



3rd Quarter PMP Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2025

Location: UPJ

Business Meeting (10:10 – 10:20)

- Introductions of Attendees
- Secretary's Report had one change to it, add Terry Schmidt in attendance, then Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report - Approved
- Future Speakers/Venues
 - X-mas location -same as last year
- New Business Technical Forum

PACA/PACA Updates – Ben Gardner & Megan Dennis (10:20-10:30)

- Preparing for reinforced justice retention ballots in Pennsylvania and long-term planning models.
- MIASE CIA Board Meeting scheduled for **October 20–21** at the Garden venue, with follow-up sessions two days later.
- Incident at Heidelberg underground stone mine; DEP and state authorities investigating.
- Updates will be shared via social media; preliminary cause: deep underground slab failure.
- Regulatory changes underway at federal and state levels; OSHA reviewing and repealing certain regulations.
- Pennsylvania Aggregate and Concrete Association monitoring developments affecting coal and non-coal mining operations.
- DEP reissuing GP-104 permits; stormwater design standard corrected to **10-year/24-hour** event.
- Comments submitted requesting reasonable compliance timelines to avoid operational disruptions.
- Permit fees are expected to increase by **~10%**.
- New Technical Guidance Document (TGD) proposes higher civil penalties for non-coal operations.
- Regulatory technical committee meeting scheduled for **October** to address changes.
- Discrepancies in permit definitions for undeveloped sites; EPA engagement planned.
- Water replacement requirements and bonding obligations under review; impacts expected in **2026**.
- Aggregate availability studies are ongoing to support infrastructure and data center development.
- Federal guidance requires truck software updates to prevent limp mode, effective **2027**.
- Legislative items:
 - Proposed landslide insurance program (budget constraints may hinder progress).
 - Ready-mix bill under consideration.



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- House Bill 1580 introduces heat-related safety protocols for workers.
- Budget negotiations are ongoing.

Update DEP Issues – Stacy Hanson & Ben Gardner (10:30-10:40)

- **Bonding Requirements**
 - DEP now requires water reliability bonds separate from reclamation bonds.
 - Example: \$150,000 reclamation bond + \$1 million water bond.
 - Bonding companies often demand 100% cash collateral.
 - Smaller operators may struggle; some bonds have doubled or tripled (up to \$15 million).
 - Proposed phased implementation to reduce financial strain.
- **Permit Renewals**
 - Renewal process is lengthy and complex.
 - Technical letters include operational items typically handled during inspections.
 - Legacy sites require major updates, increasing time and cost.
- **Additional Requirements**
 - DEP enforcing reporting on sludge bore holes that are active which adds administrative burden and delays.

Open Discussion (10:40- 10:45)

- 300-foot building setback issue remains unresolved.
- Gene Cooney from LSSE (PA DEP ICE Permit Exemption Documents-info links below)
 - *We were working on a government financed ICE permit application for a client in Allegheny County and in contact with the New Stanton District Mining office (Chad Meyer). In late July, Chad informed us via email that the policy group will now be handling all initial inquiries regarding ICE permit applications and will determine if an ICE permit application is the correct course of action. The policy group contact email is: RA-EPMININGPERMITS@pa.gov and also referenced on the PADEP Bureau of Mining website here: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/mining/bureau-of-mining-programs>*
 - *Regarding the ICE permit application we were working on, we were referred by the policy group (Sharon Hill, PG) to **25 PA. Code §86.6. Extraction of coal incidental to government-financed construction or government-financed reclamation projects** (available here: <https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/025/chapter86/s86.6.html&d=reduce>) and **technical guidance document number 563-2000-003** (available here: <https://greenport.pa.gov/eLibrary/PublicAccessProvider.ashx?action=ViewDocument&overlay=Print&overrideFormat=Native>) to see if the project complied with the aforementioned documents and was eligible for exemption from the permitting process. We submitted information as requested by Sharon (site location map, site background*



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narrative, documentation of funding granted for the project, and the estimated amount of coal to be extracted) and we were awarded an exemption from the permitting process.

Break (5 min.)

Presentation (10:50-12:15)

- John Voigt - *Salt Mining 101: Salt Mining 101*

Question & Adjournment (12:15-12:30)

2.25 PDH

Online Attendance

Mike Barilar

Chuck Walton

Thomas (Tom) Gray

Roger D. Bowman, PE

Bowman, Roger

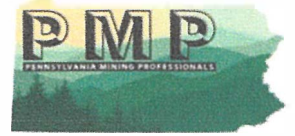
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Quarter 4 Meeting

Q3 meeting

December 11, 2024

September 10, 2025



Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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PMP 3rd Quarter Meeting Agenda September 10th, 2025, 10:00 AM

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Business Meeting

- Call to Order
- Introductions of Attendees
- Secretary's Report & Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Future Speakers/Venues
- New Business

Technical Forum:

- PACA Updates – Megan Dennis
- PCA Updates – Rachel Gleason
- WOTUS
- MSHA Silica Rule
- 300' Building Waivers
- Member Items/Open Discussion

Presentation

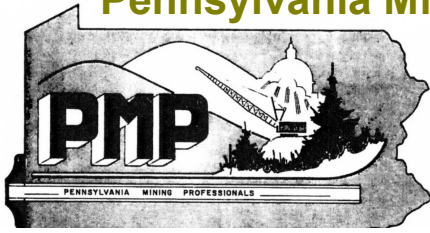
- **Speaker: John Voigt, Voigt Mining and Geotechnical Inc.**
 - **Bio:** *A Retired "Salt Miner", Mr. Voigt has a BS in Earth Sciences from Penn State, and an MBA from University of Scranton. His experience includes 22 years on staff at 2 large underground salt mines (engineering and geology), MSHA instructor rating, mine rescue team member, 4 years at corporate HQ with 3 UG salt mines operating, 24 years salt geology and mine consulting, including 15 years as contract Executive Director of Solution Mining Research Institute (solutionmining.org)*
 - **Memberships:** *Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, AIME -- Registered Member, SME Fellow, 4 years Past Pennsylvania Anthracite Section chair, Legion of Honor, Society of Exploration Geophysicists, Solution Mining Research Institute -- Honorary Member.*
 - **Topic: Salt Mining 101: Salt Mining 101:**
 - *Salt uses & background*
 - *Salt deposit geography & geology*
 - *3 main production methods: solar, solution mining, and underground mining*
 - *Salt mining considerations & challenges*

Adjournment

Lunch to be provided by PMP for the group.

***Note: Virtual Link will be available and provided prior to meeting. PDH Credits will be awarded.**

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Previous Balance Reported at the June 2025 PMP Meeting	<u>\$10,390.96*</u>
EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Check #1010 - Barbara Dunst Donation (David Gardner)	\$3,000.00
Check #1011 - Refreshments for Meeting (Jordan Rodgers)	\$ 229.11
Expenditures Subtotal	<u>\$3,229.11</u>
INCOME	AMOUNT
Dues	\$ 0
Income Subtotal	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Present Balance Total September 10, 2025	<u>\$7,161.85</u>
Total = (Previous Balance - Expenditures Subtotal) + Income Subtotal	
Q3 Venue and Meal	- \$2,000.00
Insurance Premium (October)	- \$520
<u>CASH FORECAST</u>	<u>\$4,641.85</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

David B. Gardner

David "Ben" Gardner,
 Treasurer