

## **STREAM CLASSIFICATION**

### **TOT Reviews – Quarter 1 2013**

**Reviewer #1:** One thing that I find a bit confusing is the apparent mismatch between the schedule in the progress report and that in the "Abstract". I believe the latter is the original project schedule, with the project ending Oct. 31, 2014, while the schedule in the progress report indicates a completion date of Jan. 2015. According to the project schedule in the Abstract, existing hydrologic classification reports and GIS data for the region are to be compiled and a lit review of classification approaches is to be completed by June 30, but these tasks are not listed under "Activities Anticipated Next Quarter" in the progress report. It would be helpful to revise the schedule in the Abstract for future quarterly reviews so that reviewers can more readily ascertain whether or not the project is on schedule. As far as I can tell, the project appears to be on track according to the revised schedule. [*Note: PI is asked to correct the Abstract with the final negotiated version of SOW and timeline.*]

**Reviewer #2:** Nothing to add at this point, looking forward to progress on classification and mapping work.

**Reviewer #3:** I have reviewed the progress report and agree the project is started in the right direction. A few comments: - I do hope they are able to work out the contract details with Dr. McManamay so that he can work on the project - his participation and experience is critical to complete a meaningful classification. - I did attend the WebEx hosted by the team a couple of weeks ago, and offered to join their Steering Committee. I am concerned that the current potential steering committee is very large, n=63 as reported in the 1 Qtr Report, potentially too large for efficient operation, and hope it will be organized into a steering committee, and possibly a review committee for geographic areas, or something more manageable. But like anything, the actual participation may be with just a few truly interested folks who have a grasp of the technical issues involved in a regional stream classification. Overall, this is a much-needed project, with the right people involved, and the outcome promises to be a useful context for other studies current (Marcellus shale project) and future.