



West Virginia Mine Drainage Task Force Annual Symposium

Charleston Coliseum | April 16-17, 2025

Wednesday, April 16		
position	time	comments
	7:00	Continental Breakfast in Atrium
	7:30	Registration Table open
	8:30	Welcome and Introductions - Jason Bostic, Vice-President, WV Coal Association
	8:40	"US Electric Grid & Reliable Electricity" - Michelle Bloodworth, President/CEO America's Power
	9:00	"WV Public Service Commission Actions" - Charlotte Lane, Chair, WV PSC
	9:30	"WV's Energy Strategy" - Nick Preservati, Deputy Secretary of Commerce
	10:00	"Saving Coal" - Randy Eminger, Proprietor, Eminger, LLC
	10:30	"Recovering Critical Materials from AMD: Estimated Costs and Revenue Return." - Dr. Paul Ziemkiewicz, Noble, Hoffman of WV WRI
	11:00	"Environmental Legal Update" - Chris Hunter, Jackson Kelly, PLLC
	11:30	"WVDEP Update" - Director Jonathan Rorrer, Division of Mining & Reclamation
LUNCH	12:00	Environmental Protection
	1:00	Registration Table open as reclamation awards wind down
	2:00	moderator: Randy Maggard, WVMDTF, ACNR
	2:00	"A 30,000 Foot-High View of 30 Years of AMD Watershed Improvement in Several Appalachian States" - Ben Faulkner of WVMD Task Force, CEC, Inc.
	2:30	"AMD Impacted Streams - Strategy and Success" - Cheat and Tygart Watershed Associations' Directors Amanda Pitzer and Kelley Flaherty
	2:50	"AMD Remediation at the Watershed vs. Point Source Scales: Costs and Benefits." - Paul Ziemkiewicz, Nate DePriest, Rachel Spinak, of WVWRI
Break	3:20	moderator: Jim Ashby, WVMDTF, Ashby Environmental Consulting, LLC
	3:30	"Active Treatment Innovations" - Brent Means of AMD Industries
	4:00	"Oven Run B Passive System" - Tim Danehy of BioMost, Inc.
	4:30	"Revisiting ABA and Calculation Procedures Due to High pH from Alkaline Amendment" - Kermitt Melvin and Tyler Cook of ICG Tygart Valley, LLC
RECEPTION	5:00	Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, bar and Corn Hole Tournament in or near the Atrium
Thursday, April 17		
	7:30	Continental Breakfast in Atrium
	8:00	moderator: Ken Johnson, WVMDTF, Golden Eagle Technical Services
	8:00	"Alkaline Iron Staining - An Alternative to Conventional Treatment?" - Tiff Hilton of WOPEC & Ben Faulkner, CEC, Inc., Jamie McPeck of Coronado Coal.
	8:30	"Performance of a Passive Treatment System Over Thirty Years in Tennessee" - Terry Schmidt of EarthRes Group, Inc.
	9:00	"Advances in the Use of Limestone Aggregate for Passive Treatment of Acid Mine Water" - Robert S. Hedin of Hedin Environmental
	9:30	"Alternative Pollution Abatement of the Old Forge Borehole and Duryea Breach Outfalls to the Lackawanna River" - Tom Clark of Kleinfelder.
Break	10:00	moderator: Jennie Henthorn, WVMDTF, CORE Resources
	10:15	"Chemical-Free, High-Volume Leachate Pond Filtration: Commercial Success!" - Gerard Simon of Advanced Mobile Filtration Services
	10:45	"Long Term Trends in Selenium Attenuation at a Central Appalachian Surface Mine" - Barry Doss of Doss Engineering & Paul Ziemkiewicz of WVWRI
	11:15	"The Little Conemaugh Mine Drainage Treatment Plant, Portage Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania" - Eric Cavazza of Tetra Tech
ADJOURN	12:00	Final Remarks - Ben Faulkner, Chairman, WVMDTF
Additional presentations/papers for STAND-BY or POSTERS		
		"The Extraction of Rare Earth Elements from Appalachian Coarse Coal Refuse Through Heap Leaching" by Zainab Jawad of WVU and Nate DePriest, WVWRI
		"WV Center for Sustainable Mine Land Programs" - Brady Gutta, WVMDTF
		Back to the Future - What Can WVMDTF Do For Me?" - Past Presentations and Gusek's database by Ben Faulkner and Tim Danehy