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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Active and Abandoned Mine Operations

Noncoal Program Fees

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Agenda

- 1. Review of Noncoal Program Fees**
- 2. Program Enhancements**
- 3. Questions & Comments**

Note: WebEx Technical Support is available at
866-229-3239

Timeline

- Published in *PA Bulletin* Aug. 28, 2010
- DEP published for comment in *PA Bulletin* Jan. 28, 2012
- Final Rule published October 13, 2012

Regulated Community

- 1550 permittees
- About 2250 Permits
 - Large (unlimited production)~ 700
 - 10,000 Ton per year~ 300
 - Small (≤ 2000 Ton per year) ~ 1250

Program Data

- ~ 6500 inspections per year
- ~ 600 applications per year
- 40 Full Time Equivalents
- Total program cost is about \$ 2.5 M per year

Statutory Authority

DEP is authorized to charge and collect a reasonable filing fee, which shall not exceed the cost of reviewing, administering and enforcing the permit.

Fees

- Application Fees
- Annual Administration Fees

Application Fees

- One-time fee paid with the application
- Fee schedule as published (includes pre-applications)
- Application forms will be updated to specify fee amounts
- Effective upon publication (October 13, 2012)

Application Fee Examples

- Large Noncoal (pumping GW) \$20,225
- Large Noncoal (no pumping) \$13,500
- Small Noncoal \$525
- Blast Plan \$475
- Large Major Amend-GW \$3,850
- Large Transfer \$900

Administration Fee Implementation

- To be paid with license renewal
- Renewal applications are sent 90 days before license expiration
- Based on database information
- Resolving discrepancies-through the usual licensing process (77.52)

Administration Fee Implementation

- First batch of renewals was sent two weeks ago
- Working to update eLicensing to incorporate administrative fees-will allow payment of fees with credit card
- Mass mailing was sent October 18 alerting mine operators of fee changes

Licensing Process

- Notification of license applicant
- Informal conference
- License is valid until DEP makes the final decision
- Resolution of statuses will be worked out with the District Mining Office

Administration Fee Examples

- Large Noncoal-Active \$1,450
- Large Noncoal (w/ blasting) \$1,850
- Small Noncoal \$200
- All Inactive (mineral removal complete)
\$100
- All Not Started \$100

Program Enhancements

- Use of General Permits
- Products of Quarterly meetings with PACA
- Permit Decision Guarantee
- Electronic Permitting
- Aerial Inspections
- “Lean Process” program efficiencies



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Questions?