

**Evaluation Form - 2025**

1. **Please rate your overall experience at the Conference:**

***Dissatisfied***

***Satisfied***

***Very Satisfied***

2. **How likely are you to attend this Conference again:**

***Very Unlikely***

***Likely***

***Very Likely***

**Please select those presentations that met your professional needs**.

**Tuesday, May 13**

**Keynote Speaker**: **A New Day for Mining in America?**

Mark Compton, American Exploration & Mining Association

**Legal Session**

**MEPA/NEPA Coordination: Lessons Learned from the Joint EIS Process**

Millie Olsen, Montana DEQ

**Proof of Concept: The Good Samaritan Pilot Program**

Jake Dillon, Crowley Fleck

**Interesting Topics Session**

**Upper Clark Fork River State of the Fishery and Ongoing Investigations of Limiting Factors**

Caleb Uerling, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks

**Case Study of a Very Large Sand and Gravel Sale from Benton City, Washington**

Sarah Doyle, LG, BLM

**15 Years of Ninemile Basin Remediation Bunker Hill Superfund Site Session**

**Part 1: Ninemile Basin Background and Investigation Approach**

Kyle Richards, Coeur d’Alene Trust and Alan Hughes, Maul Foster & Alongi

**Part 2: Siting Design of the EFNM Waste Consolidation Area**

Tausha Miller, CDM Smith

**Part 3**: **Overview of Source Site Design and Remediation Construction Elements**

Tony Wesche, Pioneer Technical Services

**Part 4**: **Ninemile Basin Closeout and What Success Look Like**

Kyle Richards, Coeur d’Alene Trust & Alan Hughes, Maul Foster & Alongi

**Strategic Minerals Session**

**Systematic Evaluation of Mine Waste for Critical Minerals**

Adrian Van Rythoven, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology

**Novel Processes for Recovering High Value Materials from Unconventional Sources: An Update**

Teagan Leitzke, PhD & Jerry Downey, PhD, Montana Technological University

**Berkeley Pit Rare Earth Element Recovery Demonstration**

Michael Calhoun, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology

**Wednesday, May 14**

**Water Session**

**Sustainable Biogeochemical Approaches for Mine Water Management**

Rachel Spietz, PhD, Enviromin, a Division of RESPEC

**Microcosm Sediment Amendment Treatability Testing on Mercury-Contaminated Reservoir Sediment**

Steve Dent, PhD, CDM Smith

**Evaporation Lies: A Look at Basic Principles vs Claimed Rates**

Bob Ballantyne, RWI Enhanced Evaporation

**Groundwater Recovery and Water Quality Trends at the Decker Coal Mine**

Emily Lodman, PhD, Montana DEQ

**Mine Operations Session**

**Reducing Unit Mining Cost by Improving Mine**

Samuel Addo-Frempong, Tex-Mining

**The Use of Polymers for Dust and Erosion Control on Mine Sites**

John Vermillion, Environmental Products & Applications

**Reclamation Session**

**Repair of a Reclaimed Coal Mine Site Damaged by the Historic 2022 Yellowstone Area Flood Event**

Trent B. Thomas, PE, CDM Smith

**Alaska Placer Mine Stream Reclamation – A Journey of Learning** (virtual presentation)

James Whitlock, Bureau of Land Management

**Rehabilitation of the Orphan Girl’s Underground Shaft Station**

Jeanette Kopf, World Museum of Mining & Scott Rosenthal, PhD, PE, Montana Tech

**A ‘Sleeping Giant’: Sustainable Closure of Barrick’s Legacy Giant Nickel Tailings Storage Facility**

Allison Brown, P.Geo., Barrick Gold Corporation

**Solving Environmental Problems Session**

**Abating the Underground Threat: Coal Seam Fire Mitigation in Eastern Montana**

Tyrel Hulet, PE, Trihydro Corporation

**Changing the Mining Education Paradigm**

Nancy Schlepp, Sandfire Resources America & Karen Vandaveer, Highlands College

**Dam Foundation Problems and Solutions**

Michael Gobla, US Bureau of Reclamation (*retired*)

**Thursday, May 15**

**Exploration Session**

**Using Unmanned Aerial System and GIS Technology for Cultural Resource Documentation**

Patrick Rennie, Montana DEQ

**Exploring for Growth at the Madison Mine**

Zachery Hibdon, American Pacific Mining

**Intelligent Design: Data, Analysis, & Management**

Zach Black, Ethos Geologic

**Mappable Thermochemical Indictors of Economic Porphyry Copper Deposits**

George Brimhall, Clementine Exploration

**Update on the USGS Geophysical Data Collection, Southwestern Montana**

Kyle Eastman, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology

**Inspiring the Next Generation: Education and the Future of Women in Mining**

Lacey Morrison, Morrison Drilling Solutions & Kimberly Myhre, WSP

**1. Comments** (*positive or negative*):

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**2. Other topics and/or speakers you would like offered at future conferences:**

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**3. If you attended the Field Trip, please rate your overall experience:**

***Dissatisfied***

***Satisfied***

***Very Satisfied***

**Comments on the Field Trip*:***

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