

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY

January 4, 2011

1:00 – 2:00 PM Central Time

Participants

AR – Lois Uranowski, Arielle Avishai, **David Lane, Peter Michael**

HDQ – **Steve Sheffield, Josh Rockwell**

MCR – **Kimery Vories** (Team Leader)

WR – **Duane Matt**

TIPS – **Lou Hamm**

NTTP – Sarah Donnelly, **Tom Hines**

IMCC – **Greg Conrad**

WEIB – **Dave Berry**

NAAMLPL – **John Koerth**

Attendees in **Bold**

WR Report

- The Western Region Technology Transfer is preparing for the upcoming **ASMR conference in Bismarck, North Dakota**; June 12-16, 2011. One of the highlights will be a Bond Release workshop. The Western Region Technology Transfer will hold its annual meeting at the conference.
- WRTT is preparing to conduct TIPS Service Manager visits for 2011.

MCR Report

- **Protecting Threatened Bats at Coal Mines. August 31-Sept 3, 2010 Charleston, WV.** 86 forum and 72 field trip participants. Currently working on the proceedings.
- **Ohio State University CCB Research** – OSU is working on securing the permit for the high-volume FGD gypsum demo project near Conesville power plant of AEP. Placement of FGD gypsum is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. Background monitoring is already in progress.
- **EPA CCR Rulemaking** – EPA published its proposed rule on June 21, 2010 on regulating CCR landfills and impoundments. OSM was officially given the lead on mine placement. EPA has defined minefilling as pertaining only to coal mining. EPA comment period ended November 19, 2010.
- **MCR Natural Stream Design (NSD) Workshop:** A steering committee consisting of members from OSM, Illinois and Indiana program staff, Corps of Engineers, industry, and academia are developing a workshop exploring the unique nature and challenges of reclaiming streams in the Midwest. This three day event will take place May 17-19, 2011 in Mt Vernon, IL and will include field visits to stream restoration sites in Southern Illinois and Southwestern Indiana. There are 61 participants registered to date. More information can be found at:  
<http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov/NTTMainSite/Events/importantevents.shtm>

AR Report:

- **Peter Michael** is temporarily acting for Lois Uranowski for 120 days. We welcome

Peter to this call.

- The **ARTT Team conducted the monthly teleconference** on January 3, 2011. All State representatives were present.
- All States reported on **budget and travel constraints** and political changes.
- We again discussed **Workshop topics**. The Team would like to wait for new budgets and publishing of proposed SPR rule before deciding on a particular topic. ARO will survey States and see if there is an interest in conducting individual Workshops in each State so that travel funding is not a concern. The downside is that interaction between States will not occur for these events. We may develop a PowerPoint presentation on the use of Hummingbird depth-finder to determine sediment levels in sediment ponds. An alternate proposal is to develop a short training exercise that can be demonstrated in each State of as part of the NTTP Inspector Training.

#### NTTP Report

- The **NTTP Steering Committee meeting** will be held in Birmingham on 2/23-24.
- A course development meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA in the coming weeks for development of a **Mine Gas Workshop**.
- Some of the **underground mining technology** instructors and NTTP HQ staff will be visiting Bevil State College in Jasper, AL to review their underground mine simulator and see if it might be able to serve as a substitute for underground mine course field exercise.
- Trish Hairston is working on the **2011-12 course catalog**. If people are asked for information, we would appreciate a timely response.
- A course update and revision meeting is scheduled for the **Enforcement Tools and Applications** course on January 25-27, 2011.
- Mae Kimbrough, Course Coordinator and Jane Stieber, Course Manager **recently retired** from NTTP. NTTP is in the process of filling those positions to continue to meet our training responsibilities.

#### HEADQUARTERS Report

- The UGMMP manager has been instructed to hold off on distributing the **FY'11 UGMM Solicitation**. The RD's are concerned that funding for the projects will not be available and they would prefer to not distribute the request for proposals rather than going through the motions to later determine that OSM just can not financially cover this program. Steve Sheffield and Josh Rockwell will be meeting with OSM management to come to a resolution regarding this program's continuance.
- **OSM CCB Rulemaking** – The OSM director stated that the OSM proposed rule is a priority for 2011.

#### TIPS Report

- TIPS has software upgrades coming out for AutoCAD, Galena, ArcGIS, and StatGraphics.
- All customer sites supposedly have KeyServer installed on all computers using TIPS software. TIPS is counting on this to be true so that a true count of TIPS software usage can be accomplished.

- TIPS Steering Committee meeting is coming up on May 24 through 26. Representatives will be contacting their constituents for information to bring to the meeting.

#### IMCC Report

- No report this period.

#### WEIB Report

Ongoing work with IMCC on oversight and budget policy issues.

#### NAAML P Report

- 2011 NAAML P **Winter Business Meeting**. Feb 21 – 23, 2011. Orange Beach, Alabama. Hosted by Alabama AML. Reservations: [www.perdidobeachresort.com](http://www.perdidobeachresort.com) or 800-634-8001 KEYWORD Alabama AML.
- 2011 NAAML P **Annual Conference**. October 9-12, 2011. Olympic Valley, California (Squaw Valley/Tahoe area). “The Gold and Silver States – the Legacy of Mining that Built the West.” Conference will be jointly hosted by California and Nevada AML programs. Conference tours will include AML sites in both California and Nevada. For information on California and Nevada AML programs check these web links: [www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned\\_mine\\_lands/index.htm](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/OMR/abandoned_mine_lands/index.htm) ; [minerals.state.nv.us](http://minerals.state.nv.us)

#### Exhibit Schedule

The following is the current OSM exhibits planned for the calendar year 2010.

- ASMR Bismarck, ND June 11-16, 2011 WR (National Coordination)
- NAAML P Annual Meeting Olympic Valley, CA October 9-12, 2011 by WR
- NASLR Annual Meeting, The Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels, WV, September 25-28, 2011 by AR
- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation Workshop, College Station, TX October, 2011 by MCR
- TMRA Annual Meeting, TX, October 2011, by MCR
- ISMR Jasper, IN December, 2011 by MCR

Next conference call will take place **at 1 PM Central Time, March 1, 2011.**