

25th Annual Meeting
American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR)

New Opportunities to Apply our Science



Richmond Virginia – June 14–19, 2008

Richmond Virginia, home of the USA's first commercial coal mine, will host the 25th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation in mid-June of 2008. In addition to ASMR's historical concentration on coal and metal mining applications, this meeting's program and field trips will focus on remediation of other disturbances such as exposure of acid-sulfate materials, mineral sands mining, dredge spoil placement, and wetland impact mitigation. We hope that the timing and location of this meeting will allow meeting attendees and their families to enjoy the wealth of great attractions in and around Richmond!

Overall Meeting Schedule:

Saturday June 14:	Workshops and pre-meeting field trip.
Sunday June 15:	Workshops, Civil War battlefields trip, and opening mixer.
Monday June 16:	Plenary session, awards luncheon, and technical sessions.
Tuesday, June 17:	Technical sessions.
Wednesday, June 18:	Technical sessions and society dinner @ Shirley Plantation.
Thursday, June 19:	Post-meeting field trips.
Friday, June 20:	Civil War battlefields trip.

Venue: The Richmond Marriott will host all meeting functions, technical sessions and exhibits. The Marriott is located in downtown Richmond, just blocks away from the Virginia Capitol, and has been completely refurbished over the past two years. The annual society dinner will be held at Shirley Plantation, a short bus ride away in historic Charles City County.

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Field Trips:

June 14: Sand & gravel mining and reclamation, constructed mitigation wetlands, conversion of dredge spoils to agricultural production, and acid-sulfate soil remediation.

June 19:

A. Acid sulfate soils and their remediation. Impacts to development sites in Fredericksburg area, including the Stafford Airport project where 300+ acres of pH 3.0 soils were remediated via utilization of lime stabilized biosolids.

B. Historic metal mining impacts and remediation including Valzinco acid treatment wetlands and Contrary Creek historical acid drainage impacts. Tour will highlight Va. Division of Mineral Mining orphan lands rehabilitation programs.

C. Mineral sands mining and prime farmland restoration in Dinwiddie and Sussex Counties. Iluka Resources mines ilmenite, rutile and zircon from prime farmlands with over 1500 acres of impacts to date. Tour will feature active mining operations, soil reconstruction, and 100 acre research-demonstration farm.



Heavy Mineral Mining and Processing. Acid-S Impacts to Turf, Concrete and Water.

Exhibits and Trade Show: The trade show and exhibit area will be open throughout the regular meeting hours (M-T-W) and will be fully integrated with reception functions, poster sessions, and technical session coffee breaks. Trade show registrants will receive two full meeting registrations. Additional session and function sponsorships will also be available.

Downtown Richmond has undergone an impressive rebuilding and revitalization program over the past several years, and provides an impressive array of restaurants, museums, historical attractions, and entertainment options (<http://visit.richmond.com/>). Of particular note are the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Confederate White House & Museum of the Confederacy, James River Canal Walk, and numerous Civil War battlefields. Richmond is served by eight major airlines via the newly reconstructed Richmond International Airport (RIC) and by Amtrak rail service.

Major Attractions Within One Hour of Richmond:

Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement, Kings Dominion, Shirley Plantation, Yorktown Victory Center, and 10+ Civil War battlefields.

Major Attractions Within Two Hours of Richmond:

Quantico Marine Museum, Smithsonian Aviation Museum at Dulles, Virginia Beach, Washington D.C., and many more Civil War battlefields!

Special Meeting Features:

Civil War Tours: We have arranged with Mr. John Marler of the Appomattox Touring Company (<http://www.appomattoxtours.com/>) to provide customized pre- and post-meeting tours of local battlefields including the “Crater” and other sites associated with the protracted siege of Richmond. These tours will run on the Sunday before and the Friday after the regular meeting events. John is a great historian and entertainer, and these tours promise to be special!

Annual Society Dinner at Shirley Plantation: Our annual gala dinner on Wednesday evening will be hosted by Shirley Plantation (<http://www.shirleyplantation.com/>), founded in 1613 approximately 20 miles south of Richmond. Attendees will be free to tour the house and grounds before being treated to local cuisine, live music, and beautiful views of the James River. Pre-meal tours of tidal freshwater wetland restoration and dredge utilization sites will be available.

Call for Papers will be issued in June 2007

**Preliminary Program and Registration Package
will be available in late December 2007**

ASMR members will receive all notices and mailings automatically.

Please Email or call Sue Brown (suebrown@vt.edu; 540-231-5741) if you would like to be placed on either our 2008 meeting Email list or the preliminary program hard copy mailing list.

Web Link: http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html