

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

PA AMR Conf planning committee (monthly)
ORWC Steering committee (monthly)
Indiana County video interview
McKean County video interview
Meeting with new local engineer
ARIPPA Fundraiser
MAP 21 meetings
Forum for working with the Oil and Gas industry

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

I coordinated a workshop for local environmental non-profits on producing promotional videos. The workshop was held June 23 at Pittsburgh Filmmakers and was taught by Filmmakers staff. Lunch and books were provided. During this month I coordinated workshop material with the instructor, solicited registrations, secured the venue and food, and collected materials. I also designed a new display for WPCAMR and had it professionally printed.

I aided in the coordination of the Forum for working with the Oil and Gas Industry, where conservation district and watershed group representatives met with Oil and Gas Industry to discuss the possibility of using AMD in fracturing. I helped with forming an invitee list, collecting printed materials, organizing snacks and lunch, tracking RSVPs, and setting up the morning of.

Several Abandoned Mine Posts were written including two for the AMR Conference and one for the Ohio River Watershed Celebration.

WPCAMR has a new display, paid for through a DEP Environmental Education grant. The display was used at the Annual AMR conference, the Ohio River Watershed Celebration, and was shown at the Marcellus Shale Coalition here Rivers Challenge, where it is estimated that over 5000 people saw this nationally televised event.

I aided in the strategic planning process by coordinating activities and assisting the facilitator in writing and organizing the draft document.

2011 AMR CONFERENCE

The 14th Annual Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference was once again the highlight of the summer for those of us working to treat abandoned mine drainage and restore abandoned mine lands. With the theme, "New Frontiers in Reclamation", and held August 2-4 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in State College PA, this year's conference explored innovative ways to achieve abandoned mine reclamation in Pennsylvania. Exciting opportunities abound with new and emerging treatment technologies in addition to partnership opportunities with industry in utilizing abandoned mine drainage and mine pool water. The conference provided a day and a half forum for the dissemination of information and encouraged discussions between industry, watershed groups, and decision makers that can help to further innovations in public policy, abandoned mine reclamation, remediation, and restoration.

The 15th Annual PA AMR Conf planning is already underway. The Conference will be held Aug 8-10 at the Ramada Inn, State College. In order to celebrate our 15th anniversary, the conference planning committee is working on some special ideas. EPCAMR will be the primary host for the 2013 conference, however, WPCAMR and EPCAMR have collectively decided that duties to coordinate the conference will remain the same as they were in 2012 because EPCAMR has taken on the bulk of the financial coordinating and maintains the conference website. WPCAMR will continue to organize the planning committee meetings, secure presentations, publish conference materials and other duties as appropriate.

2012 OHIO RIVER WATERSHED CELEBRATION

The planning committee has reconvened and has begun preparations for the 11th annual event. The event will take place on Sept 27, 2012.

ARIPPA 20th ANNIVERSARY AWARD RFP

ARIPPA has once again set \$10,000 aside to continue this joint project. The 2012 Award applications were collected during and a small committee was formed to review and evaluate them. Awardees were chosen and a brief powerpoint presentation was produced to introduce the chosen projects to the ARIPPA community at the annual ARIPPA Awards Luncheon.

319 GRANT DELIVERABLES

Over the next three years, our deliverables include three education projects that WPCAMR and EPCAMR will jointly engage. WPCAMR will be directing short films as an outreach tool to watershed organizations grappling with treatment solutions to acid mine drainage. Our first film discusses the origins and formation of abandoned mine drainage. EPCAMR developed a companion document as their portion of this deliverable.

In 2011, WPCAMR produced a video on AMD passive treatment options and EPCAMR will produce the accompanying poster insert based on Bob Hedin's passive treatment flow chart. The video depicts a

conversation among some experts in the field of passive AMD treatment. They discuss how to choose the right technology, some key design considerations, emerging technologies and trends, and the future as they see it with regards to funding, OM&R, and the role of the Conservation District.

I have begun to research the final year of this project. WPCAMR will produce a third video on the permitting challenges the watershed community faces when constructing an AMD treatment system. I began conducting interviews and planning a script. I visited a project in Indiana County where the Conservation District has had extensive experience with permitting issues when constructing an AMD passive treatment system. I visited a project in McKean County where the Conservation District is learning about the permitting challenges when constructing and AMD treatment system.

NPDES ISSUE

No new activity to report