

Brainstorming & Votes from the July 13, 2017 Stakeholder Meeting

Efficiencies (31)

- Lower indirect costs
- Lower indirect costs throughout each functional area
- Permit efficiencies. Lower indirect costs.
- Construction permitting technical assistance (non-mandatory indirect)
- Opportunities to trim program offerings/requirements to help meet budget realities
- Determine where/if “cuts” can be made...
- Unfunded mandates or programs. If no money then don't do it.
- Operational/organizational efficiencies. Do what is required by EPA- no more.
- Minor source permits turnaround
- Title V technical assistance (permitting)
- Efficiency in the permitting process
- Determine new limits for unpermitted sources.
- Be able to update Title V at the same time issue construction permit (Evergreen)

Public Funding from Other Resources (24)

- Funding from all emitters in IA. Cost allocation among all beneficiaries
- Public funding for AQ programs directly related to public sources (mobile sources)

Billable Hours vs Flat Fee (18)

- Predictable and stable construction permit fee structure; 1 projected instead of 1 hour – for better budgeting.
- Major construction permit fees. Investigate a flat fee system.
- Fund modeling group – hourly rate system concerns.

Legislation (18)

- Legislative funding – educational opportunity
- Obtain legislative approval for annual permit fee
- Combine minor and major backstops currently in Iowa Code and set higher fee.
- Combine major/minor source construction permit legislative caps
- Establish flat or annual permit fees

Major Source Funding (18)

- Completely self-funded construction permit program (major source)
- Revamping major source construction permitting fees system
- Major source construction permit fees to be predictable & maintain turnaround time.
- Issuance of NSR permits at current rate
- Require fees for PSD permit rescissions
- Fully fund major source construction permitting indirect costs
- Expediting fee

Title V Cost Funding (18)

- Title V operating permit fees (24% direct)
- Set operational permit fees to cover costs
- Title V program funding
- Address Title V fees shortfalls
- Predictability in Title V permit fee (\$/hour – not east to budget for)
- Adequate funding for Title V permits (can't read) issuance
- Adjust application fee to cover indirect cost of drafting Title V permit

Minor Source Funding (12)

- Maintain level of state/federal participation in minor source permitting costs
- Fully fund minor source construction permitting with less reliance on state/federal funds
- Decide on how to fund minor source permitting if federal/state dollars are reduced
- Prioritize construction permits over annual fees
- Stabilize minor source funding for the long term
- Minor source construction permits funded by at least 60% match from General Fund and federal grants
- Maintain flat fees for minor sources. Discovery of the needed money for the minor sources – 5 year plan
- Provide necessary funding without annual permit fees (minor sources)
- Minor source permit modifications

Reduce Reliance on Title V Emission Fees (8)

- Title V emissions continue to decline yet largest portion of the budget is dependent on emissions

- Moving programs out of Title V emissions funding – other funding sources

Title V Modification Funding (8)

- Fee for Title V modifications
- Complete modifications to Title V permits in a timely manner
- Completely self-funded Title V permit program (including modifications)
- Title V permitting: modifications need funding & annual maintenance fee
- Annual Title V operating permit fee in lieu of charging for modifications and permit issuance

Non-Voting Items

E-Application:

- Continue electronic submittal and tracking of minor source construction permits
- Modernize DNR permit database systems with eApplication solution
- Funding and implementing a replacement for the SPARS program long term
- eApplication /ePermitting System (5 notes)
- Fund eApplication (5 notes)
- eApplication/SPARS replacement

Sustainable Funding

- Sustainable air program budget funding for the long term
- Clear structure of funding mechanism identifying what dollars are paying for which elements
- Determine a sustainable level of funding for minor source permits (construction)
- Fully fee funded indirect costs for permitting programs
- Sustainability of Bureau
- Maintain state dollars in the Air Quality Bureau at least status quo