



June 12, 2015

Mr. John Stefanko
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Office of Active and Abandoned Mine Operations
RCSOB
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**RE: Noncoal Permit Fees
Analysis Information**

Dear Mr. Stefanko:

Per discussion at the May 13, 2015 Aggregate Advisory Board meeting, the following information is needed from the Department in preparation for the permit fees discussion:

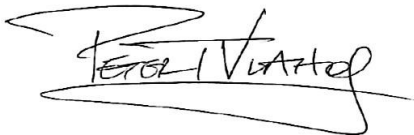
1. How do general funds get dispersed to the Department of Environmental Protection?
 - a. Once the monies are dispersed to the DEP, how are they divided and based on what criteria?
 - i. What is the coal distribution vs. noncoal distribution in dollars?
2. What is the number and type of permits (i.e., major amendment, minor amendment, etc.) for:
 - a. Noncoal
 - b. Bluestone
 - c. Coal
3. What is the fee revenue breakdown by annual administration fees, permit fees, operator license fees, civil penalties, interest, and payment in lieu of bond for noncoal, coal and bluestone?
4. Yearly, the Department tracks and reports on their website the number of active permits and number of operators. We would like the 2014 version for noncoal, coal and bluestone.
5. For noncoal and coal, what is the number of hours spent on permit review for each type of permit?
 - a. Explain the process for how the hours are tracked?
 - b. Are employees allocated specific hours for reviewing each type of permit?
 - c. Number of hours for each type of permit for last five years.

- d. Explain what tasks occur that support the administration fee and the worker level and pay for noncoal, coal and bluestone; and what tasks occur that support a permit renewal review and the worker level and pay for noncoal, coal and bluestone.
6. We would like a copy of the most recent workload analysis done by/for the Mining Program.
7. Explain the process and amount of the SMCRA grant with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). What is required in the application, what tracking does DEP have to provide, and how does OSM validate the grant application?
 - a. How are OSM grant monies and hours tracked?
 - b. What are the federal dollars awarded and spent from 2009-2014; what are the corresponding state dollars awarded and spent from 2009-2014?
 - c. We would like a copy of approved OSM grant application and reconciliation report for past five years.
8. Explain the Memorandum of Understanding between DEP's Water program and Mining program.
 - a. What are the total hours spent on NPDES work by permit type for years 2009-2014 for coal and noncoal?
 - b. What is the type and average salary of employee that posts these hours?
 - c. What is the amount received from Water Program as compensation for water-related work under the MOU for years 2009-2014 for coal and noncoal, including Chapters 102, 105 and NPDES?
9. Employees (number not name) assigned to noncoal and coal and associated salaries and benefits for each?
10. Excel file of permit type, authorized acres, permitted acres, hours assigned to noncoal and coal permits?
11. Number of noncoal and coal permits officially returned?
12. Breakdown of inspections by permit category, complete or partial, number of associated hours, employee cost, employee benefits, employee overhead, and totals for last five years for noncoal and coal?
13. Number of bond forfeitures for years 2009-2014 for noncoal and coal?
14. Annual administration fee by company for years 2009-2014?
15. Costs by year, by category, for noncoal, coal and bluestone:
 - a. Personnel

- i. Payroll
- ii. Benefits
- b. Overhead
- c. Travel/training
- d. Equipment
- e. Supplies
- f. Contractual
- g. Other

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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