

WPCAMR Meeting
SMCRA/AML Update
August 14, 2014

- OSM's Decreasing Projections for AML Grants to PA for the Remainder of the 2006 Reauthorization Term (2006 – 2021)
 - Reduced Fees (Less Money Being Collected for AML Trust Fund)
 - Decreased Coal Production Nationally
 - Shift from Surface to Underground Coal Production – (Reduced Fee - \$0.28 vs. \$0.12)
 - End of Prior Balance Funds in 2014
 - Lack of Western States Certifying (Completing all of their High-Priority Coal AML Sites)

- Federal Budget Sequestration and its Impact on Pennsylvania's AML Grants
 - Efforts by IMCC and NAAMLPL to Exempt the AML Trust Fund
 - Additional Efforts by the Foundation for PA Watersheds and Trout Unlimited

- Balancing AML Funding Between Competing Priorities
 - AML Emergencies
 - P1/P2 AML Hazards
 - AMD Set-Aside
 - PA's Planned Approach

- Planning for Reauthorization of SMCRA Title IV Beyond 2021
 - NAAMLPL Reauthorization Committee
 - Kick Off of Efforts at the NAAMLPL Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH – September 22-24