

WRTT Conference Call Title V

February 28th, 2012

Tuesday 11:00 AM Mountain Standard Time

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TIPS, Technology Transfer, Training and General Information:

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Discussion Topic:

OSMRE ended the 2011 fiscal year with the purchase of new equipment. We believe this new equipment, coupled with the shared equipment we already have available for your use, will be valuable to you. Here is a list of that equipment:

- FLIR P660 infrared camera
- GeoVISION™ Deluxe Borehole Camera System
- TOPCON Total Imaging station
- TOPCON RTK unit
- Niton XRF meter
- Trimble ProXRT GPS unit
- Draeger X-am 7000 gas meter
- Ricoh GPS enabled camera

We hope to clarify what needs you might have for 2012. Which OSM TIPS and Technology Transfer service(s) do you utilize most for your state or tribal Title V program, and, what can we do to improve this service(s)?”

As for answering the initial question, there really was no question that we (OSMRE) were meeting the needs of the states and tribes concerning both hardware and software.

The meeting evolved into addressing another topic raised by the state of UT: Will there be any rule making in the near future to address mines being in temporary cessation (TC)? The Navajo Nation stated that, at a recent meeting, the three main topics that were addressed were: Ash disposal, cost recovery and TC. This indicated that it was a major topic of discussion. UT asked everyone if they had permits currently in TC. North Dakota responded that they had permits in temporary cessation for the past 10 years. MT stated that a permit cannot be in TC for more than 6 years prior to a permit renewal. DFD stated we had a federal mine in TC- John Henry in Washington had been in TC for many years. CO stated they had mines in TC and had no guidance document addressing the issue. Tech Transfer noted brought up the BLM due diligence and right to lease requirements on federal lands may address the issue of TC.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: The Usibelli permit has been submitted (Jumbo Dome). The public notice will take place soon for the Wishbone Hill mine. A member of the AK crew recently completed the Rosgen training and will apply that knowledge to an existing AML site. The North Jones site should be completed this summer.

Arizona (Navajo): Met 2-3 times with the tribal primacy team on rulemaking. Peabody was issued a renewal. This has resulted in 3 lawsuits. The permit package for area 4 north has been issued. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being done for BHP and Peabody. The McKinley mine is encountering some post mining land use problems.

Arizona (Hopi): Not present.

Colorado: A new permit was issued for a load out in Fruita. A new permit was submitted for the mine in Nucla. A prime farmland issue still exists on an old Colorado permit. An environmental assessment (EA) is being done with BLM (cooperating agency). The E-permitting initiative continues. This involves not only state of CO personnel, but, consultants and the oil/gas commission. CO recently met with MT and WY on this initiative. The state of CO just ordered Trimble YUMA's. These new units will come loaded with permit information.

Montana: MT is working on the E-permitting initiative. They are looking at CO, WY and OSMRE's existing permitting process and may make a hybrid E-permitting program, use the best program of the three, or make up their own program. An EIS is needed for a new mine permit. They are looking to streamline the process and do a cooperative BLM/State EIS.

Montana (Crow): Nothing to report.

New Mexico: Two phase 3 bond release are taking place in York canyon (one surface and one underground). One employee from the state of New Mexico recently attended the Rosgen training. The state is going to purchase

Trimble GeoXH 6000 series. An employee would like to use the Topcon Total Imaging station.

North Dakota: A new permit area (expansion of an existing mine) now brings the total acreage of the mine to 9000 acres. The Otter Creek mine permit is under review. The South Heart permit has been reviewed and no responses have been received. There are currently 4 ongoing bond releases. North Dakota needs 2011 aerial photography.

Utah: The Crandall canyon mine is under temporary cessation. The coal hollow mine is proposing to expand from 650 acres to over 3000 acres by applying for a BLM lease. The comment period on the BLM EIS is over and a final EIS is being prepared.

Wyoming: Working on the E-permitting initiative. Addressing web portal development and electronic inspection forms. WY is currently addressing 4-5 permit amendments. There are 2-3 more on the way concerning coal leases. A partial underground coal gasification permit has been submitted. They are expecting the full submittal in 4-5 weeks.

Casper Field Office: Not present.

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

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office: The inspection season has begun. The division has recently hired two natural resource specialists.

TIPS: Not present.

Additional questions/comments?

Next Call: March 20th, 2012