

## ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

August 3, 2005

### TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

*FALL 2005 TSP MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TX*

*ISSUE PAPER UPDATE*

*EVERGREEN LIST UPDATE*

*RPM EXPERTISE SURVEY UPDATE*

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### **Fall 2005 TSP Meeting in San Antonio, TX**

The Fall TSP meeting will take place October 24-27, 2005, in San Antonio, TX. Sharon Hayes (co-chair, Region 1) and Bernie Schorle (co-chair, Region 5) reported that all Thursday (10/27) morning and afternoon presentation time slots are open due to a lack of suitable field trip options. Bernie suggested contacting potential speakers from the Hazardous Substance Research Center for the South and Southwest. The HSRC/South and Southwest is a competitively awarded, peer-reviewed research consortium led by Louisiana State University with the cooperation of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Rice University, and Texas A&M University. The center addresses critical hazardous substance problems, especially as they relate to contaminated sediments.

Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) recommended putting out a call for papers to publicize the meeting and generate interest. Hilary Thornton (Region 3) noted that if the EF cannot fill the Thursday sessions, perhaps the conference should end a day earlier. Hilary also volunteered to contact Kathy Davies (Region 3 GWF) to see if she could suggest possible optimization session topics or presenters. Ray Cody (Region 1) urged either the EF co-chairs or Region 6 members to solicit input from Region 6 RPMs, including Vince Malott (GWF). Ray also suggested contacting an environmental professional with the City of San Antonio to speak about resource management issues in the area, or environmental officials from NASA to speak about their environmental policies. Bernie will contact Mike McAteer, one of the RPMs for the Tar Creek Superfund site in Oklahoma, to see if he might have any interesting topics to discuss. Other EF members proposed contacting Brooks City-Base to solicit possible sessions of interest. Mike Gill said that the Air Force could be asked to lead a discussion of their presumptive remedy for natural attenuation policy. Tribal issues may also be good session topics. Frank Vavra (Region 3) is interested in learning more about field instrumentation. Gareth Pearson (ESD-Las Vegas) said ESD just completed demonstration pilots on XRF and dioxin. He will contact program manager Steve Billets to see if he is available to give a presentation on either or both of these demonstration pilots. Rebecca Connell (ERT- Las Vegas) will check with Al Smith (ERT-Las Vegas) about the possibility of a presentation on the Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA). Sharon will draft and send an e-mail requesting potential presentation/session topics to EMS to forward it to the TSP Forum co-chairs for distribution to the individual forums.

Rich Steimle (TIFSD) will pay for five nights of lodging for all members (either Sunday-Thursday or Monday-Friday).

### **Issue Paper Update**

Bernie Schorle reported that he completed his review of the bioremediation issue paper. Comments on the hardrock mining issue paper should be sent to Frank Vavra (Region 3) by August 17. Carlos Sanchez (Region 6) will represent the EF on the soil capping issue paper. A conference call has been proposed by Douglas Grosse (NRMRL-Cinc.) to kick off the preparation of the soil capping issue

paper, and he is trying to set it up. Bernie said that at this time he did not know what the scope of this paper is to be. There was some discussion about the length of these papers, that they should not be too long.

### **Evergreen List**

Hilary Thornton has been regularly updating the evergreen list. The list will be discussed during a future call.

### **RPM Expertise Survey Update**

The NARPM co-chairs have no comments on the RPM expertise survey report. The forum will proceed with formatting and distributing the document. Sharon will contact Kelly Madalinski (TIFSD) to ask about support for finalizing the paper.

### **ATTENDEES**

Ray Cody, Region 1

Sharon Hayes, Region 1

Hilary Thornton, Region 3

Frank Vavra, Region 3

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Mike Gill, Region 9

Rebecca Connell, ERT- Las Vegas

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