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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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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 March 31, 560 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 332
- Issues
 - Checklist
 - Remining/TMDLs
 - Sediment Pond Sampling on TMDLs

NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	303	4	25
No Comments (97 No Comment Letters)	188	29	11 (Awaiting 30 Days)

▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- As of March 31
 - 1447 have been disposed
 - 182 (11%) remaining for action
 - 101 Renewals
 - 6 Annual Bond Reviews

71 Pottsville/106 California

3 Cambria/0 Greensburg/0 Moshannon/0 Knox

Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Jan 2007	Jan 2011	Dec 2014	Mar 2015
Total Agreements (165)	56	107	130	133
Bonds	31	64	74	76
Fully Funded Trusts	14	30	37	39
Partially Funded Trusts	11	10 + 3 ABS	16 + 3 ABS	15 + 3 ABS

Financial Summary

	Jan 2007	Jan 2011	Dec 2014	Mar 2015
Bonds	\$84.1 M	\$192.0 M	\$225.0 M	\$225 M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$38.6 M	\$52.5 M (69.1 M)	\$71.2 M (\$75.5 M)	\$73 M (\$77 M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$39 M	\$18.5 M (52.8 M)	\$60.2 M (\$124.3M)	\$60.6M (\$127 M)

Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees

	Count (last report)	Average Amount
LRFG Operators	79 (72)	\$243,569 (\$2.83 M Max)
LRFG Permits	118 (109)	\$163,067 (\$2.1 M Max)
	Last Quarter	April 2015
Total Underwritten	\$19.8 M	\$ 19.2 M

Rec Fee Account Revenue-1st Qtr 2015

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
January	\$4,700.00	\$1,120.88
February	\$20,787.50	\$626.67
March	\$8,641.67	\$0.00
FYTD Total	\$105,089.67 (\$99,835.19)	\$4,123.69

▶ Reclamation Fee Account

Other Possible Revenue

YTD LRFG Interest \$15,268.01

YTD LRFG Premiums \$210,010.24

▶ Reclamation Fee Account Status

Recent Balance (Apr 15)	\$3,322,727.63
YTD Expenditures	\$291,912.56
Projected Expenditures	\$861,500.00

Regulatory Update

- Regulatory Agenda
 - Acts 95 and 157-April EQB
 - Remining (Sub F and Sub G)-May EQB
 - OSM Program Consistency-Committee
 - Water Supply Replacement (87 and 88)
 - Chapter 210/211

Coal Fees

The three-year report is due November 2015

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 (through March)	\$62,500.00

CWF Mining Fee Revenue

FY 12-13	\$247,800.00
FY 13-14	\$523,296.00
FY 14-15 (through March)	\$340,479.00



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