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October 19, 2017

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

Non Regulatory Agenda

- Processing Completion Reports
- Bonding-Direct submittal of Bonds
- Surface Water Protection-Underground Bituminous Coal Mining Operations
- Blaster's License Suspension
- Pre-applications
- Engineering Manual
- Civil Penalties
- Sub F
- Alkaline Addition



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NPDES

NPDES Permitting Update

- As of August 31, 777 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 386
- Issues
 - Checklist
 - Remining/TMDLs
 - Sufficiently Sensitive Methods
 - Monthly Calls
 - WETT

NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	369	16	1
No Comments (117 No Comment Letters)	363	19	9 (Awaiting 30 Days)



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Historical Applications

▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- As of August 31
 - 1571 of 1629 have been disposed
 - 58 (3.6%) remaining for action
 - 33 Renewals

5 Pottsville/53 California

0 Cambria/0 Greensburg/0 Moshannon/0 Knox



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TRUSTS

Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Dec 2015	June 2017	Aug 2017
Total Agreements (165)	132	139	141
Bonds	75	75	75
Fully Funded Trusts	44	47	51
Partially Funded Trusts	11 + 2 ABS	14 + 3 ABS	12 + 3 ABS

Financial Summary

	Dec 2015	June 2017	Aug 2017
Bonds	\$226.2 M	\$ 235.2 M	\$ 234.2M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$72.9 M (\$82.6 M)	\$ 97.8 M (\$92.9 M)	\$100.6 M (\$ 93.9 M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$62.2 M (\$124 M)	\$94.3 M (\$139.1 M)	\$ 89.7 M (\$138.1 M)



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LRFGs

Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees

	Count (last report)	Average Amount
LRFG Operators	119 (120)	\$364 K (\$3.8 M Max)
LRFG Permits	209 (211)	\$207 K (\$2.1 M Max)
	June 2017	Aug 2017
Total Underwritten	\$43.6 M	\$43.3 M



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Reclamation Fee Accounts

Rec Fee Account Revenue-3rd Qtr 2017

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
July	\$20,744.00	\$3,231.29
August	\$25,086.00	\$3,489.58
September	\$10,095.00	\$4,355.50
FY Total	\$55,925.00 (\$53,128.75)	\$11,076.27

Other Revenue-3rd Qtr 2017

Month	LRFG Premiums	LRFG Interest
July	\$30,535.64	\$12,365.56
August	\$63,692.34	\$13,477.34
September	\$117,488.24	\$17,147.82
FY Total	\$253,295.50	\$42,990.72

Other Revenue Transactions

- LRFG Interest
\$106,017.10 (August 2017)
- FY 2016-2017 Civil Penalties transferred
\$500,00.00 (August 2017)

Reclamation Fee Account Status

FY end Balance (June 30)	\$3,654,770.76
16-17 FY Expenditures	\$483,642.01
Proj. Expenditures (FY 17-18)	\$827,486.00
FY 17-18 Expenditures (Sept)	\$157,244.98

▶ Reclamation Fee Report

Review the annual Reclamation Fee Report



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Regulatory Update

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- Regulatory Agenda
 - Chapter 210/211-Routed for Final EQB
 - OSM Program Consistency
 - Water Supply Replacement (87 and 88)



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Application Fee Revenue

▶ SMCRA Coal Fees Revenue

FY 12-13	\$54,417.00
FY 13-14	\$166,110.00
FY 14-15	\$100,962.43
FY 15-16	\$171,235.24
FY 16-17	\$114,200.00
FY 17-18 (Sept)	\$34,400.00

CWF Mining Fee Revenue

FY 12-13	\$247,800.00
FY 13-14	\$523,296.00
FY 14-15	\$474,729.00
FY 15-16	\$646,950.00
FY 16-17	\$342,805.00
FY 17-18 (Sept)	\$82,790.00



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