

The State's Perspective on Permitting

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Community Air Permitting Workshop
Pascagoula, MS





Re-Engineering

- 1998-2000 MDEQ reorganized
 - Permitting and Compliance/Enforcement Divisions
 - Specific industry sectors assigned to each branch
 - Multimedia
 - One point of contact
 - Support Divisions – Air, Surface Water, Groundwater Assessment and Remediation

Implementing Air Regulations

- Permit the emission of pollutants at safe levels in accordance with SIP
- Ensure applicant is aware of construction requirements through construction permitting process
 - Buffer zones
 - PSD regulations
 - Air quality modeling limits
 - Best Available Control Technology limits
 - PSD or Title V avoidance limits

Implementing Air Regulations

- Ensure construction requirements and other standards are enforceable
 - Sufficient and appropriate monitoring
 - Compliance Assurance Monitoring
 - Title V periodic monitoring
 - Thorough recordkeeping
 - Reporting
 - Routine reports on monitoring
 - Prompt reports of non-compliance

Correctly Apply Federal Regulations

- New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
 - About 90 source categories regulated
- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (187 hazardous air pollutants)
 - Over 100 source categories regulated by one or more of the following:
 - Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Rules
 - Area (or Minor) Source Rules
 - Residual Risk Rules

Providing Guidance

- Guidance to Industry/Consultants
 - Permitting process
 - Applicability determinations
 - Training/updates through industry associations
 - Clarifying regulation interpretations
- Guidance to citizens
 - Questions about specific facilities
 - Progress on permitting actions
 - Information available on various websites

Questions?

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