

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

November 2, 2005

TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

RECAP OF FALL 2005 TSP MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TX

SPRING 2006 NARPM CONFERENCE

INCREASING EF PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP

ED MEAD'S RETIREMENT

Spring 2006 NARPM Conference

At the fall TSP meeting, the Engineering Forum (EF) co-chairs met with NARPM co-chair Patricia Bowlin (Region 9) to discuss potential topics for the spring NARPM conference. The EF proposed three topics: 1) engineering aspects of technical impracticability (TI) waivers; 2) repeating the course, Engineering Design Considerations for Mitigation of Vapor Intrusion; and 3) providing 1-hour overview and lessons-learned sessions on different remediation technologies, including sheet pile walls, permeable reactive barriers, in-well strippers, and electrical resistance heating to treat DNAPL. Steve Kinser (Region 7) suggested a session on how RPMs can use MicroSoft Project to track tasks, scheduling, and progress at a site. Bernie Schorle (Region 5) will ask Steve if he would like to prepare an abstract for this session. Abstracts are due to NARPM by November 11. The spring 2006 NARPM conference will be held in New Orleans as originally planned.

The TI waiver topic was later determined to be impracticable for the spring NARPM meeting.

Increasing EF Participation/Membership

EF members were encouraged to solicit participation from state environmental professionals with engineering expertise. Travel for state participants to TSP meetings is covered through a grant from the National Ground Water Association. State representatives should be willing to actively participate in EF teleconferences and attend at least one meeting per year.

The EF has not had a representative from Region 2 for some time. If any members know of Region 2 RPMs or RCRA corrective action staff who might be interested in joining the forum, they should notify the co-chairs. Bernie will send an email to Region 2 RPMs soliciting new members. Leo Romanowski (Region 4) noted that a database containing the names of RCRA corrective action staff also is available.

Ed Mead's Retirement

Ed Mead, a long time USACE employee and friend of the EF, will retire at the end of the calendar year. His EF friends thanked him for his tireless participation throughout the years, and wished him well in his retirement. Ed will continue to work on his screening data collection matrix until he retires. Bernie and Kelly Madalinski (TIFSD) will review the latest draft and schedule a teleconference with Ed to discuss finalizing the document.

ATTENDEES

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Frank Vavra, Region 3

Leo Romanowski, Region 4

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Harry Ball, Region 9

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