

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

April 6, 2005

TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

SPRING 2005 NARPM CONFERENCE PLANNING

FALL 2005 TSP MEETING PLANNING

PROJECT UPDATES

- *Engineering Forum Display for NARPM Conference*
- *Engineering Forum Expertise Survey*

CO-CHAIR ELECTION

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Spring 2005 NARPM Conference Planning

Registration for the spring 2005 NARPM meeting in Phoenix is open. EF members should register for courses as soon as possible, as many courses are filling quickly. All attendees should make their own hotel reservations, and should also send an email to EMS.

The EF business sessions are scheduled for Monday afternoon (May 23) from 3:30-5:30 pm and Tuesday afternoon (May 24) from 1:30-5:30 pm. A draft agenda was distributed prior to the call. Any comments on the agenda should be forwarded to Sharon Hayes (Region 1). EF members should avoid registering for classes that meet during the allotted business session times. On Monday afternoon, EF members who will present at sessions during the week will lead brief, informal discussions on their topics. Tuesday's business session will focus on major EF activities, as well as planning the fall meeting.

Fall 2005 TSP Meeting Planning

The fall 2005 TSP meeting planning subcommittee will hold their next teleconference at 3 pm on Monday, April 11. Sharon Hayes will distribute the call-in information to subcommittee members. EF members should inform the co-chairs of any potential scheduling conflicts with other meetings in October and November 2005. A soil, sediments, and water conference will be held at UMass- Amherst October 17-20, and the national brownfields conference will be November 2-4. Potential locations include Austin (TX), San Antonio (TX), and Charlotte (NC). Potential dates include the weeks of October 17th and 24th.

Engineering Forum Display for NARPM Conference

Dave Reisman (NRMRL-Cinc.) has arranged to have SAIC produce a display highlighting the EF to be displayed at the NARPM conference. He is also producing a brochure that will be available for conference participants to take with them for future reference. Dave is still awaiting final word on which members to include on the EF list for the display, as well as a final text for the brochure. Members suggested listing only Regional Forum members on the display, and including friends, partners (e.g., USACE, ITRC, OSRTI, ORD) and members in the brochure. The brochure also should include the TSP and CLU-IN web site addresses. The display should include a list of current and upcoming projects and issue papers. Bernie Schorle (Region 5) will work with Dave Reisman (NRMRL-Cinc.) to finalize the display. Both Keith Arnold (EMS) and Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) offered to send TSP field trip photos to Dave Reisman. Sharon will send an updated list of EF products to Bernie. Gene will work with Dave to finalize the brochure.

Engineering Forum Expertise Survey

All comments on the draft expertise survey should be sent to Bill Rothenmeyer (Region 8) and Sharon by April 20. Sharon will email the draft summary to EF members and remind them of due dates. Sharon will forward all comments to EMS by April 22, and hopes to send a revised draft to NARPM by May 2.

Co-Chair Election

Gene Keepper's co-chair term expires at the spring meeting. Nominations for his replacement should be sent to Sharon Hayes and Bernie Schorle, with a copy to Keith Arnold, no later than noon on May 13, 2005. Voting instructions will be distributed at that time. As a reminder, only EF members in good standing can be nominated for co-chair, and nominators are encouraged to check with the individual they plan to nominate to ensure they will serve if elected.

Regional Roundtable

Region 1: Sharon Hayes will distribute information on upcoming DNAPL and PRB seminars.

Region 5: Bernie Schorle provided comments on the Federal Facilities Forum's perchlorate issue paper. The issue paper deals with different treatment processes, but will need to be updated because the Agency recently determined an RfD for perchlorate.

Region 8: Bill Rothenmeyer noted that the 2005 Corrective Action National Conference will be held in Denver May 3-4. Registration expires Friday, April 8. The conference website is www.nationalcaconf.com.

Region 9: Mike Gill briefly discussed an asbestos exposure issue in the Sacramento area where naturally occurring asbestos was being disturbed at a construction site. He asked any EF members if they knew of dust suppression methods. Several EF members suggested he contact Paul Pernod (Region 8), who was the OSC for the Libby (MT) asbestos cleanup project. Sharon Hayes said that she was involved with a site where air-borne mercury was suppressed with a talc-like white powder. Sharon will check to see what substance they used and will get back to Mike. She will also see if there are other individuals in Region 1 who may have ideas. Neil Thompson suggested he contact Keven McDermott in Region 10.

ATTENDEES

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Ray Cody, Region 1
Frank Vavra, Region 3
Andy Palestini, Region 3
Hilary Thornton, Region 3
Jon Bornholm, Region 4
Leo Romanowski, Region 4
Bernie Schorle, Region 5
Gene Keepper, Region 6
Carlos Sanchez, Region 6

Steve Kinser, Region 7
Bill Rothenmeyer, Region 8
Brian Caruso, Region 8 HSTL
Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL
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