



COALEX STATE COMPARISON REPORT - 204

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TOPIC: LENGTH OF TIME FOR PERMIT APPROVAL

INQUIRY: Please poll the IMCC member states for the following information: "How long (number of months) does it take to approve a new, first time permit, from the time of receipt until final approval?"

SEARCH RESULTS: Eight states responded to the survey. The results are summarized on the attached table. Also attached are five state's responses to a similar survey conducted by the National Coal Association.

States that responded to the IMCC Survey:

1. Alabama
2. Illinois
3. Kentucky
4. Maryland
5. Missouri
6. Pennsylvania
7. Texas
8. Virginia

Responses from the NCA survey are included for:

1. Alabama
2. North Dakota
3. Pennsylvania
4. Ohio
5. Virginia

Survey was conducted by: Gregory Conrad and Beth Bostis



TABLE OF SURVEY RESPONSES

STATE	MONTHS	DAYS	EXPLANATION
ALABAMA	3-4 months	N/A	If applicant provides complete and accurate information, approval process may take a little over 2 months.
ILLINOIS	11 months	330 days	The permit application is in the operator's hands for revisions/modifications for a significant amount of the time.
KENTUCKY	6 months	N/A	If applicant provides complete and accurate information, with no revisions required, permit would be issued in 65 days. Realistic minimum time is 3 months.
MARYLAND	12 months	N/A	Process ranges 5 months - 2 years with the permit application residing with the applicant for revision for at least half of the time.
MISSOURI	5 months	N/A	This is the maximum time.
PENNSYLVANIA	6 months	180 days	N/A
TEXAS	15-18 months	N/A	This is the worst-case scenario.
VIRGINIA	3 months	140 days	The Virginia permit review team has 20 days to perform reviews of any portions of a permit application; this would allow a permit to be issued in as few as 60 days.