

**Proposed Technical Guidance Major Revision
563-2112-214: Coal and Noncoal Surface Mining Activity Permit
Pre-Application Review**

This document, issued August 29, 1997, describes a standard, voluntary pre-application process to facilitate discussion between a mine operator and DEP concerning items which will need to be addressed in the formal permit application. This process is beneficial for ensuring submission of an administrative and technically complete permit application, likely reducing the time required to process and make a decision on a permit application. The existing TGD includes ONLY coal surface mining activity permits. The proposed revision is to include an update to the coal process but also to include general information for noncoal permits as well.

The pre-application process may be followed for a proposed new permit or for a major permit revision (example: expansion, change in final land use).

Existing pre-application forms and checklists issued in 2012 provide the basis for information submitted for a pre-application review. Separate forms for **surface coal mining** activity and for **large noncoal** activity list the necessary permit application modules to be submitted to assure the DEP has adequate information about the proposed permit activity to review. The process for pre-applications for bituminous deep mine and coal refuse permits through the California DMO are different and will be addressed in a special section in this document.

The DEP will state that the pre-application process is highly recommended and the documents submitted should be as complete and accurate as possible and of similar quality to a formal permit application in order to adequately address significant items that may cause delays in the formal permitting processes.

Estimated Timeline

- February 2016 - Informal draft to be presented to boards
- April 2016 - Publication of draft, acceptance of public comment
- September 2016 - Publication of final version

Associated documents that can be found in Elibrary:

- Existing TGD: 563-2112-214 Coal Surface Mining Activity Permit Pre-Application Review
- 5600-PM-BMP0391 Coal SMP pre-application checklist
- 5600-PM-BMP0389 Noncoal pre-application checklist

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