

Government Field Program – August 5-10, 2013

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 3.77
- b. Range of Topics 3.69
- c. Pace 3.83
- d. Opportunity to Acquire Detailed Information 3.54
- e. Opportunity for Discussion with Speakers 3.83
- f. Opportunity for Interactions with Participants 3.92

II. Field Guide

- a. Content 3.58
- b. Length 3.67
- c. Illustrations 3.83
- d. Clarity 3.83
- e. Reference Value 3.58

III. Logistics

- a. Organization 4.00
- b. Lodging 4.00
- c. Food 3.85
- d. Transportation 4.08

IV. EMFI Staff

- a. Helpful 4.10

- b. Cooperative 4.04
 - c. Knowledgeable 4.06
- V. Value of Field Experience
- a. Professional Value 3.92
 - b. Educational Value 3.92
 - c. Enjoyable 4.02
- VI. Overall Evaluation of the Field Program 3.83

Open-Ended Questions

- 1) In your opinion, what were the most significant strengths of the Field Program?
 - “Puts a face” on the energy industry; benefitted from speaking with site operators
 - Access to sites I could never get to on my own
 - Hands-on, boots on the ground ability to see excellent choice of sites
 - Speaking with operators not usually available to general public
 - Networking opportunities with participants and industry people
 - Strong participants; active engagement by all participants
 - Organization and logistical planning were exceptional
 - Diverse content
 - Captive audience; appreciated little cell phone connectivity
- 2) In your opinion, what were the most significant weaknesses of the Field Program?
 - Not enough structured interactions among participants
 - Some mornings too early, and some days too long
 - Occasionally having a roommate
 - Make materials available prior to the trip; electronically if possible

- Would like more emphasis on renewables; visit a wind or solar farm, discussion of energy storage, carbon capture, etc.
- Would like a discussion early in the week to “set the stage” – how things fit together in the Big Picture

3) What unique opportunities exist for the Institute in the future?

- Partner with other universities
- More emphasis on renewables
- Develop field trips in other regions, e.g., East, Northwest
- Increase communication with the Institute’s large, influential alumni network
- Increase visibility in Washington, DC, perhaps in conjunction with AAAS or Brookings