

**2011 Government Field Program
August 3-13, 2011**

Trip Summary - Participants - Photos

Summary of Evaluations

(A+=4.33; A=4.0; A- =3.67; B+ =3.33; B=3.0; B- =2.67)

I. Technical Content of the Field Experience

- a. Content 3.89
- b. Range of topics 3.78
- c. Pace 3.33
- d. Opportunity to acquire detailed information 3.74
- e. Opportunity for discussion with speakers 3.77
- f. Opportunity for interaction with participants 3.96

II. Field Guide

- a. Content 3.78
- b. Length 3.58
- c. Illustrations 3.63
- d. Clarity 3.85
- e. Reference value 3.83

III. Logistics

- a. Organization 3.96
- b. Lodging 3.93
- c. Food 3.33
- d. Transportation 3.89

IV. EMFI Staff

- a. Helpful 4.07
- b. Cooperative 4.04
- c. Knowledgeable 4.04

V. Value of Field Experience

a. Professional Value 3.91

b. Educational Value 4.08

c. Enjoyable 3.85

VI. Overall Evaluation of the Field Program 3.89

Open-Ended Questions

1) In your opinion, what were the most significant strengths of the Program?

- The scope and scale of energy operations
- Diversity of the participants
- Organization was outstanding
- Being reminded of personal lives behind industry perspectives
- Contact with industry workers; openness of the industry experts
- Underground mine experience

2) In your opinion, what were the most significant weaknesses of the Program?

- Not much from the "other side" of the energy issues (environmental, technology "weaknesses," etc.)
- Did not get to know attendees "as a group" until late in the program
- Saw only the "best" facilities
- Not enough interaction with local government people
- Not enough information on water-related issues

3) In your opinion, what unique opportunities exist for the Institute in the future?

- We should think about the Institute as a way to find the right people/contacts within the industry
- Spend more time in the small towns along the way
- With a carefully developed strategy, CSM/EMFI could position itself as a voice above the politics.
- Make short instructional videos accessible via the EMFI website

4) Any additional comments?

- Thanks for the great experience and education!
- This was a wonderful opportunity and was tremendously educational