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Technical Guidance

- Permit Decision Guarantee
 - Guidance Documents to be revised
 - Pre-applications (563-2112-214)
 - Engineering Manual
 - Transfers
- Other Guidance
 - Guidance Documents recently revised
 - Blaster's License Suspension
 - Coal Ash

NPDES Permitting Update

- As of September 30, 513 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 312
- Issues
 - Checklist
 - Remining/TMDLs
 - TMDL Endpoints vs. Limits at Criteria

NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	270	30	12
No Comments (91 No Comment Letters)	164	28	9 (Awaiting 30 Days)

▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- As of September 30
 - 1390 Have been disposed
 - 239 (15%) Remaining for action
 - 130 Renewals
 - 7 Annual Bond Reviews

90 Pottsville/135 California

7 Cambria/3 Greensburg/2 Moshannon/0 Knox

Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Jan 2007	Jan 2009	Jan 2011	Sept 2014
Total Agreements (165)	56	96	107	127
Bonds	31	56	64	73
Fully Funded Trusts	14	31	30	36
Partially Funded Trusts	11	6 + 3 ABS	10 + 3 ABS	15 + 3 ABS

Financial Summary

	Jan 2007	Jan 2009	Jan 2011	Sept 2014
Bonds	\$84.1 M	\$118.4 M	\$192.0 M	\$ 222.0 M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$38.6 M	\$57.6 M	\$52.5 M (\$69.1 M)	\$ 69.1M (\$76.5M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$39 M	\$36.8 M	\$18.5 M (\$52.8 M)	\$ 52.1M (\$ 109 M)

Financial Guarantees

	Count	Average Amount
Remining FG Operators	94	\$118,163
Remining FG Permits	156	\$71,558
LRFG Operators	63	\$320,787
LRFG Permits	97	\$196,655

Rec Fee Account Revenue-3rd Qtr 2014

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
July	\$10,967.50	\$426.05
August	\$8,050.00	\$0
September	\$10,200.50	\$927.67
FYTD Total	\$29,218.00 (\$27,757.10)	\$1,353.72

Regulatory Update

- Regulatory Agenda
 - Acts 95 and 157 (Oct 25 *Pa Bull*; Nov 24 Cmts)
 - Remining (Sub F and Sub G)-Committee Progress
 - OSM Program Consistency
 - Water Supply Replacement (87 and 88)
 - Chapter 211

▶ Reclamation Fee Report Review

June 30, 2014 balance \$3,311,866.28

FY Expenses \$499,122.48

LRFG Interest \$21,961.74 FY 13/14

(\$10,193.82 from 12/13)

Available funds from LRFG

\$71,988.70 from 12/13

\$276,563.94 FY 13/14

▶ Reclamation Fee O & M Projects

~30 individual permits under contract

~10 under grants

Projected for FY 14-15

Contracts \$850,000 (\$250,000 is for contingency)

Grants \$224,500

▶ Rec Fee O & M Estimate

June 30 Balance	\$ 3,311,866.28
Contracts	\$600,000
Grants	\$224,500
Income	\$326,000
2013-2014 Penalties	\$298,650.22
Result	\$3.1 M

▶ Rec Fee O & M Report Progress

PA Bulletin notice	September 20, 2014
Comments due by	October 17, 2014
Discuss with MRAB	October 23, 2014

▶ Rec Fee O & M Report Comments

Review comments

Treatment progress-considerable work remains

Discuss if the report accomplishes the requirements in the proposed FG regulations



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