

## **ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

**April 5, 2006**

### **TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:**

#### ***NEW MEMBER***

#### ***DRAFT MERCURY TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES PAPER***

#### ***SPRING 2006 NARPM CONFERENCE***

#### ***FALL 2006 TSP MEETING***

#### ***NEW CO-CHAIR ELECTION***

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#### **New Member**

Steve Kinser (Region 7) welcomed the Engineering Forum's (EF) newest member, Stephanie Vaughn (Region 2). Stephanie is a Superfund RPM and holds a master's degree in civil/environmental engineering.

#### **Draft Mercury Treatment Technologies Paper**

Martha Otto (TIFSD) distributed a draft of TIFSD's mercury treatment technologies paper to EF members prior to the call and asked for comments. She explained that the report describes nine treatment technologies and includes information on innovative approaches to mercury treatment, along with performance data from several dozen sites. Martha noted that the original deadline for comments was April 14, but she agreed to extend the deadline until the end of April. Dave Reisman (NRMRL-Cinc.) recommended that Martha send the paper to Humberto Guzman (Region 4), who has worked with NRMRL on past mercury cleanup projects. Forum members from Regions 1, 4, and 9 indicated that they had sent the paper to individuals in their Regions who were interested in reviewing the paper. In addition, Lindsey Lien (USACE) is looking for USACE reviewers with expertise in mercury remediation. Other EF members recommended that Martha send the report to Paul Lemieux and Jeff Ryan (NRMRL-RTP), Tom Hinners (NERL-Las Vegas), and to environmental professionals in Canada. All comments and suggestions for additional reviewers should be sent to Martha by April 30.

#### **Spring 2006 NARPM Conference**

The spring 2006 NARPM conference will be held the week of June 19 at the Wyndham New Orleans Hotel at Canal Place. Steve Kinser reviewed the draft business session agenda and proposed setting aside some time at the spring meeting for discussing the TSP's role in planning the NARPM conference. Steve feels that the TSP should be more involved in planning this conference than they have been in the past. In addition, the evergreen list will be discussed at the spring meeting, so EF members should review the list prior to the meeting.

Sharon Hayes (Region 1) will forward the draft EF business session agenda to EMS, who will forward it to Tetra Tech for inclusion in the conference brochure. More information on the NARPM conference can be found at <http://www.epanarpm.org/narpm2006/main.htm>.

#### **Fall 2006 TSP Meeting**

The Ground Water Forum has the lead for planning the Fall 2006 TSP meeting, which will be held in Long Beach (CA) in conjunction with the California Groundwater Resources Association meeting. The EF co-chairs will present an update during the next teleconference. EF members should begin thinking about potential topics for engineering-related sessions.

Kelly Madalinski (TIFSD) mentioned the possibility of scheduling the next EF-led TSP meeting (fall 2008) to coincide with the joint Superfund/USACE annual meeting. EF members were receptive to this idea, and suggested passing this suggestion along to the Federal Facilities Forum, which has the lead for planning the fall 2007 meeting. Kelly will send the agenda from the last joint Superfund/USACE meeting to EF members so they can get an idea of the topics that were discussed.

### **New Co-Chair Election**

Bernie Schorle's (Region 5) co-chair term expires this spring. The co-chairs will send an email to EF members detailing the nomination and voting procedures for his replacement.

### **ATTENDEES**

Ray Cody, Region 1

Aaron Gilbert, Region 1

Sharon Hayes, Region 1

Stephanie Vaughn, Region 2

Andy Palestini, Region 3

Jon Bornholm, Region 4

Leo Romanowski, Region 4

Tony Holoska, Region 5

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Dave Seely, Region 5

Steve Kinsler, Region 7

Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL

Neil Thompson, Region 10

Kelly Madalinski, TIFSD

Martha Otto, TIFSD

Dave Reisman, NRMRL-Cinc.

Lindsay Lien, USACE

Keith Arnold, EMS, Inc.

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