

WRTT Conference Call

Title IV

August 16th, 2011

Tuesday 11:00 PM Mountain Time

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TIPS, Technology Transfer, Training and General Information:

- Please check out the updated **TIPS** website for recent updates! These are located in the “What’s New?” section of the page. ***Note: A new version of the TIPS website will be unveiled soon (TBA). Please check the site frequently.**
<http://www.tips.osmre.gov>
- Please check out the updated **NTTT** website for recent updates! These are located at: <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov>
- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE** website at: <http://www.osmre.gov>
- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE-WR** website at:
<http://www.wrcc.osmre.gov>
- Please review the *new* **WRTT** *SharePoint* site at:
<https://nttt.osmre.gov/TechTransfer/default.aspx>
- Upcoming events: <http://amd.osmre.gov/ttcalroot/TTCalendar.aspx>
- Please review the WRTT annual meeting notes!

Discussion Topic:

For those with coal AML sites, what is your single worst issue (Environmental degradation in the form of water issues? Air issues? Endangered/Threatened species? People entering the site? Interagency coordination? Other?)

Is there anything that OSMRE TIPS/Technology transfer can do to help with these issues?

New Mexico stated that their main issue was hydrological issues. The resulted from most sites having spoils dumped into the stream beds adjacent to the AML sites. New Mexico also had general issues with subsidence and mine fires, but, hydrological issues were number one. In response to coordinating with other agencies, New Mexico stated that other federal agencies (like the Army Corps of Engineers) became involved at times. They tended to be happy with any plan New Mexico proposed that made the stream conditions better than they were post mining.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: Not present

Arizona (Navajo): Not present

Arizona (Hopi): Not present

Colorado: Not present

Montana: Not present

Montana (Crow): Not present

New Mexico: Stream restoration is planned in the Dillon Canyon area (near Raton, NM). Construction is wrapping up on the Harding pegmatite mine. This is a state owned mine that is renowned for certain pegmatite minerals. An innovative bat gate was installed that can be opened from the inside should someone become locked in.

North Dakota: Not present

Utah: Not present

Wyoming: Not present

Casper Field Office: Not present

Program Support Division/Albuquerque Area Office/Farmington Area Office: Not present

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office: Not present

TIPS: The “Brasscap” e-permitting tracking application, originally conceived by Colorado and now used- due to a collaborative effort- by the state of Montana, may now be used by all Western states and tribes. A meeting is taking place in Helena, MT the end of August to discuss its use. Karyn Evans- former TIPS training team lead- has left OSMRE for another federal agency. Replacing her will be Tonya Mullins. The TIPS division is very busy with remote sensing projects.

Next Call: September 19th, 2011 (Due to a scheduling conflict)