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MINING AND RECLAMATION ADVISORY BOARD (MRAB)
RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 27, 2004
Rachel Carson State Office Building
16th Floor, Delaware Room
9:00 a.m.

Members/Alternates in attendance: David Strong (Chair), Jack Chamberlin (Member), Sue Wilson (Alternate), David Strong (Member), Stan Geary (Alternate), Sue Germanio (Alternate), Burt Waite (Member), and David Mankamyer (Member).

Others in attendance: Joe Pizarchik (DEP), Nevin Strock (DEP), Joe Schueck (DEP), Scott Roberts (DEP), Curtis Kratz (Penn E & R), and Lara Logan (DEP).

Meeting Called to Order

Committee Chairman David Strong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Orphan Mine Discharge Task Force (Task Force)

Scott Roberts and Joe Schueck of DEP gave a short summary of the current status of the Task Force, and suggested that the Task Force be continued. Mr. Strong asked for comments and suggestions regarding a way to publicize the efforts of the Task Force and get the industry involved. Mr. Schueck was asked to provide the Reclamation Committee with a list of successful projects involving resource recovery and recycling of mine pool water, and a list of companies/individuals generating residual waste that could be used beneficially or as a coproduct at mine sites. The Committee suggested DEP meet with DCED staff to learn more about the business issues involved with the use of mine pool water. Committee members were also made aware of the Resource Recovery Workshop (with Secretary McGinty as keynote speaker) on November 17 in Johnstown, PA.

Key Obligation: Joe Schueck of BAMR will provide the Reclamation Committee with a list of successful projects and a list of companies/individuals that could be involved with the program.

General Permits for Beneficial Use of Residual Waste at Mine Sites

Mr. Strong said the Secretary wants a report regarding policies involving the beneficial use of residual waste, as well as a definition of the word "waste." He asked that Committee members come up with some suggestions to make the system more efficient.