

MO 11 Report, 2012

MLRA SSO Project Plans and Business Plans

- All of the MLRA SSO Projects and Business Plans have been approved by the MO Region 11 Board of Directors for FY2012. Any additional Project Plans established during the year will be approved the MO Region 11 Team Leader and State Soil Scientist.

State Cooperative Soil Survey Work Planning Conference

- Participated in all of the State Cooperative Soil Survey Work Planning Conferences (CSSWPC) within Region 11

MO Region 11 SharePoint Site – Posted are:

- Current MO Region 11 Guidance Documents for how the MO will conduct business.
- Thumbnail descriptions of approved 2012 Project Plans.
- MO Region 11 Organizational Chart.
- Correlation Documents and Amendments for the Region.

MO Region 11 Staff Update – Current Vacancies filled

- MO Region 11 Ecological Site Inventory Specialist- Quality Control at Indianapolis, Indiana was selected-----Tyler Staggs, from Muncie, Indiana (Area of responsibility is for SSOs 11-9 and 11-11)

Rapid Carbon Assessment Project

- Asghar Chowdhery, Soil Data Quality Specialist, and John Allen, Project Soil Scientist, are co-coordinators for MO 11
- 100% of field sampling was completed by September 2011
- 100% of samples have been air dried, weighed, crushed, and sieved
- 100% of the air-dried <2 mm fraction of soil material have been scanned
- All corrected RaCA Workbooks for MO Region 11 are in NASIS and on the NSSC SharePoint
- Archived samples and samples for QC check will be shipped to the Lincoln Lab in June 2012

National/Regional Teams

- Tonie Endres, Senior Regional Soil Scientist, assisted in reviewing parts 608, 610 and 647 of the National Soil Survey Handbook and the draft Field Book for Describing and Sampling Soils. She is also a member of the SDJR Technical Team. Kamara Holmes, Soil Data Quality Specialist, is testing the Barnes & Noble NOOK for storing electronic documents used by MLRA SSOs and MO staff in the field. The MO is also testing a Digital Pen to capture data from paper forms and maps used in the field and converting it into digital data for Microsoft Office applications, ArcGIS, and PDFs.

NEDC training

- Three members of Soil Survey staff received training “ Civil Rights Compliance in Program Delivery” conducted by NEDC Training Cadre

Training Provided by MO

- SDJR training is 100% completed under the old MO Region Structure
- Provided basic NASIS training to the Plymouth MLRA SSO staff