

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY

November 20, 2012

1:00 – 2:00 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – Arielle Avishai, **Lois Uranowski, David Lane, Jeff Trump**

HDQ – **Josh Rockwell**

MCR – **Kimery Vories** (Team Leader)

WR – **Duane Matt**

TIPS – **Lou Hamm**

NTTP – **Tom Hines**

IMCC – **Greg Conrad**

WEIB – **Dave Berry**

NAAMLTP – John Koerth

WR Report

- WR (Duane Matt) continues to work with Kim Vories on a future **geomorphic reclamation conference** and getting speakers for an upcoming ASMR geomorphic reclamation track.
- WR is soliciting ideas from the WRTT in response to the national request for **future applied science topics**.
- WR continues to plan ahead for future **service manager meetings**, and, to meet future requests for technical assistance.
- The WRTT will have its **monthly meeting** on 11/27/12.

AR Report:

- The **ARTT team meeting** is scheduled for January 23-24, 2013 at MSHA academy in Beckley, WV.
- On October 31st a presentation on applying geomorphic reclamation in mined lands was made at the **2012 West Virginia University Water Conference**.

MCR Report

- **ASMR Geomorphic Reclamation Session(s) June 2013** – AR, WR, and MCR are all soliciting Geomorphic Reclamation and Natural Stream Design talks for OSM special session(s). Abstracts need to be in to ASMR by November 30, 2012. ASMR is working on field trip possibilities.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

NTTP Report

- The **NTTP Course Schedule and Course Coordinators** has been posted and is available on the OSM website and are available for course registration based on the space allocations that have been distributed to the states, tribes and OSM offices.
- “New” for 2013 training year is the **required nomination due date for course registration submission** by the agency training contacts. It has been moved to 12 weeks prior to the course dates from the previous 8 week due date.
- **Two courses were presented during October.** The Subsidence course was presented October 16-19 in Morgantown, WV and the Instructor’s Training Course was presented October 28-Nov.1 in Leesburgh Va.

- The **Instructor Training** course had 16 students in attendance with several being accomplished in some critical NTTP instructor need areas including Historic and Archaeological Resources and Legal instruction and Bonding.
- **Upcoming courses** include two trainings the week of December 11, Enforcement Procedures and AML Drilling and Grouting. They will be held in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Ann Walker and Tom Hines from NTTP, TIPS Training program representatives and Loretta Pineda, Director of the Colorado state program met November 14 with representatives from **Adams State University (ASU) to explore potential areas of cooperation between the University and OSM** pursuant to the MOU signed by Director Pizarcik and Adams State University earlier this year. The areas discussed included potential assistance with on-line course development and offerings as well as potentials for internships and OSM participation at ASU career fairs, etc.
- NTTP and TIPS representatives met on November 15 on **cooperatives efforts regarding training logistics and on-line training initiatives.**

HEADQUARTERS Report

- **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.
Coal Combustion Residue Rule: Seeking Solicitor's Review/Comments.
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).
- **HR Issues:**
 Seeking approval to hire a NEPA Specialist and an Economist.

TIPS Report

- Larry Evans from West Virginia was lost to the **TIPS Steering Committee** when he retired in October. He will be replaced by Virginia's Daniel Kestner.
- Funding for a **TIPS Geospatial Workshop** has not been found, so Management will investigate charging a registration fee for the conference. The issue is in the hands of the Regional Director.
- TIPS is working with **Adams State University**, our partner minority school, to get their students into some of the conferences and events that OSM helps to sponsor. For example, the Bat Forum, the upcoming ASMR conference in Laramie, or the Geomorphic Conference in 2014. Adams State is evaluating TIPS and NTTP courses for full accreditation and college credits. They are also providing training to TIPS and NTTP instructors for online course development.
- TIPS has revised the **Virtual Campus** in preparation for offering NTTP online courses.

IMCC Report

IMCC is awaiting action on a number of fronts that will impact the states: OSM rulemakings (as reported in other sections of the NTTTT Report); the FY 2013 budget; the FY 2014 proposed budget; and sequestration. There will also be several realignments on Capitol Hill that are of interest to IMCC and OSM, including the new Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Wyden of Oregon). Just as with the federal government, we are seeing several retirements and/or moves among congressional staff, so challenges abound in the 113th Congress. IMCC will also be working jointly with OSM on several upcoming conferences, including bat conservation, coal ash and geospatial technologies.

WIEB Report

- No events scheduled at this time. Continued coordination with IMCC on budget, legislative, rulemaking and oversight issues.

NAAML P Report

No Report

Exhibit Schedule

The following is the current OSM exhibits planned for the next year 2013. Need to talk about reviving the Tech Transfer Calendar.

- ISMR Jasper, IN December 3-4, 2012 by MCR
- NAAML P Winter Meeting is March 11 – 13 in Annapolis, MD
- ARIES Environmental Consideration in Energy Development, April 14-18, 2013, Charleston, WV by AR
- IMCC annual meeting is April 14 – 17 in Cincinnati, OH
- World of Coal Ash, April 22-25, 2013, Lexington, KY by MCR (National Coordination)
- ASMR Annual Meeting, June 2-6, 2013, Laramie, WY by WR (National Coordination)
- NAAML P Annual Meeting September 22-25, 2013 in Daniels, WV AR (National Coordination)
- NASLR Annual Meeting September 30- October 3?, 2013
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, Bryan, TX October 3-4, 2013 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting, TX, October 2013, by MCR

Status of Applied Science Proposal Funding – Oregon Senator Wyden has requested information on research needs and funding for OSM for Applied Science Projects. OSM needs to respond by the end of November.

Next conference call will be January 17, 2013 at 1 PM Central.