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MEMORANDUM

To: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION  
The Honorable Brent Jackson, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Mike Hager, Co-Chair

From: Matt Dockham  
Director, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Annual Mining Permit Fee Use Report for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

G. S. 74-54.1 (c) of The Mining Act of 1971 requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to report annually to the Environmental Review Commission on the mining permit fees collected and expended in implementing the state's mining program.

Attached is this year's report. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tracy E. Davis, Director of the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources at 919-707-9200.

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**DIVISION OF ENERGY, MINERAL, AND LAND RESOURCES**  
**MINE PERMITTING PROGRAM FEE REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

**1. Monies Collected**

Total mining permit application processing fees of \$213,358.38 were collected during fiscal year 2014-2015.

**2. Monies Expended**

Salaries and Benefits:	\$57,102.17
Purchased Services:	\$1,278.34
Supplies:	\$102.41
Property, Plant & Equipment:	\$2,542.66
Other Expenses & Adjustments:	\$1,099.32
 Total:	 \$62,124.90

Although only \$62,124.90 in mining permit application processing fees were expended, the Division used available lapsed salaries in the amount of \$18,287.00 to offset additional expenditures that would normally have been charged against this account. This was done, in addition to restricting use of these mining fee funds to cover operating expenditures, as fee collections were low during the first nine months of the fiscal year (particularly during the winter months due to slowed construction activities) and the Division needed to ensure that enough funds were available to support the Division's full time equivalent fee positions allocated to the Mine Permitting Program. In fact, the Division fund shifted 0.1433 FTEs out of this fee account effective December 1, 2014 to lessen the drain on the fee account until fee collections increased in the spring and summer months. The Division intended to move the 0.1433 FTEs back onto this non reverting fund account and fill a full time vacant permit review engineer in the Mining Program this Spring; however, the proposed House and Senate budget bills released this Session requires this fund to revert any unused cash balance at the end of each fiscal year. This uncertainty in future funding precluded the Division moving forward with its plans and has resulted in the ending fund balance below.

**3. Fund Balance**

Beginning Fund Balance:	\$108,314.50
Monies Collected:	\$213,358.38
Monies Expended:	\$62,124.90
Ending Fund Balance:	\$259,547.98