



Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Air Pollution Control Program

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fee stakeholder meetings and to those who provided comments and feedback on different fee options. Based on all the input and comments received we have drafted a fee structure recommendation to take to the Missouri Air Conservation Commission.

As we discussed at Monday's meeting, before we schedule a special meeting to submit these recommendations to the commission, we would like to provide one more opportunity for comments and suggestions on the recommendations [attached to this message](#).

Please provide any feedback to my attention at kyra.moore@dnr.mo.gov by close of business on Monday June 23, 2014. If you have questions, you can call me at (573) 751-0303.

These fee recommendations reflect input from stakeholders including:

- Focusing on 2 year shortfall rather than 5 year shortfall
- Increasing permitting and asbestos fees more to keep emission fee lower
- Phase in higher emission fee rate
- Increase fees enough to cover reasonable costs but don't increase to cover unrealistic expenditures

The goal through this process was to keep the fee adjustments as minimal/fair as possible. The most notable increase is to the operating permit filing fee and this fee is intended to cover initial operating permit applications and operating permit renewals received every 5 years. The large increase is again based on stakeholder input and assists in covering the cost of drafting and issuing this permit. Any minor modifications to an operating permit would not be subject to this filing fee.

This proposal falls approximately \$1 million per year shy (to cover through June 2018) of the projections. This is assuming a program with at least 4 vacancies held, 1% inflation and 1% cost-of-living adjustments (originally estimated 3% for both). The difference is realized due to the reduction in the Operating Permit Fee for P70/Intermediate from \$8,760 to \$6,000 (as discussed with stakeholders at the last meeting), and a revision to reflect that the permit fees do not become effective prior to January 1, 2016.

However, we acknowledge that these fee recommendations are a large increase in some areas and it does still provide significant additional revenue for program operations. We are extremely appreciative of the support for this proposal. Due to that, we are committed to reducing expenditures as needed and spend within the budget proposed, holding vacancies and streamlining activities to make our jobs more efficient. We will continue to monitor expenditures and revenues closely, and will re-evaluate when discussions pick up in 2016.

Again, thank you for your input in this process and your interest in air quality.

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