

MINING AND RECLAMATION ADVISORY BOARD (MRAB)

**Thursday, April 28, 2005
Rachel Carson State Office Building
1st Floor, Room 105
10:00 a.m.**

Members/Alternates in attendance: David Osikowicz (Chair), Jack Chamberlin (Member), Janis Dean (Alternate), Stan Geary (Alternate), George Ellis (Alternate), Sue Germanio (Alternate), David Mankamyer (Member), Mark Snyder (Member), David Strong (Member), Margaret Urban (Member), Fred Wolf (Member), Bruce Tetkoskie (Alternate) and Duane Feagley (Alternate)

Others in attendance: Nevin Strock (DEP), John Meehan (DEP), Bob Agnew (DEP), Mick McCommons (DEP), Jeff Kost (Pa. Game Commission), George Rieger (OSM), Bruce Golden (Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation), Robert Hughes (Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation), Scott Roberts (DEP), Brian Bradley (DEP), Richard Morrison (DEP), Joe Schueck (DEP), Marc Roda (DEP), Jim Charowsky (DEP), Dan Sammarco (DEP) and Lara Logan (DEP).

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman David Osikowicz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves. The minutes from the October 27, 2004 and January 8, 2005 meetings were presented. Dave Strong made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Fred Wolf seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received since the last meeting.

Committee Reports

- No Policy Committee report.
- No Reclamation Committee report.
- No Regulation, Legislation and Technical report.

Water Supply Replacement Issues/Resolutions Update

- Mick McCommons spoke on behalf of Joe Pizarchik. Water Supply Replacement regulations will be developed and proposed to the Board at the summer meeting. Supply Replacement alternatives will be devised, as well as changes to the quantity required for adequate Water Supply Replacement. Responses to the Pennsylvania Coal Association's

comments will be included with the rulemaking package presented to the Board for the summer meeting.

Industry Roundtable Summary

- Bob Agnew of DEP spoke on behalf of Scott Roberts regarding the roundtable meeting held on March 31. PCA, DEP and mining operators attended the meeting. Bonding, permitting, fees and DEP's eLibrary are a few of the topics that were discussed.

Draft SMCRA Remining Incentives Report – 2004

- John Meehan led discussion on the Draft Remining Incentives Report. Sue Germanio and Stan Geary volunteered to review the Report and suggest changes or additions.

Coal Mine Reclamation Fees and Reclamation of Bond Forfeiture Sites Draft Proposed Rulemaking

- Nevin Strock reviewed proposed changes within the draft rulemaking. Dave Strong moved to proceed with the proposed changes. Jack Chamberlin seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

BAMR Projects/Status Report

- Brian Bradley reported on the status of BAMR projects over the last quarter

Blanket Bonds Update

- Bob Agnew gave an update on the Blanket Bonds issue. In the Blanket Bond system, one bond will cover the liability on every site, as opposed to the current situation, where a bond must be acquired for every site.

Explosive Storage Magazine Security Regulations

- Rick Lamkie gave an update on the changes to the explosive storage magazine regulations. IRRC disapproved the rulemaking but it was approved by the EQB.

Mine Waters and Metals Recovery

- Joe Schueck spoke on current and completed projects. Dan Sammarco discussed products that can be created using metal and resource recovery.

New Business/Open Time

- The MRAB Annual Report has been completed and is available online. It was forwarded to the members of the Senate Environmental Resources Committee and the House Conservation Committee.
- During discussion of the summer field trip and meeting, Dave Osikowicz noted that Nevin Strock suggested the Board may want to consider holding the summer meeting in conjunction with the 2005 Mine Water Treatment Technology Conference in Pittsburgh, sponsored by ARTT, OSMRE and EPCAMR. The Conference will occur on August 16, 17 and 18, 2005. Dave Mankamyer moved to change the July meeting to August 15. Dave Strong seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by David Mankamyer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Strong and unanimously approved.