

EPCAMR



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Luzerne County Highlights

- Conducted an AMD site investigation with Shawn Rybka, LCD Watershed Specialist in an area below a storm water basin at the Hanover Industrial Park in the Solomon's Creek Watershed that flows through former LCD Director Jim Doran's Farm and proceeds to enter Solomon's Creek at the Liberty Hills Estates, Hanover Township; A follow up visit with the EPCAMR GPS unit will locate the discharge and future sampling will be conducting to determine the flow and chemistry of the discharge which may be an overflow from the Inman Mine Pool Complex
- Attended the Luzerne Conservation District Staff Meeting
- Hosted a meeting with the PA DEP Section 319 Program Staff-Gary Price and Russ Wagner to review anticipated future 319 allocations to the Luzerne Conservation District to support the EPCAMR Program and to be advised of the minor necessary changes that need to be made to the FY07-08 EPCAMR Work Plan sponsored by the District; Previous years reporting of final reports warranted a different format by the EPA, therefore, the EPCAMR Program Staff will be going back and reformatting the final reports from the last several years to satisfy the EPA requirements
- Attended a Laflin Borough Council Meeting to provide technical assistance and information on available grant funds that might assist them with some storm water, gravel bar deposition problems in the Gardner Creek watershed, and erosion control problems on some AML sites downstream of upstream housing developments that have been recently subdivided and built upon
- Meeting with Susan K.-LCD to review the final two months of PA DEP 319 Program Grant Reimbursements
- Prepared a quarterly Bear Creek AMD Remediation Project Progress Report and submitted it to OSM and the Dauphin County Conservation District, along with a formal request for an extension to complete the construction activities at the Lykens Water Level Tunnel until August 15, 2007
- Conducted a PA Fish & Boat Commission approved SMART Angler Youth Fishing and AMD Watershed Education Program at Moon Lake County Park with 23 youth from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 430, out of Glen Lyon, PA
- Conducted an AMD Tie-Dye Workshop at the 6th Annual Bear Creek Festival in Summit Station, Schuylkill County and reached 650 youth who participated in the activity with donated t-shirts for the event; Assisted by volunteers from Alcoa Aluminum Products Company, Cressona, PA
- Worked with Josh on developing MOU language between EPCAMR and the LCD

- Attended and served as a presenter at the ***Nature Interrupted K-12 AMD Curriculum*** Teacher Training Workshop hosted by PA DCNR at Nescopeck State Park and facilitated by St. Vincent College where 23 teachers were trained on how to use the curriculum guide and the activities contained within the binder for field and classroom activities on AMD
- Attended the Final Presentation for the PA DCNR Community Connections Program in Pittston, PA for the Luzerne County School Districts to hear the students recap of their experiences throughout the program and an evaluation of the sites visited and presentations and activities that were conducted
- Conducted an AMD Watershed Education/Outreach Field Tour with 73 5th graders from the Dallas Elementary School District throughout the Southern Wyoming Valley and conducted pH readings and flow measurements on several AMD discharges that impact the Susquehanna River

EPCAMR Region Highlights

- Completed filing paperwork and printing financial reports and grant documentation on behalf of EPCAMR to submit to Kovalchick & Kollar, CPA to complete the 2006 EPCAMR 990 Tax Forms and filing for the organization's Non-Profit State Tax Exemption Certificate
- Conducted 2 AMR Conference Planning Committee Meeting conference calls to continue to work on the 07 State-wide AMR Conference planning
- Conducted an AMD and Anthracite Region Tour with Kelly Donaldson-Chesapeake Bay Foundation who is filming a documentary for WVIA, a local Public Broadcasting System television station and participated in some lengthy interviews with her for the video
- Attended and presented at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee Meeting in Middletown, PA on Title IV Legislative Changes, RAMLIS GIS Tool, and EPCAMR Regional Projects where additional partnerships on the projects were encouraged
- EPCAMR hosted the first Title IV SMCRA Pubic Education & Outreach Meeting at the LCD Office, prior to the Town Hall Meeting coordinated by the PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) and facilitated by the Citizens Advisory Council and the Mining & Reclamation Advisory Board; 45 citizens, local government officials, watershed group members, real estate developers, and coal operators were in attendance
- Schuylkill CD hosted the second Title IV SMCRA Pubic Education & Outreach Meeting at the SCD Ag Center, Pottsville, PA prior to the Town Hall Meeting coordinated by the PA DEP BAMR and facilitated by the Citizens Advisory Council and the Mining & Reclamation Advisory Board; 40 citizens, local government officials, watershed group members, real estate developers, and coal operators were in attendance; EPCAMR Program Staff presented on RAMLIS and the recent legislative changes to the SMCRA under Title IV
- Hillside Rod & Gun Club, and the Tioga County Concerned Citizens Group, hosted the third Title IV SMCRA Pubic Education & Outreach Meeting at the Rod & Gun Club, Blossburg, PA prior to the Town Hall Meeting coordinated by the PA DEP BAMR and facilitated by the Citizens Advisory Council and the Mining & Reclamation Advisory Board; 12 citizens, local government officials, watershed group members, real estate developers, and coal operators were in attendance; EPCAMR Program Staff presented on RAMLIS and the recent legislative changes to the SMCRA under Title IV
- Attended the Audenreid AMD Technical Steering Committee Meeting to review the revised construction plans for the redesign and stabilization of the front end of the AMD Treatment System at the discharge