

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

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ITRC OVERVIEW

Stu Nagourney (NJDEP) gave an overview of the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC), which is a state-led coalition that works with industry and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of environmental technologies. ITRC accomplishes its mission in two ways: it develops guidance documents and training courses to meet the needs of both regulators and environmental consultants, and it works with state representatives to ensure that ITRC products and services have maximum impact among state environmental agencies and technology users. All products and training courses are free and available to the general public. Past online training courses and Internet seminars are archived at www.clu-in.org. State regulators lead ITRC technical teams, which rely on broad-based participation from federal agencies, industry, academia, and other stakeholders in building collective knowledge and collaborative products. ITRC currently has 14 technical teams working on a variety of topics, including bioremediation of DNAPLs, perchlorate, vapor intrusion, and sampling, characterization, and monitoring (SCM).

The SCM Team, which is lead by Stu, is working to promote broader application of the Triad approach to site characterization which incorporates systematic planning, dynamic work plans, and on-site analytical tools. The team has developed technical/regulatory documents on implementing the Triad approach and on using direct-push wells for environmental monitoring.

Stu said ITRC is interested in broadening its collaborative efforts with EPA, particularly increasing interactions with staff in EPA Regional offices. For more information on ITRC, visit their website (www.itrcweb.org) or contact Stu directly at (609) 292-4945. Mike Gill (Region 9 STL) noted that one impediment to past collaboration between ITRC and EPA has been ITRC's ties with industry, which may present a conflict of interest. Stu stressed that industry representatives are legitimate stakeholders and their opinions have a place in any meaningful discussion about a given technology. ITRC team leaders are charged with ensuring that industry input is transparent and that all ITRC products are objective. Stu will talk to the ITRC co-chairs about ways to increase collaboration with the EF.

UPDATE ON FALL 2007 TSP MEETING

Approval for the meeting was received in mid-September. The business session room will be equipped with a laptop, projector, flipchart, and conference phone.

The EF business sessions will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons (November 6-8). During the business sessions, all on-going EF projects will be discussed. Kelly Madalinski (TIFSD) noted that the Ground Water Forum will be hosting sessions on TI waivers and max flux that EF members may be interested in attending. The EF co-chairs will contact LuAnn Vanderpool (Region 5) to get more information on these sessions. Steve Kinser (Region 7) suggested that the EF consider a presentation on performance-based contracts. Kelly will find a contract specialist at OARM who may be able suggest a presenter and will forward his or her contact information to the co-chairs.

PROJECT UPDATES/ACTION ITEMS

- The Evergreen List, which resides on the Science Connector, was last updated at the end of July;
- EMS will be directed to format the on-line remediation technologies document;
- Mike Gill will attempt to arrange a call between Dave Reisman (NRMRL-Cinc.) and USACE to address comments on the oxygenates issue paper;
- The utility and feasibility of preparing a material handling equipment guide will be discussed during business session at the fall meeting; in the meantime, Gene Keepper (Region 6) will speak to contacts in Illinois who prepared a similar document, and Don Bahnke and Mike Davis (Region 7) will continue to explore the options for preparing this guide;
- Approximately six submissions have been received in response to the request for ISCO lessons learned; Hilary Thornton (Region 3) will draft an email notifying RPMs of an extension for submissions, and Regional EF representatives will distribute this email to RPMs in their Regions; Kelly Madalinski will send the co-chairs and Hilary a list of current ISCO projects;
- Mike Gill will take information from his ITRC presentation and use it to prepare the EF status update for the fall meeting;
- Bernie Schorle (Region 5) will send Dave Reisman an email asking about the status of the evapotranspiration cover document, and Dave will forward this request to the appropriate contact;
- Steve Kinser will distribute a PowerPoint presentation on illustrating documents;
- Steve Kinser will continue working on a new member solicitation for states.

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