

# EPCAMR



## Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program October 2008 Progress Report

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### **Capacity Building:**

- Prepared and submitted quarterly report to ACCWT headquarters.
- Prepared and submitted \$500 educational mini-grant proposal to Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority; requested funding for environmental science, art, and social studies project in which elementary school students will create AMD-recovered iron oxide chalk to send to partner schools in Afghanistan, learn about coal mining history and the geology of fossil fuel regions, and create international pen-pal connections.
- Registered EPCAMR for Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable “Hope & Hard Work” training; helped make contacts and preparations for carpooling; attended training at Canaan Valley Resort, WV, with ACCWT northern coalfields representatives.
- Contacted Stacy Bouchard, ACCWT Engagement Coordinator, to discuss restarting Basic Engagement Plan development.
- Corresponded with Luke Elser, ACCWT OSM/VISTA Leader, regarding reprioritization of OSM/VISTA tasks.

### **Watershed Projects & Monitoring:**

- Attended Newport Creek TMDL meeting in Newport Township.
- Participated in ECRR training’s advanced water monitoring track; learned about NPS issues in Appalachia, watershed approach to monitoring, assessment to implementation, and evaluation of project effectiveness.
- Processed and packaged 14 ounces of iron oxide pigment; distributed to Friends of Decker’s Creek in WV, and to Rayne Brown at LCCC in Nanticoke, PA.

### **Education & Outreach:**

- Researched AMR impact in Tri-Valley region of Schuylkill County; created detailed “What Is AMD?” PowerPoint presentation; delivered basic lecture using presentation to Pamela Ulicny’s environmental science class at Tri-Valley High School.
- Helped facilitate Hazleton/Nescopeck area watershed field trip to AMD, AMR, and illegal dumping sites with students of local high schools; led water testing demonstration with Kathryn Krulack, Jeddo/Nescopeck OSM/VISTA.
- Attended sessions at ACCWT/ECRR “Hope and Hard Work” training on community and volunteer engagement, tax incentives for donors, brownfields funding, SMCRA, and the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative.

**Community Arts & Culture:**

- Attended promotional event for coal miner postal stamp; appeared on two local news stations with members of the Coal Miner Stamp Coalition.
- Attended meeting for Nanticoke Historical Society; delivered refurbished desktop computer for archival research work. NHS is now a member of EPCAMR.
- Provided NHS with information on seeking, preparing, and submitting applications for grants.

**Networking:**

- Attended award ceremony in Wilkes-Barre for 2008 PA Partners in the Arts Project Stream, co-sponsored by the Scranton Area Foundation and the PA Council on the Arts; formally received "AMD Avengers" skit project grant.
- Researched AV contacts at LCCC for potential educational film project.