

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

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Recap of Spring 2004 TSP/NARPM Meeting

Forum members generally agreed that the spring TSP meeting, held in conjunction with NARPM, was a success. Some members expressed an interest in continuing to coordinate periodic meetings with NARPM. Many were wary of committing to future meetings with NARPM, as there may be other meetings that would be of greater interest to the TSP. If future meetings are scheduled with NARPM, then the TSP should be afforded a greater opportunity to plan sessions and provide input into the schedule. The TSP also should be involved in agenda preparation at an earlier stage in the planning process. Neil Thompson (Region 10) suggested organizing a roundtable forum should the TSP hold their meeting in conjunction with NARPM or another large organization in the future. All EF members agreed that it is important to maintain the EF's focus on technology transfer and engineering in future meetings.

In the future, sessions should be tagged on the schedule as "beginner," "intermediate," or "advanced" in order to give potential attendees an idea of the level of the session's technical complexity.

RD/RA Handbook Update

Gene Keepper (Region 6) will send the RD/RA handbook abstract that he edited which Steve Kinser (Region 7) prepared to both Steve and Fran Costanzi (Region 8) so they can discuss a conference call that Gene will arrange. Following this review and discussion, the abstract will be distributed at all EF members for review and comment.

New HSTLs

Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) announced that three new HSTLs have been assigned to Regions 5 (Charles Maurice), 6 (Brian Caruso), and 8 (Terry Burton). Mike suggested that the co-chairs invite the new HSTLs to participate on EF teleconferences. He noted that HSTLs provide support to the Superfund, RCRA, and brownfields programs.

Expertise Survey

Sharon Hayes (Region 1) will contact Kelly Madalinski (OSRTI) to see if contractor support is available to help compile and analyze data gleaned from the expertise survey. She is still missing raw data from Regions 5 and 6.

Fall TSP Meeting Planning

The Federal Facilities Forum has the lead for planning the Fall 2004 TSP meeting. They currently are considering Sacramento for the meeting location, and perchlorate issues as the meeting focus. The EF will discuss this meeting in greater detail during the next EF teleconference.

Co-Chair Election Results

Congratulations to Bernie Schorle (Region 5), who was elected co-chair at the spring meeting.

ATTENDEES

Ray Cody, Region 1

Sharon Hayes, Region 1

Andrew Palestini, Region 3

Hilary Thornton, Region 3

Frank Vavra, Region 3

Jon Bornholm, Region 4

Julie Santiago-Ocasio, Region 4

Tony Holoska, Region 5

Karen Mason-Smith, Region 5

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Gene Keepper, Region 6

Carlos Sanchez, Region 6

Steve Kinser, Region 7

Fran Costanzi, Region 8

Harry Ball, Region 9

Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL

Neil Thompson, Region 10

Dave Reisman, NRMRL-Cinc.

Marta Richards, NRMRL-Cinc.

Ed Mead, USACE

Keith Arnold, EMS, Inc.