

## ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

September 1, 2004

### TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

#### *FALL 2004 TSP MEETING PLANNING*

#### *SPRING 2005 NARPM MEETING PLANNING*

#### *PROJECT UPDATES*

- *Standard Guide for Selecting Treatment Process Design Parameters at Contaminated Sites*
- *Expertise Survey*

#### *CO-CHAIR ELECTION*

#### *MISCELLANEOUS*

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#### **Fall 2004 TSP Meeting Planning**

EF members planning to attend the fall TSP meeting in Sacramento are reminded that they must register for the meeting at [www.trainex.org](http://www.trainex.org). They should also make their hotel reservation at the Hyatt Regency by September 24. The latest draft agenda for the fall meeting was distributed on August 26 and is available at TrainEx. Bernie Schorle (Region 5) reviewed the agenda with EF members. The EF business session will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday. 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. For security purposes, the names and citizenship of all individuals participating on Wednesday's field trip will be required when registering at TrainEx. Non-U.S. citizenship will not preclude individuals from attending the tour. There will be a plenary session on Thursday morning, followed by an EF business session in the afternoon.

Ed Mead (USACE) is waiting to hear back from representatives from Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA) regarding possible presentations on an innovative perchlorate biodegradation process they have developed. Dick Willey (Region 1 GWF) is interested in securing a speaker to discuss the use of passive samplers at McClellan AFB during the field trip or the Thursday technical session.

During the EF business sessions, members will discuss progress on the expertise survey, Ed Mead's Standard Guide for Selecting Treatment Process Design Parameters at Contaminated Sites, ORD's updated engineering bulletins, and the RD/RA handbook. Suggestions for other topics should be sent to the co-chairs.

#### **Spring 2005 NARPM Meeting Planning**

At the fall meeting, the TSP co-chairs will meet with the NARPM co-chairs on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the spring 2005 NARPM conference. EF members should propose training sessions, papers, panels, and presentations they would like to see at the spring meeting. Steve Kinser (Region 7) liked many of the suggested topics submitted by the GWF. Bernie will send a list of these topics to the EF.

Neil Thompson (Region 10) suggested that Ken Skahn (OSWER) discuss the updated landfill capping guidance at the spring meeting. Bernie will distribute a link to the draft guidance. Any comments on the guidance should be sent to Ken. Steve Mangion (Region 1 HSTL) suggested that a session at the spring meeting be devoted to bioreactors.

## **Project Updates**

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

Ed Mead continues to look for individuals to review the text, analytical tables, and parameters attached to his screening matrix. He will distribute an updated version of the document to the EF for final review and comment.

### ***Expertise Survey***

EMS is compiling the responses from the expertise survey and will assist the EF with the analysis of the data. EMS also will help draft the narrative to summarize the data. Bill Rothenmeyer (Region 8) has received comments on his draft regional summary. The other regional summaries and the overall national summary will be as detailed as Bill's summary for Region 8. Kelly will work with Bill and EMS to ensure that the appropriate level of detail is achieved in the national and regional summaries. Bill would like to present the national data at the fall meeting. Once a national draft is completed, a copy will be sent to the NARPM co-chairs.

### **Co-Chair Election**

Sharon Hayes' term as co-chair expires at the fall meeting. Nominations for the new co-chair should be sent to Bernie Schorle or Gene Keepper (Region 6) by October 1. The list of nominees will be announced during the October 6 EF teleconference. EF members will send their votes to Keith Arnold (EMS) by October 14. Keith will tally the votes and announce the winner at the fall meeting.

### **Miscellaneous**

A Federal Facilities' RPM has been working with a unit of DOD on an effort to streamline RODs. A presentation was made to the Federal Facilities Forum at the spring 2004 meeting (see the *Highlights*). Bernie noted that there are some who question the need for any changes. He also noted that some people were working on applying to another ROD the concepts developed while streamlining the first ROD considered, this second ROD being for a remedy that is more extensive than that in the first ROD.

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

The next EF teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2004, from 12:30-2:00 pm EDT.

### **ATTENDEES**

Ray Cody, Region 1

Sharon Hayes, Region 1

Steve Mangion, Region 1 HSTL

Andy Palestini, Region 3

Frank Vavra, Region 3

Julie Santiago-Ocasio, Region 4

Karen Mason-Smith, Region 5

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Gary Miller, Region 6

Steve Kinser, Region 7

Bill Rothenmeyer, Region 8

Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL

Harry Ball, Region 9

Neil Thompson, Region 10

Kelly Madalinski, OSRTI

Marta Richards, NRMRL-Cinc.

Gareth Pearson, ESD-Las Vegas

Ed Mead, USACE

Keith Arnold, EMS, Inc.