Permit Decision Guarantee
Webinar for Active and Abandoned Mining Operations
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1. Permit Decision Guarantee
2. Clearing the Queue
3. Questions & Comments

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The goal is to provide predictability to applicants

- Emphasis on pre-applications
- Correction Letters void the guarantee
- “Go-live” date was November 14
Programmatic SOPs have been developed

3 major components

- Pre-application
- Completeness
- Technical review
Pre-application

- Strongly recommended for new projects
- DEP review letter
- Field Meeting
- DEP summary letter
- 1-year shelf life
Completeness Review

- 10 to 45 day process time
- Fee included with application
- Applicant is notified of PGD timeline if accepted
Technical Review

- PDG timeline applies to this review
- Applicant can track progress via “eFACTS on the Web”
- Complex projects may receive multiple deficiency letters
- SOPs and Checklists are posted at these two locations:
  - http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau_of_district_mining_operations/20764
  - http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau_of_mining_programs/20865
Clearing the Queue

- The Mining Program has about 2,000 applications that were pending as of November 14, 2012
- The goal is to dispose of these by July 2013
### Clearing the Queue

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The PDG program will be evaluated and modified, if needed, on an ongoing basis during the first year.

An evaluation is planned for February 2013.
• What are the consequences of the PGD being voided?
  • The application will continue to reviewed, but the final decision time frame is not guaranteed
  • How will the elevated review process work in the mining program?
  • Generally, the pre-denial process will serve as the elevated review process.
How will a minor application deficiency be addressed?

- A minor deficiency (one that can be resolved in a few days) may be handled informally, with a phone call rather than a correction letter.

- Is processing of the bond part of the permit review time frame?

- Bond submittal and review is identified as a processing delay. However ample time is available in the time frames to process a bond if it is submitted promptly.
Why can’t DEP hold “resource agencies” to the time frames?

We expect prompt replies from the PFBC and PGC. However, if they provide information during the review process, DEP must assure that the permit meets the regulatory requirements prior to approval.
What’s Next

- Finalization of Checklists and SOP
- Revisions to Guidance Documents
- Forms Revisions
- “LEAN” Process
- Large Noncoal process
- Lessons will be useful for all applications
- On-going Training
- Flow Charts
Website Information

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Questions?