

114th National Western Mining Conference and Exhibition (NWMC) – March 19-22, 2012

The 114th National Western Mining Conference & Exhibition – sponsored by the Colorado Mining Association – was held March 19-22, 2012 at the Westin Hotel Denver. This conference is one of the longest running conferences in the west and featured presentations on the latest developments in mining. The environmental stewardship and pollution prevention awards were also awarded during this year's conference. The event drew over 883 registrants and 85 exhibitors.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) participated in the four day event as an exhibitor. The booth was staffed by Henry Austin and Duane Matt (and a brief appearance by Al Klein, Western Region Director). OSM passed out informational literature to all attendees. Examples of the information presented at the OSMRE booth included: Promotion of OSMRE's mission statement, National Mine Map Repository (NMMR), Applied Science Cooperative Agreement studies, Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) studies, White Nosed Bat Syndrome studies, Bat Habitat studies, as well as the latest news about OSMRE's TIPS and Technology Transfer groups.



Figure 1: Henry Austin explaining the intricate details of OSMRE to an attendee.



Figure 2: Duane Matt staffing the OSMRE booth.