

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

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Fall 2006 TSP Meeting

Brian Lewis (California Department of Toxic Substances Control/GWF) and Murray Einarson (Stanford University) provided EF members with an overview of the agenda for the Fall 2006 TSP meeting, which is being held in conjunction with the Groundwater Resources Association of California's (GRAC) 2nd Tools and Technologies Symposium. The meeting will take place November 14-16 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA.

This year's symposium focuses on high resolution site characterization and monitoring. The three-day event will feature seven individual sessions and a field trip. Murray noted that this symposium has generated a significant amount of interest from regulators, vendors, and consultants, and has attracted an international audience, with presenters coming from as far away as the United Kingdom and Denmark.

Each of the seven sessions will be followed by a 20-minute discussion period, during which the vendors will be encouraged to participate. The vendors also will set up display booths outside the meeting rooms, and will be available to discuss their products following the conclusion of each day's presentations.

Murray and Brian stressed the importance of attending all the sessions and the field trip in order to get the most out of the conference. Sharon said the EF will schedule their primary business session on Monday. Depending on travel schedules, the business session likely will begin after noon so that attendees from the West Coast can travel on Monday morning. In response to a question by Steve Kinser (Region 7) regarding the utility of the field trip/vendor demonstration to EF members, Murray emphasized that most of the technologies that will be demonstrated are "cutting edge" and of interest to engineers.

Brian noted that OSRTI may cover the cost of the \$100 registration fee for TSP members, but this needs to be confirmed by Rich Steimle (TIFSD).

If any EF members have suggestions for additional topics or field trip locations, they should contact Brian (Blewis@dtsc.ca.gov) or Murray (mdeinarson@stanford.edu) directly.

Spring 2006 NARPM Conference

Presentations from the NARPM conference are available on NARPM's website (<http://www.epanarpm.org/narpm2006/home.htm>). Bernie Schorle (Region 5) is drafting the business session minutes and will distribute them for review by August 18. The *Highlights* newsletter will be finalized in the next week and distributed shortly thereafter.

Following the New Orleans meeting, the EF co-chairs participated on a teleconference with the NARPM co-chairs to discuss the coordination of future joint meetings. Sharon Hayes (Region 1) and Steve Kinser

got the sense that there was little room for flexibility in future interactions between TSP and NARPM. With little-to-no input in the agenda planning process, many forum members feel as though the TSP is marginalized. Sharon noted that it is difficult to participate in the planning process for the NARPM conference because they begin so early, when the TSP is still planning for their fall meeting. Steve suggested that the forums be more forceful about planning their own sessions during the NARPM meeting. During the next teleconference, the EF will discuss the possibility of forming a subcommittee to address TSP/NARPM coordination issues.

Issue Paper Updates

Comments on the "In Situ Treatment Technologies for Contaminated Soil" issue paper are due to Kelly Madalinski (TIFSD) by August 18. The latest draft incorporates all EF comments to date and is being distributed to internal and external reviewers. Kelly hopes to have a final draft ready by September 30.

Ray Cody (Region 1) is incorporating comments into the latest draft of the guidance, *Indoor Air Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Approaches*, and hopes to have a new draft ready at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Sharon's New Position

At the end of September, Sharon Hayes will be transitioning out of the Superfund program and into the Enforcement program to become the Senior Enforcement Coordinator for Region 1's Toxics and Pesticide programs. She will continue to serve as EF co-chair until the fall meeting. Nominations for her replacement will be due in October.

NEXT ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE CALL

The next EF teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2006, from 12:30-2:00 pm EDT. On the next call we will have a technical presentation by Dr. Patrick Evans of Camp, Dresser, and McKee, Inc. (CDM) on "Recent Advances in Perchlorate Treatment in Soil and Groundwater." EF members should invite other Regional staff to attend.

ATTENDEES

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