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NPDES

NPDES Permitting Update

- As of March 31, 2019, 932 Draft Permits have been sent to EPA
- EPA has commented or objected on 407
- Issues
 - Checklist
 - Sufficiently Sensitive Methods
 - Monthly Calls
 - WETT
 - Non-discharge Alternatives

NPDES Permitting Statistics

	Issued	Could be Issued	Pending
Comments	404	3	0
No Comments (198 No Comment Letters)	518	2	5 (Awaiting 30 Days)



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elinitiatives

eInitiatives

- ePermitting
 - New Bituminous Surface Mine
 - Coal Notice of Intent to Explore
- eDMR
- Mobility



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TRUSTS

Trust Agreement/bond Status

	Dec 2015	Dec 2018	Mar 2019
Total Agreements (158)	132	142	145
Bonds	75	74	74
Fully Funded Trusts	44	52	54
Partially Funded Trusts	11 + 2 ABS	14 + 2 ABS	15 + 2 ABS

Financial Summary

	Dec 2015	Dec 2018	Mar 2019
Bonds	\$226.2 M	\$ 232.1 M	\$ 235.1 M
Fully Funded Trusts	\$72.9 M (\$82.6 M)	\$ 114.6 M (\$99.2 M)	\$ 114.6M (\$ 101.7M)
Partially Funded Trusts	\$62.2 M (\$124 M)	\$108.6 M (\$136.2 M)	\$ 107.2M (\$ 140.4M)



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LRFGs

Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees

	Count (last report)	Average Amount
LRFG Operators	124 (124)	\$373 K (\$3 M Max)-3
LRFG Permits	236 (234)	\$197 K (\$2.37 M Max)
	Dec 2018	Mar 2019
Total Underwritten	\$46.3 M	\$46.3M



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Historical Applications

▶ Historical Application Progress (Coal)

- Present status
 - Of the 1629 in the backlog, only 7 remain.
 - All in California DMO
 - 5 sites in total
 - 3 refuse disposal sites, 2 underground
 - 1 new permit, 1 permit renewal, 1 major amendment, 4 NPDES (new/renewal/modification)



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Regulatory Update

▶ Regulatory Update

- Regulatory Agenda
 - OSM Program Consistency-October 27 Bulletin
 - 3 Public comments
 - Water Supply Replacement (87 and 88)
 - EQB package prepared, May meeting cancelled

Non Regulatory Agenda

- Surface Water Protection-Underground Bituminous Coal Mining Operations
- Engineering Manual
- Civil Penalties
- Sub F
- Alkaline Addition
- Biosolids
- Liners



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Reclamation Fee Accounts

Rec Fee Account Revenue-1st Qtr 2019

Month	Coal Civil Penalties	Interest
January	\$14,327.50	\$8,274.02
February	\$16,565.00	\$8,342.32
March	\$13,935.00	\$7,490.15
FY Total	\$166,119.98 (\$157,813.98 -10%)	\$69,731.53

Other Revenue-1st Qtr 2019

Month	LRFG Premiums	LRFG Interest
January	\$55,812.37	\$31,538.76
February	\$35,629.57	\$32,809.24
March	\$76,674.42	\$30,201.92
FY Total	\$593,886.94	\$263,505.80

Reclamation Fee Account Status

FY End Balance (June 30)	\$3,856,932.52
17-18 FY Expenditures	\$458,840.02
March 31 Balance	\$3,484,297.29
Proj. Expenditures (FY 18-19)	\$1,318,923.00
	(\$800,000.00)
Expenditure through March 31	\$893,709.00

ABS Project Funding Strategy

- Restricted Bond Account Balance
–\$ 17,205,353.93 (2/28/19)
- Released Bond Account Balance
–\$ 2,601,686.65 (2/28/19)



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Application Fee Revenue

SMCRA Coal Fees Revenue

FY 12-13	\$59,167.00
FY 13-14	\$154,610.00
FY 14-15	\$100,962.43
FY 15-16	\$171,235.24
FY 16-17	\$114,200.00
FY 17-18	\$109,550.00
FY 18-19 (March)	\$67,449.50

CWF Mining Fee Revenue

FY 12-13	\$214,200.00
FY 13-14	\$399,146.00
FY 14-15	\$447,929.00
FY 15-16	\$646,950.00
FY 16-17	\$342,805.00
FY 17-18	\$365,410.00
FY 18-19 (March)	\$329,720.50



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