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MINING AND RECLAMATION ADVISORY BOARD (MRAB)

**Wednesday, October 27, 2004
Rachel Carson State Office Building
16th Floor, Delaware Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members/Alternates in attendance: David Osikowicz (Chair), Jack Chamberlin (Member), Sue Wilson (Alternate), David Strong (Member), Stan Geary (Alternate), George Ellis (Alternate), Sue Germanio (Alternate), Steve Shrawder (Member), Bruce Tetkoskie (Alternate), David Mankamyer (Member), Walter Heine (Member), Joe Deklinski (Alternate), and Patricia Krommes (Alternate)

Others in attendance: Joe Pizarchik (DEP), Nevin Strock (DEP), John Meehan (DEP), Mike Steiner (DEP), Mick McCommons (DEP), Jeff Kost (Pa. Game Commission), Keith Brady (DEP), Curtis Kratz (Penn E & R), Zach Church (DEP), Scott Roberts (DEP), Brian Bradley (DEP), Joe Schueck (DEP), Rod Fletcher (DEP), and Lara Logan (DEP).

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman David Osikowicz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

Committee Reports

- No Policy Committee report.
- No Regulation, Legislation and Technical Committee report.
- The Reclamation Committee met before the Board meeting, discussing General Permits for Beneficial Use of Residual Waste at Mine Sites, and the Orphan Mine Drainage Task Force (Task Force). Committee Chair Dave Strong reported that Secretary McGinty would like to be advised as to policies and definitions regarding the beneficial use of waste. She would also like to continue the Task Force, and the Committee discussed how to get the business sector involved with the Task Force's work.

Water Supply Replacement Issues/Resolutions

- Joe Pizarchik reviewed the water supply replacement issues and proposed resolutions and summarized the outreach meetings held by DEP during May and June 2004. Mr. Osikowicz suggested that the Regulation, Legislation and Technical Committee meet to discuss the issues. All member questions and comments are to be forwarded to Lara Logan by December 1, and the Regulation, Legislation and Technical Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 6 before the full Board Meeting.

Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI)

- Nevin Strock gave a brief overview of the ARRI, a co-op between seven states, the Office of Surface Mining, the mining industry, academia, and interested organizations and citizens. ARRI reclaims mined lands by planting high-value hardwood trees.

Conventional Bonding for Land Reclamation Technical Guidance Document (TGD)

- John Meehan gave an update on the document. The suggested changes have been made, and the TGD has started through the approval process.

BAMR Projects/Status Report

- Brian Bradley gave an update on the current, completed and planned BAMR projects.

Bond Rate Guidelines

- John Meehan briefly reviewed the Draft Bond Rate Guidelines for 2005.

New/Other Business

- The schedule for the 2005 quarterly meetings was set. The full Board will meet on January 6 (at 11:00 a.m.), April 28, July 7 and October 27. The Regulation, Legislation and Technical Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 6.

Dave Strong moved to adjourn. Jack Chamberlin seconded the motion, and the Board passed it.