

2010 Mined Land Reforestation Conference

"Applying the Forestry Reclamation Approach in Modern Mining Operations"



JOINT CONFERENCE in PITTSBURGH, PA

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010

8:00-4:30

Morning Moderator: *John Husted, Chief, Division of Mineral Resources Management, Ohio Department of Natural Resources*

The Importance of the FRA

- 8:00 **Welcome** – *Joseph Pizarchik, Director; and/or Tom Shope, Appalachian Regional Director, US Office of Surface Mining.*
- 8:10 **“Mine Reforestation: A Coal Miner's Perspective”** – *John P. Jones, Manager of Environmental Affairs, Alpha Natural Resources LLC.*
- 8:30 **A Long Term Study of Soil Compaction Effects on Reforestation Success** – *Dr. James Burger, Professor Emeritus of Forestry and Soil Science, Virginia Tech.*
- 9:00 **Reclamation using the FRA - 5 Years of Progress** – *Scott Eggerud, Forester, US Office of Surface Mining.*

FRA Success Stories

- 9:30 **Applying the FRA at Consol/FOLA, West Virginia** – *Mike Isabell, Manager of Technical Services, Consol Fola Coal, Bickmore WV.*
- 10:00 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **“Reclaiming and Reforesting AML while Recovering Abandoned Coal Refuse”** – *Walter Crickmer, Gobco LLC.*
- 11:00 **Applying the FRA at ICG Birch River, West Virginia** – *Mike Duvall, President, ICG Eastern LLC*

11:30 **Applying the FRA in Tennessee** – *Curtis Weittenhiller, Senior Vice President of Operations, LCC Tennessee, LLC*

12:00 **LUNCH – Regional Awards Presentation/ Luncheon**

Afternoon Moderator: *Jeff Skousen, Professor of Soil Science, West Virginia University*

1:30 **Applying the FRA at Oxford Mining, Jockey Hollow, Ohio** – *Mike Hiscar, US Office of Surface Mining, Columbus OH; and Jeff Emmons, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Cambridge OH.*

Innovations using the FRA

2:00 **Field Investigations of Best Practices for Steep Slope Applications of the FRA** – *Dr. Richard Sweigard, Professor of Mining Engineering, University of Kentucky*

2:30 **The FRA and Pennsylvania Wildlife Game Lands**– *John Meehan, Reclamation Coordinator, Bureau of Mining and Reclamation, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.*

3:00 **BREAK**

3:30 **Mine Land Reforestation and American Chestnut Restoration**– *Brian McCarthy, Professor of Environmental And Plant Biology, Ohio University*

4:00 **FRA Effects on Hydrology and Water Quality** –*Chris Barton, Associate Professor of Forest Hydrology, University of Kentucky*

4:30 **Mined Land Reforestation for Watershed Restoration** – *Elizabeth Fees, OSM/VISTA and April Trent, VISTA*

