

WPCAMR Watershed Coordinator's Report

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PROJECT SITE VISITS, PLANNING MEETINGS, PRESS EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Loyalhanna Creek Mine Drainage Coalition meetings in Greensburg.
Blacklick Creek Watershed Association meeting in Indiana.
Watershed Specialist SW Regional meeting and project site visit in Indiana.
Sewickley Creek TMDL meeting at the Greensburg District Mining Office
EPA Brownfields workshop in Harrisburg
Cambria County Legislative luncheon, Ebensburg
CSAW quarterly meeting, New Cumberland.
Mining Reclamation Advisory Board quarterly meeting in Harrisburg.

Attended Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable (ECRR) training at Canaan Valley, WV.
Videotaped water monitoring workshop for possible use in future ECRR trainings.

Attended Non-point source liaison workgroup meeting in Harrisburg.

Attended, assisted with setup, and exhibited WPCAMR display at the Ohio River Watershed Celebration held September 25th.

Attended meeting between BAMR and Bureau of Watershed Management (319) personnel and others to discuss Set Aside program and to look at common goals.

GENERAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND MEETING/EVENT ATTENDANCE:

Continued writing Abandoned Mine Post Newsletter articles, sending them out and archive the postings on the blog site. Archived Abandoned Mine Post articles may be found at the Abandoned Mine Posts blog site: www.amp.wpcamr.org.

Assisted Regional Coordinator and AML Campaign with crafting response to OSM's Proposed SMCRA rulemaking document.

Continued various work-related administrative duties. Compiled meeting notes from last WPCAMR quarterly meeting held August 28.

Prepared and gave a presentation about the current state of Prevailing Wage at the Annual Watershed Specialists meeting in State College.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH

The Watershed Coordinator continued his Conservation District outreach with a visit to the Somerset CD. Visits with the final four Conservation Districts are currently being scheduled for late November and December.

Continued assisting Elk Conservation District on AMD/Mining History educational materials development.

Re-visited the site of a Watershed Renaissance Initiative project, Bear Run, in Indiana County to view the completed Phase I site and to videotape for an upcoming "WPCAMR Video Diaries" segment.

Attended Somerset County Conservation District's Watershed Summit and tour of Casselman River Watershed. Videotaped tour and summit for an upcoming episode of "WPCAMR Video Diaries".

2009 AMR CONFERENCE: LOOKING AHEAD

With the 2008 AMR Conference completed, attention started to turn toward wrapping up final details from that conference and preparing for the 2009 Conference. The Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) now takes on the lead role for the 2009 conference. The Watershed Coordinator continues with conference planning as part of the planning committee, participating in monthly conference calls. The 2009 conference will be held at the conference center at Univ. of Pittsburgh Johnstown campus in mid-July.

Presenters' powerpoints and papers from some presenters who didn't have powerpoints are available on the 2008 conference website: www.treatminewater.com

PREVAILING WAGE

Continued to attend monthly meetings of Prevailing Wage coalition in Harrisburg to share experiences and concerns with others about how Pennsylvania's Prevailing Wage limits the amount of AMR performed in the state. Began the process of crafting proposed legislation. Prepared and presented talk about Prevailing Wage and its effects on the environmental community at the Annual Watershed Specialists meeting in State College.

1. *What specific, focused, prevailing wage issue can we join together and go after? (eg. raising the prevailing wage threshold, etc)*
2. *How to go about achieving that goal (legislation, time frames, public outreach, etc.)*

AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER

Additionally, met with Americorps regional director for orientation in anticipation of finding an Americorps volunteer for WPCAMR

We received several inquiries for the position and interviewed two applicants