

Southwest Regional Office

Regional Roundtable

January 12, 2012

Holly Cairns, Western PA Environmental Advocate and meeting Facilitator, welcomed the group and introduced John Poister, SWRO's new Community Relations Coordinator (CRC).

Chris Kriley, SWRO's Waterways and Wetlands Section Chief, gave an update on flooding issues. He provided two handouts, "Stormwater and Flooding Issues" and "Standards for Channel Cleaning at Bridges and Culverts."

Jack Crook, SWRO's Oil and Gas' Environmental Group Manager, spoke to the group about a study conducted regarding inspections at Oil and Gas Sites. One form has been created for all DEP Water Quality Specialists use.

Rick Palmer, SWRO's Oil and Gas' Environmental Group Manager, Technical Services, presented information regarding the use of Acid Mine Drainage for Oil and Gas Operations.

Susan Malone, SWRO's Regional Director, gave an introduction to DEP Secretary, Michael Krancer.

Everyone in the group introduced themselves to Secretary Krancer. The Secretary opened the floor for discussion. Some of the questions presented to the Secretary regarded: Frac water in water treatment plants, moratoriums on oil and gas drilling, toxic waste, ALCOSAN, the Source Aggregation Policy, injection wells and DEP budget cuts.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 in the region's Waterfront A&B Conference Room.

Updates requested for next meeting: Fracing wastewating and where is it going?

A topic requested for next meeting: ALCOSAN, green vs. gray infrastructure.