

Doing More with Less: Air Agency Efficiencies

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By the Numbers

- Since 2008...
 - Title V fees have decreased by 29%
 - Overall fees have decreased by 32.5%
 - FTE's have decreased by 26.8%



Permitting Efficiencies

- Increased exemption list, registrations and general permits for smaller sources
 - Allows staff to focus on bigger, more complex projects
- Changed non-Title V permits from 5-year to 10-year life, then changed to "lifetime" (no expiration date)
 - Saves time of renewing permits that don't change often
- Using website for synthetic minor/conditional major public notices instead of newspapers
 - Saved up to \$29,255/year



Compliance/Enforcement Efficiencies

- Providing more compliance assistance for minor recordkeeping and reporting violations
 - Reduce number of referrals to Enforcement
 - Reduce enforcement case backlog
 - Build better (and early) relationships with facilities
 - Improve future compliance
- Annual environmental assistance conference



Overall Program Efficiencies

- Re-evaluating vacancies
 - Do we really need it? Is there a greater need for it elsewhere in program? Should positions be downgraded to save funds? Pay less staff more money?
- Bringing more training to us
 - Train more staff cheaper (no travel, hotel rooms, meals, etc.)
- Streamlining regulations
 - Less state-only regulations (repealing regulations)
 - Streamlined modeling requirements for non-major sources
- Early engagement with communities
 - Preventing possible permit appeals, less litigation



Future Efficiencies

- Replacing current tracking system with new ePermitting system (vendor Windsor Solutions)
 - Accept electronic applications, reports
 - Draft permits, track compliance, develop inspections reports (tablets)
 - Provide permit and report review status to customers on-line
 - Provide public transparency, reduce FOI requests and media inquiries



Future Efficiencies

- Permitting Advisory Council
 - Seeking 15 members (trade associations, Commerce, regulated facilities, consultants, etc.)
 - Meet regularly to discuss permit concerns, delays, improvement and streamlining ideas, etc.
 - Build better partnerships
- Permit Summit (early 2018)
 - Highlight best practices and success stories
 - Benefits of high quality applications
 - Benefits of early community engagement















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