

Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (GoE CMM)

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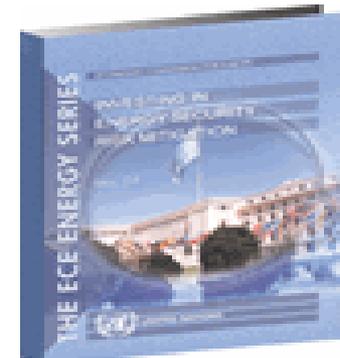
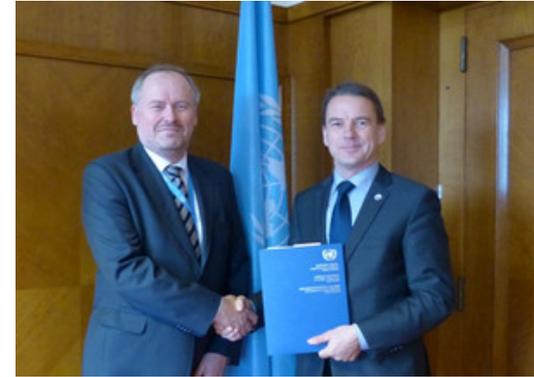
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2016 Highlights for the GoE CMM

- Interest in controlling methane is growing among many international organizations
- Methane Management is Important role for delivering on  and Climate Action
 - Methane from extractive activities and the role of fossil fuels in the future energy system are being examined from all standpoints, but their role will remain strong, use of natural gas as well as coal associated gas will continue to grow
- GoE CMM Continued close cooperation with Global Methane Initiative (GMI)
 - participated in GMI Global Methane Forum, Washington, March 2016— at which we held a session on Best Practices
 - Strategic alliance between UNECE and GMI has been developed to avoid duplication of effort and to enhance project identification and implementation

Recent Highlights

- The International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in Poland, will open in early 2017
- EPA-funded an extrabudgetary project “for dissemination of best practices in the emission abatement, recovery and use of CMM. The funding will be used to provide four workshops:
 - Karaganda Kazakhstan 4 October 2016
 - India during the Q1 of 2017
 - Poland in 2017
 - One in a location that is yet to be determined
- Second Edition of the Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Recovery in Coal Mines will be published in October 2016



Current challenges and future outlook



- Growing role of and interest in methane management
- GoE on CMM a forum that provides an opportunity for cross-cutting discussion on issues that range from technical to policy and finance
- Results-oriented. Delivers concrete outputs. Non-duplicative.
- Sustained interest from UNECE member countries with active coal mining operations and those that continue to consume coal
- **Challenges:**
 - Ambitious work plan for 2016-2017 (annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/2)
 - GoE relies heavily on significant voluntary contributions for delivery of products.
 - Transition of traditional mining companies: in the USA many have declared bankruptcy and are undergoing restructuring, some have begun transition to integrated service companies but many have down sized and disaggregated. New CMM projects are financially challenging, but additional revenue from production and use of CMM is attractive.
 - Completing substantive and administrative discussions in one day extremely challenging. GoE has expanded its annual sessions to two days

Thank you



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