

### **Informal Conference**

6:00 p.m. September 16, 1008

Renewal Application #1004913

A & G Coal Corporation's Permit 1101914/NPDES 0081914

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

Buchanan- Smith Building (Conf. Rooms 219 and 218)

1. **Welcome by Gavin Bledsoe (DMME, facilitator)**
2. **Purpose of the meeting – to receive comments on the permit renewal application – the application is technically complete enough for the DMLR to receive public comments and concerns.**
3. **18 persons from the public attended & 2 persons from [Appalshop](#)<sup>1</sup> (Whitesburg, Ky) videoed the commenters.**
4. **Informational presentation was provided in Conference Room 219 – DMLR staff present to respond to inquiries as to location of certain information in the permit renewal application. The renewal application map was displayed and a laptop computer was available for persons wishing to look at the electronic copy of the permit renewal application.**
5. **Other DMME personnel present – Sherry Horne, Office Services Specialist; Marilyn Gates, Office Services Specialist (serving as conference recorder); Tim Cox, Permit Review Specialist; Eddie Varner, Reclamation Inspector; Rodney Baker; Water Quality Specialist; Les Vincent, Technical Services Manager; Greg Baker, Program Manager; Jackie Davis, Gen. Services Manager; and Mike Giles, Area Supervisor.**
6. **Attendees were informed of the DMLR decision process –**
  - **Within 60 days from the close of the conference to approve, disapprove, or require additional information.**
  - **Permittee and commenters would be informed in writing of the DMLR's decision on the application, as well as the right to administrative review of such.**
7. **Comments regarding the application were taken in Conference Room 218.**
8. **Comments were received from 15 persons. (transcript to be prepared) – destruction of the environment, noise, adverse impacts to streams and wildlife; fugitive dust from operation and roads, truck traffic (logging and mining).**
9. **After receiving comments from all persons who wished to provide such, the conference was closed at 7:15 p.m.**

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<sup>1</sup> Appalshop is a multi-disciplinary arts and education center in the heart of Appalachia producing original films, video, theater, music and spoken-word recordings, radio, photography, multimedia, and books.