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# Technical Guidance

## Non Regulatory Agenda

### Guidance Documents in process

- Pre-applications
- Engineering Manual
- Blaster's License Suspension
- Coal Ash
- GP Materials
- Civil Penalties
- GFCCs

# NPDES Permitting Update

- As of January 4, 642 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 359
- Issues
  - Checklist
  - Remining/TMDLs
  - Sediment Pond Sampling on TMDLs
  - Detection Limits
  - June 11 Letter
  - December 15 meeting

# NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	328	24	7
No Comments (102 No Comment Letters)	236	38	9 (Awaiting 30 Days)

# ▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- As of January 5
  - 1500 of 1629 have been disposed
  - 129(7.9%) remaining for action
    - 83 Renewals
    - 4 Annual Bond Reviews

44 Pottsville/85 California

0 Cambria/0 Greensburg/0 Moshannon/0 Knox

# ▶ Permit Decision Guarantee (Coal)

DMO(on time target)	Received	Disposed
Pottsville(66.7%)	1184	843
Moshannon(83.3%)	1227	1081
New Stanton(76.8%)	821	628
Cambria(82.7%)	1561	1324
California(86.5%)	1419	944
Knox(93.8%)	833	746

# Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Jan 2007	Jan 2011	Sept 2015	Dec 2015
Total Agreements (165)	56	107	133	132
Bonds	31	64	75	75
Fully Funded Trusts	14	30	40	44
Partially Funded Trusts	11	10 + 3 ABS	15 + 3 ABS	11 + 2 ABS

# Financial Summary

	Jan 2007	Jan 2011	Sep 2015	Dec 2015
Bonds	\$84.1 M	\$192.0 M	\$224.5 M	\$ 226.2 M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$38.6 M	\$52.5 M (69.1 M)	\$73 M (\$77.5 M)	\$ 72.9 M (\$ 82.6 M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$39 M	\$18.5 M (52.8 M)	\$60.9 M (\$142 M)	\$62.2 M (\$124 M)



# Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees

	Count (last report)	Average Amount
LRFG Operators	89 (88)	\$256,737 (\$2.6 M Max)
LRFG Permits	143 (136)	\$159,787 (\$2.1 M Max)
	Oct 2015	Jan 2016
Total Underwritten	\$21.7 M	\$ 22.8 M

# Rec Fee Account Revenue-4th Qtr 2015

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
October	\$2,682.50	\$533.74
November	\$6,800.00	\$602.82
December	\$70,987.50	\$609.44
FYTD Total	\$123,567.00 (\$117,388.65)	\$3,331.77

# Reclamation Fee Account

Other Revenue

LRFG Interest

- \$51,028.85 Transferred August 2015
- Additional \$13,515.99 FYTD

# Reclamation Fee Account Status

Recent Balance (Dec 31)	\$3,204,097.63
15-16 FY Expenditures (Dec)	\$236,665.89
Proj. Expenditures (FY 15-16)	\$941,785.00

# Regulatory Update

- Regulatory Agenda
  - Remining (Sub F/Sub G)
  - OSM Program Consistency-Committee
  - Water Supply Replacement (87 and 88)
  - Chapter 210/211-September EQB-Tolled
  - Coal Fees-Committee

# Coal Fees

The three-year report was presented to the EQB  
Money is deposited into three coal mining funds

SMCRA

Coal Refuse

BMCSLA

NPDES Fees go into the Clean Water Fund

# Coal Fees Revenue

FY 12-13	\$54,417.00
FY 13-14	\$166,110.00
FY 14-15	\$100,962.43
FY 15-16 (through Dec)	\$94,945.24

# CWF Mining Fee Revenue

FY 12-13	\$247,800.00
FY 13-14	\$523,296.00
FY 14-15	\$474,729.00
FY 15-16 (through Dec)	\$328,221.00





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