

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

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Registration for the fall 2007 TSP meeting is now open at www.trainex.org/tsp. Engineering Forum (EF) members who plan to attend the meeting should register as soon as possible. The most recent meeting agenda and a description of the field trip can be downloaded from the TrainEx website. As usual, an EPA purchase order will cover the lodging costs (at the government rate) of EPA regional staff. The EF is covered for the nights of November 5-8.

A contract has been signed with the Westin Casaurina, which is about 1.5 miles from NERL. To make your reservation, please visit their online reservations system at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0710119789&key=9E786>. Be prepared with your credit card number (even if you are being covered under the EPA PO) and Starwood Preferred Guest number, if you have one. This URL is ONLY for the EPA-TSP meeting, so you will automatically be placed on the block at the government rate of \$109/night. Those who are not on the room block and do not have government identification card, will be charged state and local taxes. Please note that the room block expires on October 26 and available rooms may run out sooner, so make your reservations as soon as possible. Transportation to and from the hotel is being arranged, and details will be distributed when options are finalized.

The agenda for the fall TSP meeting in Las Vegas has changed slightly since it was last distributed. All morning sessions will begin promptly at 8:00 am. After lunch on Wednesday, there will be a presentation on ground water/surface water impacts related to the field trip instead of a discussion on the PRB roundtable. The EF business sessions will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. During the business sessions, all ongoing EF projects will be discussed. The field trip will focus on perchlorate contamination.

The PRB roundtable workgroup is looking for experts to give short presentations on PRBs at NARPM. The roundtable will consist of short presentations, followed by an informal panel question and answer session. The workgroup will devise some questions to get the discussion going. EF members who are interested in participating on the workgroup should contact one of the co-chairs.

Hilary Thornton (Region 3) reminded EF members to bring copies of any handouts they might need for business session discussions. He also encouraged participants to research standard approaches for documenting O&M (including USACE and Regional approaches) before the meeting so that the EF can have an informed discussion on this topic.

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- Mike Gill will reschedule a call between Dave Reisman (NRMRL-Cinc.) and USACE to address comments on the oxygenates issue paper;
- The utility and feasibility of preparing either a material handling equipment guide or training on this topic will be discussed during business session at the fall meeting. Don Bahnke requested information on material handling equipment from the EPA library in RTP. Hilary Thornton does not think that this topic is one that the EF should pursue.
- Additional ISCO lessons learned reports and case studies have been sent to Hilary. There is still time for people to submit case studies to Hilary. The material received by the due date will be discussed at the fall meeting.

ATTENDEES

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Stephanie Vaughn, Region 2

Russ Fish, Region 3

Fred MacMillan, Region 3

Donna McCartney, Region 3

Hilary Thornton, Region 3

Leo Romanowski, Region 4

Bernie Schorle, Region 5

Gene Keepper, Region 6

Gary Miller, Region 6

Don Bahnke, Region 7

Mike Davis, Region 7

Ellie Hale, Region 10

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