

Overview of Activities:

The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane

19th Session of the UNECE Committee on
Sustainable Energy

Geneva, 25 November 2010

The 6th Session of the AHGE on CMM

- Held 11-12 October 2010 in Geneva
- Participants: ECE Member States + IOs - ILO, IEA, and M2M (now GMI)
- A new 9-member bureau elected, chaired by Mr. Pilcher
- Requested from the Committee an extension of its mandate and that its name be changed – to GE on CMM

Review of Work in 2009-10

- **Published** “Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines”
- **Took** an active role in M2M Partnership Expo, March 2010, New Delhi
- **Surveyed** coal-mining countries on legislation barriers
- **Conducted** assessment missions on mine safety to China, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan
- **Secured** first grant from US EPA
- **Initiated** cooperation with UNFCCC
- **Continued** cooperation with M2M
 - Workshop in China, dedicated to promoting “Best Practice...” in Oct 2010, was a big success



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“Best Practice Guidance for ... Methane Drainage and Use...”

- A peer-reviewed publication drafted by experts hired by ECE and M2M, in response to request made at 3rd and 4th AHGE session
- Launched in March in New Delhi and was greeted very much by the participants
- Printed in June 2010 and available online as pdf at ECE-SED website:
http://www.unece.org/energy/se/pdfs/cmm/pub/BestPractGuide_MethDrain_es31.pdf
- Russian, French and Chinese translations are, or soon will be, available

Plans for the Near Future (2011-12)

- **Continue** cooperation with EPA and GMI (ex-M2M) on the promotion of “Best Practice...”
 - For 2011, two workshops planned - Kazakhstan and Ukraine
- **Agree** on its new Terms of Reference
- **Continue** cooperation with
 - IEA, ILO, UNDP, and other IOs
 - UNFCCC on standards and methodologies (e.g., ACM0008)

Plans for the Future (cont.)

- **Animate** coal industry to take a more active role in the GE's work
- **Conduct** an updated industry survey to access current CMM/VAM market
- **Secure** more funding from EPA and other sources to promote best practices in mine safety and environmental protection