

WRTT Conference Call

March 15th, 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 in the coming weeks. 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>

Discussion Topic:

The topic today is a basic one: What is the status of e-AMLIS? We will have a guest speaker on the call (Miss Tara Shifflett, OSMRE- Washington D.C.). If you have a specific question for Miss Shifflett, please come prepared.

Tara Shifflett described how she and Fred Sherfy (OSM Harrisburg, PA) have been testing and retesting the latest e-AMLIS product for the past few months. A contractor is currently making minor changes. E-AMLIS is slated to be released in phases. The first phase would involve the release to three states (WY, IN and PA). Prior to the release, approval from the OSMRE Deputy Director is required. As of 3/16/11, the contractor was to present the reworked product to Glenda Owens (Deputy Director). If the product was deemed acceptable, then, Miss Shifflett was going to evaluate e-AMLIS during the rest of the week. If all goes well, the three aforementioned states would receive a beta version of e-AMLIS on 3/22/11 and begin fully testing the product. Each region has AMLIS users requesting training for this product. Due to budget constraints, Miss Shifflett stated that training would most like be given through a venue like LiveMeeting. A Western states training session is tentatively scheduled for April 5-6.

A few major changes have been made to the new e-AMLIS. The new system will allow field offices to access high priority AML site information and approve work on those projects from their offices. The new system will allow all documents for a problem AML site to be uploaded immediately into the system, which in turn will allow for a quicker turnaround time from the field offices and allow these problems to be addressed quickly. E-mail notifications will be sent out upon upload/download of these materials and an “accepted/rejected” e-mail will be generated to all OSMRE/State and Tribal offices. Query building classes are also slated to being in the near future. Miss Shifflett then asked for questions.

UT asked if maps would be required in the submission for an AML problem. They also wondered if the maps would be in PDF format, or, as shapefiles. This is as yet to be determined. The system may move on to a Phase III approach in the future where it will tie into the Geomine initiative (Phase II involves all AMLIS users having access to and testing the product).

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: A design is being finalized for roads on the North Jones project. Drilling in Healy, AK is taking place close to old hydraulic workings. The DNR Commissioner held meetings with Sutton residents/Chickaloon Tribal Council and Castle Mt. Coalition for different mining permits.

Arizona (Navajo): Business as usual.

Arizona (Hopi): Not present.

Colorado: A list of potential projects is being looked at based on the 2011 grant. A statewide evaluation of mine fires is taking place plus projects in specific counties are being evaluated.

Montana: Not present.

Montana (Crow): Not present.

New Mexico: One construction project has been advertised. Another project should begin in early summer.

North Dakota: Not present.

Utah: Two active projects are suspended due to weather, and expected to restart soon. New coal projects have been proposed. Three year contracts for inventorying/design/environmental assessments with two different engineering firms on a Level-of-Effort basis are halfway through their term and are working very well. It has been a very efficient way to accomplish project design.

Wyoming: Not present.

Casper Field Office: A downhole camera report was just submitted by OSMRE concerning its recent use in the state of CA.

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

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office: Business as usual.

TIPS: The ASMR meeting is taking place in June in Bismarck, ND. If you have any TIPS issues that need to be addressed, please send your comments to you local TIPS steering committee member. They will bring your questions/concerns up at the next annual TIPS steering committee meeting. TIPS is holding a contest for the "Best Success Story." If you submit the best example of how you or your office used TIPS tools, you could win a trip to the upcoming TIPS Steering Committee in May to describe your success story. Right now the example of how California used the down-hole camera to explore carbon dioxide leaks in underground openings is the leading contender.

Next Call: April 19th, 2011 (subject to change)