

# Permitting Practices, Resources and Performance of State Air Pollution Control Agencies

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## ABSTRACT

This paper is directed to state and local air pollution control agencies responsible for preparing air pollution construction and operating permits.

A survey was conducted of 28 state air pollution control agencies on their permitting practices and experience for the most recent year. The questions addressed were:

1. What resources does the state devote to all air pollution construction and operating permitting activities in terms of equivalent full time personnel in each of the following categories: permit writers, managers, clerical and secretarial?
2. What is your annual output of issued permits by permit?
3. What are the biggest problems you have faced in satisfying your agency's permitting needs and what have been your solutions to these problems?
4. What advice would you give other state permitting managers on best practices to follow in achieving the state's permitting goals?

The following additional questions were asked of states that delegates part of the permit preparation responsibilities to local air pollution control agencies:

5. What is the annual output of the local air pollution control agencies of issued permits by permit type?
6. What resources does the state devote to reviewing construction and operating permits prepared by local air pollution control agencies in terms of equivalent number of full time personnel in each of the following categories: permit writers, managers, clerical and secretarial?
7. What are the biggest problems you have faced in delegating a portion of your permitting needs to local agencies and what have been your solutions to these problems?
8. What advice would you give other state permitting managers in terms of the best practices to follow in delegating a portion of your permitting needs to local agencies?

Results of this survey are presented with conclusions on the most effective state agency approaches for preparing air pollution construction and operating permits.