VA with a full day field trip and two day forum. On line registration is now available at <ps://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/Geomorphic-Reclamation-and-Natural-Stream-Design-at-Coal-Mines>
9. **Ohio State University CCB Research** – MCR has been working with the OSM CCB regional team at the request of OSU to begin cooperating on an Ohio CCB research initiative to conduct case studies on the use of FGD in mine reclamation. OSM is currently drafting and MOU for this effort.
10. **American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) Annual Meeting** – WR staff are actively involved in assisting the planning for the meeting June 2009 in Billings Montana.
11. The new OSM **Technology Transfer Website** is a work in progress and 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 “NT<sup>3</sup> OSM Technology Transfer.” **Please visit the applied science page to view final reports for past projects.**
12. **Next Conference Call** will be scheduled for February 4, 2009 at 10 AM CST.