

## ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

July 7, 2004

### TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

#### *FALL TSP MEETING PLANNING*

#### *EF WORK PRODUCTS*

#### *PROJECT UPDATES*

- *Standard Guide for Selecting Treatment Process Design Parameters at Contaminated Sites*
  - *EF Response to 120-Day Study*
  - *Expertise Survey*
  - *"Highlights" Newsletter*
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#### **Fall TSP Meeting Planning**

The Federal Facilities Forum has the lead for planning the Fall 2004 TSP meeting. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento the week of October 18, 2004. EF members discussed the draft agenda that Sharon Hayes (Region 1) distributed before the call. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday afternoon with individual forum business sessions. Tuesday's plenary session will focus on emerging contaminants. On Wednesday, the forums will attend a field trip to the perchlorate treatment facility at the Aerojet Superfund site and to McClellan Air Force Base. Thursday morning will either consist of another field trip or plenary session, followed in the afternoon by business sessions. If the EF wants to invite outside presenters for their sessions, then the speakers need to be lined up in the coming months. Several EF members submitted potential topics for EF sessions to the co-chairs, who are reviewing these suggestions.

Neil Thompson (Region 10) suggested inviting experts who could discuss the unfinished projects in the EF queue, including the RD/RA handbook and issues papers. Ed Mead (USACE) will forward to the co-chairs the contact information for experts who could discuss ion exchange at Aerojet. Any additional suggestions should be sent to the co-chairs. Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) will check with his contacts at UC-Davis and within Region 9 to see if sediment experts are available to give presentations at the meeting. The EF will discuss this meeting in greater detail during the next EF teleconference.

#### **EF Work Products**

Frank Vavra (Region 3) said that the EF needs to focus on completing outstanding issue papers and projects in addition to taking on new projects. One goal of the EF is to produce materials that facilitate technology transfer and that are of use to RPMs, project managers, and engineers. The EF has yet to complete the update to the RD/RA handbook, revisions to the engineering bulletins, the expertise survey, and Ed Mead's standard guide for selecting treatment process design parameters at contaminated sites. The process of completing EF work products and developing new projects will be discussed at the fall meeting.

#### **Project Updates**

##### *Standard Guide for Selecting Treatment Process Design Parameters at Contaminated Sites*

Ed Mead continues to look for individuals to review the analytical tables and parameters attached to his screening matrix. He will distribute an updated version of the paper by the end of July. Forum members who are interested in reviewing the document should contact Ed at [s.ed.mead@usace.army.mil](mailto:s.ed.mead@usace.army.mil).

### ***EF Response to 120-Day Study***

Neil Thompson said that his region has been asked by OSRTI to respond to the recommendations in the 120-Day Study that pertain to presumptive remedies. The TSP forums may be asked to assist with workplan and data gathering activities. Neil may ask the EF to review his response during a future EF teleconference.

### ***Expertise Survey***

Each region must send its expertise survey data to Sharon Hayes in the agreed upon format by August 4, 2004. The co-chairs will contact Kelly Madalinski (OSRTI) to see if contractor support is available to help compile and analyze data gleaned from the expertise survey. Mike Gill volunteered to review the text associated with the survey write up.

### ***“Highlights” Newsletter***

The *Highlights* newsletter will be sent to the co-chairs the week of July 12. Following the call, Rich Steimle (OSRTI) decided to distribute the newsletter using the Tech Direct listserv.

### ***NEXT ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE CALL***

The next Engineering Forum teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2004, from 12:30-2:00 pm EDT.

### **ATTENDEES**

Ray Cody, Region 1

Hilary Thornton, Region 3

Frank Vavra, Region 3

Leo Romanowski, Region 4

Tony Holoska, Region 5

Karen Mason-Smith, Region 5

Nate Nemani, Region 5

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Gary Miller, Region 6

Carlos Sanchez, Region 6

Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL

Neil Thompson, Region 10

Marta Otto, OSRTI

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Ed Mead, USACE

Johnette Shockley, USACE

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