



VEGETATIVE TREATMENT SYSTEMS



VTS project stakeholders meeting

30 November 2005, 3:00 PM

Ramkota Inn, Sioux Falls

Today's meeting was closely coupled with the discussions of the second-phase study of VTS's in South Dakota, funded by USDA NRCS CIG via the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

A web page has been established for this project: abe.sdstate.edu/vts

All the required clearances related to any potential threatened or endangered species have been obtained. Thanks for Dennis Clarke, DENR.

The construction grant has been obtained and is being sponsored by the Miner Co SCD. Special thanks to the SCD and Tami Moore.

Ken Taylor reported in absentia that the Roberts Co site design has been completed and is in review. Construction is complete at the Meade Co site with the exception of a few minor issues.

Construction at the Haakon site has been delayed, awaiting some design information from SDSU.

Modifications will be made at the Miner Co site. Potential modifications include adding gated pipe at the outlet of the sediment basin to spread the outflow over a greater area and increasing the size of the sediment basin to provide greater solids separation.

ABE graduate student Sara Smith is progressing on her objectives of applying the Iowa State U simulation models to the South Dakota sites.

Dr Bruce Bleakley presented an overview of the microbiological research at the VTS sites.

Dr Arvid Boe presented an overview of the vegetation management research.