Minutes of May 2, 2013 Meeting of the Coordinated Permitting Study Group North Carolina Mining and Energy Commission

Preliminary Matters
Study Group Director Taylor called the meeting at 9:00 a.m. He then read the ethics statement and asked Committee members whether or not they had a conflict of interest with respect to any action items on the agenda. None were expressed.

The following personnel were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Study Group Members Present
Dr. Kenneth Taylor (Study Group Director)
Mr. James Womack, MEC Chairman
Dr. Ray Covington, Compulsory Pooling Study Group Director
Dr. Vikram Rao, Water and Waste Management Committee Chairman
Mr. Charles Holbrook, Administration of Oil and Gas Committee Chairman
Mr. Tracy Davis, PE, CPM, Director of DEMLR
Mr. Mike Abraczinskas, EIT, CPM, Deputy Director, Division of Air Quality (DAQ)
Mr. William Willets, PE, Engineering Supervisor, Permitting Section, DAQ

Study Group Members Absent
Mr. George Howard, MEC Vice-Chairman; Environmental Standards Committee Chairman
Mr. Toby Vinson, PE, Chief Engineer, Land Quality Section, DEMLR

Others in Attendance
Refer to the meeting sign in sheets (attached to these minutes).

Revisions or additions to agenda
Dr. Taylor reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if there were any revisions or additions to the agenda. None were noted by the Study Group members.

Information Items
As this is the initial meeting of the study group, Dr. Taylor reviewed the three informational items: Coordinated Permitting Study Group – Background and Purpose; Proposed Study Group Membership; and the Proposed Study Report Outline.

There followed a discussion and study group approval of the proposed both the Study Group Membership List and the proposed Study Group Report Outline.

Mr. Tracy Davis then gave an invited presentation "*Coordinated Permitting of the DEMLR Mining Program*" to serve as an example of coordinated permitting in DENR. During Mr. Davis' presentation, there were several questions and comments from study group members concerning the scope and extent of coordinated permitting in mining.

MEC Chairman Womack suggested expanding the coordination outside of DENR to include all agencies affected by the proposed activity, such as NCDOT where traffic management and low-capacity bridges could be affected. He also wanted the Department of Labor to be included. Mr. Holbrook wanted key people in emergency management and hazardous materials

responders to be included. MEC Chairman Womack wanted a number of agencies to be aware of the permitting.

Dr. Taylor asked Mr. Mike Abraczinskas if he could brief the study group at the next meeting on coordinated permitting from the Division of Air Quality perspective. Mr. Abraczinskas agreed to give that presentation.

Concluding Remarks

Study Group Members were pleased with the progress to date. There were no public comments.

The Coordinated Permitting Study Group adjourned at 10:20 a.m.