

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE February 13, 2003

NEXT FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE

To prepare for a “regional roundup” during the March teleconference, members are requested to poll other regional RPMs in advance. Members unable to participate are requested to forward a list of regional issues to the Co-Chairs prior to the teleconference. The results of the regional roundup will be used to develop the Forum’s business agenda during the Spring 2003 TSP meeting.

OSWER REORGANIZATION

Rich Steimle (TIO) described the Agency’s current reorganization of OSWER. Marianne Horinko (OSWER AA) is moving emergency response operations of the former OERR to the newly-formed U.S. Department of Homeland Security. TIO will operate within a new office managed by Mike Cook, who currently manages the Superfund program. These changes are underway to better integrate the Agency’s technology-related decision-making into other program offices.

It is anticipated that the Forum will continue its functions as one of many focus groups sponsored by the new OSWER office. Focus group meetings may be held jointly under the umbrella of a larger entity such as NARPM. Forum members are encouraged to contact Steimle, John Quander (TIO), or Renee Wynn (FFRRO) with any suggestions regarding the reorganization.

STATE REPRESENTATION ON THE FORUM

Steimle also provided an update on efforts to re-integrate state representatives into the Forum. TIO and the NGWA are negotiating a grant that will allow the NGWA to sponsor state representation. Potential representatives to the Forum include Bob Campbell (Massachusetts), Robert Weld (Virginia), and Ruben Zamarripa (Missouri). Additional suggestions regarding potential state representatives may be forwarded to Steimle.

FORUM CONTACT/ACTIVITY LIST UPDATES

Members are requested to review the February 2003 list of Forum contacts and activities, as distributed previously. Activity updates, additional issues, or other changes may be forwarded to the Co-Chairs. The updated list will be forwarded to Jim Woolford and Renee Wynn of FFRRO, as requested.

RPM’S CORNER

Stacie Driscoll (Region 3) informed the Forum that FFRRO is soliciting articles, or criteria for selecting articles, for the “RPM’s Corner” segment of FFRRO’s newsletter, *Partners in Progress*. Suggestions may be forwarded to Victor Lyke (FFRRO).

SPRING 2003 TSP MEETING UPDATE

The next TSP meeting will be held during the week of April 21, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza in Seattle, WA. Members are requested to register for the meeting by contacting EMS, Inc. Members also are requested to reserve accommodations at the Crowne Plaza (800-521-2762).

Based on polling of regional representatives participating in the teleconference, opportunities exist for early travel to the meeting on Monday, April 21, and Forum business sessions beginning at 1:00 PM. The Co-Chairs will provide to the Forum members specific options regarding participation in joint technical sessions to be held during the meeting. The Co-Chairs will develop a final Forum agenda based on the option preferences submitted by the members.

Topics for the Forum's business session will include:

- ▶ an update on the OSWER reorganization,
- ▶ a report on the January FFLC meeting,
- ▶ Forum work products, schedules, and responsibilities,
- ▶ NARPM involvement,
- ▶ coordination with other forums and focus groups,
- ▶ Forum membership,
- ▶ a FFRRO update,
- ▶ contaminated sediments, including OSWER's draft guidance,
- ▶ perchlorate,
- ▶ UXO,
- ▶ RODs, land use controls, and long-term monitoring,
- ▶ ICs/IC costing,
- ▶ the FUDS inventory,
- ▶ TIMS updates, and
- ▶ docket management.

OPEN MIKE

Judith McCulley (Region 8) provided an update on OSWER's contaminated sediment guidance. Public comments on the draft guidance, which was published recently in the *Federal Register*, will be accepted until April 2, 2003. The document is available at: www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/sediment/guidance.htm. Forum members are requested to contact other regional RPMs to determine whether comments should be submitted. Release of the final guidance is expected in the Fall of 2003. Guidance training will be provided to all regions later in 2003-2004.

Harry Craig (Region 10) noted that portions of FFRRO's draft UXO handbook may be distributed shortly for regional comment. Doug Maddox (FFRRO) may be contacted for additional information about the handbook.

ATTENDEES

Stacie Driscoll, Region 3
Steve Hirsh, Region 3,
Robert Pope, Region 4
Dave Seely, Region 5
Chris Villarreal, Region 6
Scott Marquess, Region 7
Jim Kiefer, Region 8
Judith McCulley, Region 8
Carmen White, Region 9
Harry Craig, Region 10
John Quander, TIO
Rich Steimle, TIO
Gareth Pearson, ORD/Las Vegas
Sandra Novotny, EMS, Inc.