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April 19, 2018

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 (finalized)
- Engineering Manual
- Civil Penalties
- Sub F
- Alkaline Addition
- Biosolids



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NPDES

NPDES Permitting Update

- As of March 31, 846 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 396
- Issues
 - Checklist
 - Sufficiently Sensitive Methods
 - Monthly Calls
 - WETT
 - Non-discharge Alternatives

NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	388	5	3
No Comments (159 No Comment Letters)	424	18	8 (Awaiting 30 Days)



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Historical Applications

▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- As of April 9
 - 1608 of 1629 have been disposed
 - 21 (1.3%) remaining for action
 - 9 Renewals

4 Pottsville/17 California

0 Cambria/0 Greensburg/0 Moshannon/0 Knox



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TRUSTS

Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Dec 2015	Nov 2017	Mar 2018
Total Agreements (165)	132	141	143
Bonds	75	75	75
Fully Funded Trusts	44	51	53
Partially Funded Trusts	11 + 2 ABS	12 + 3 ABS	13 + 2 ABS

Financial Summary

	Dec 2015	Aug 2017	Mar 2017
Bonds	\$226.2 M	\$ 233.3 M	\$233.4M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$72.9 M (\$82.6 M)	\$ 100.5 M (\$93.9 M)	\$ 108.1M (\$98.3M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$62.2 M (\$124 M)	\$90.8 M (\$138.1 M)	\$103.1M (\$131.1 M)



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LRFGs

Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees

	Count (last report)	Average Amount
LRFG Operators	122 (120)	\$358 K (\$3 M Max)
LRFG Permits	220 (212)	\$198.7 K (\$2.1 M Max)
	Nov 2017	Mar 2018
Total Underwritten	\$42.7 M	\$43.7 M



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Reclamation Fee Accounts

Rec Fee Account Revenue-1st Qtr 2018

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
January	\$11,856.52	\$3,513.80
February	\$23,319.98	\$4,932.99
March	\$12,772.98	\$4,661.98
FY Total	\$208,839.98 (\$198,397.98)	\$35,655.62

Other Revenue-1st Qtr 2018

Month	LRFG Premiums	LRFG Interest
January	\$17,874.91	\$12,521.70
February	\$66,373.04	\$17,974.62
March	\$31,576.38	\$17,084.39
FY Total	\$527,436.04	\$134,714.30

Other Revenue Transactions

- LRFG Interest
\$106,017.10 (October 2017)
- FY 2016-2017 Civil Penalties transferred
\$500,00.00 (October 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
Balance (December 31)	\$3,980,694.21
FY 17-18 Expenditures (Mar)	\$358,607.31

▶ ABS Project Funding Strategy

- Restricted Bond Account Balance
 - **\$ 16,657,303.06**
- Released Bond Account Balance
 - **\$ 2,641,140.54**



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Regulatory Update

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- Regulatory Agenda
 - Chapter 210/211-Final EQB Approval-IRRC
 - OSM Program Consistency-May EQB
 - 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 (March)	\$80,700.00

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 (March)	\$255,252.00



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