



# Air Permits Division Update

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# Air Permits Division Organization

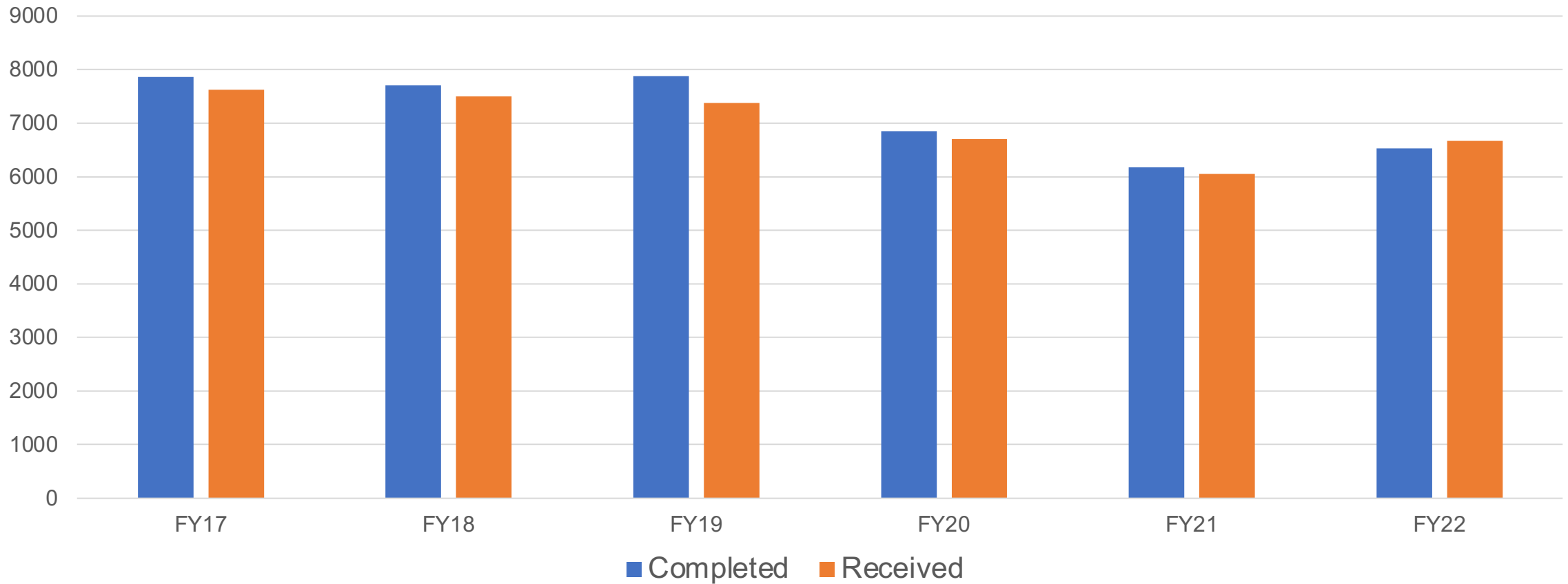
- **Rebecca Partée, Assistant Deputy Director**
  - Chemical NSR Permits – Becky Tsuchiya
  - Energy NSR Permits – Kristyn Campbell
  - Mechanical/Coatings NSR Permits – Bonnie Evridge
  - Permit Support – Daniel Menendez

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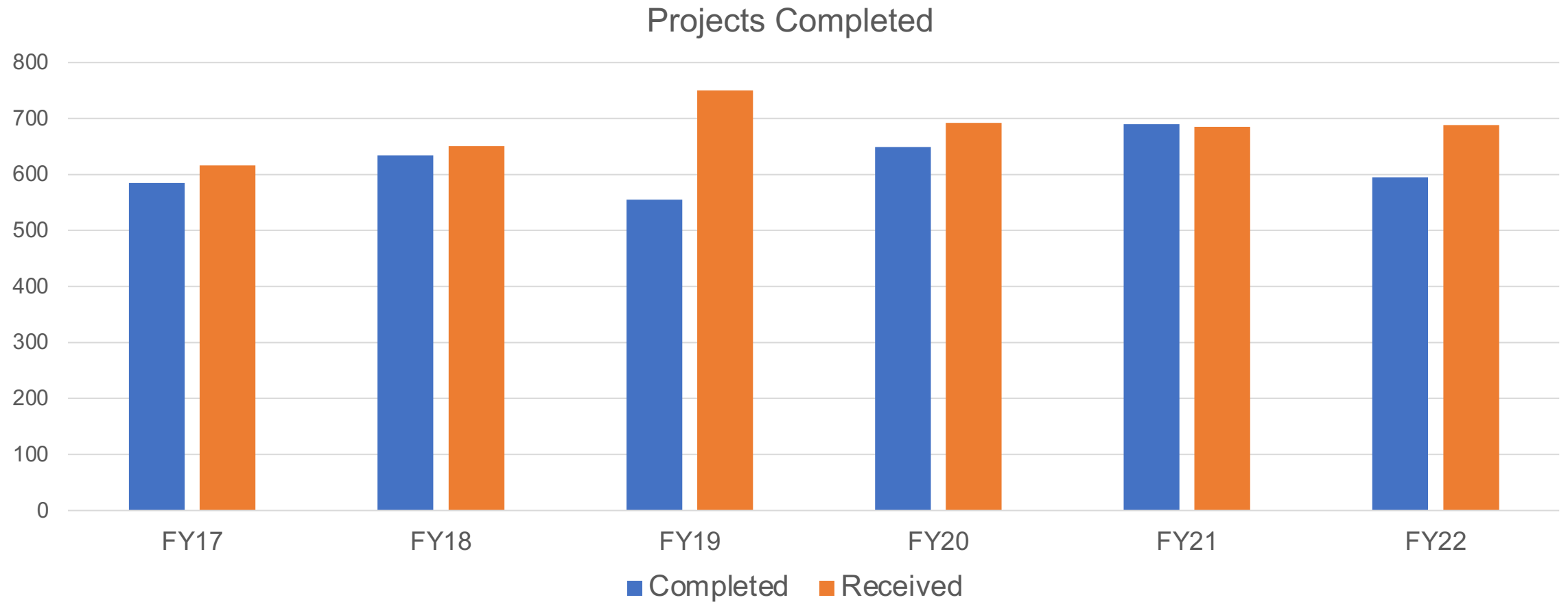
- **Kim Strong, P.E., Assistant Deputy Director**
  - Rule Registrations – Michael Partée
  - Operating Permits – Jesse Chacon
  - Operational Support – Kati Wooten
  - Business Support – Adena Whitton

# NSR Production

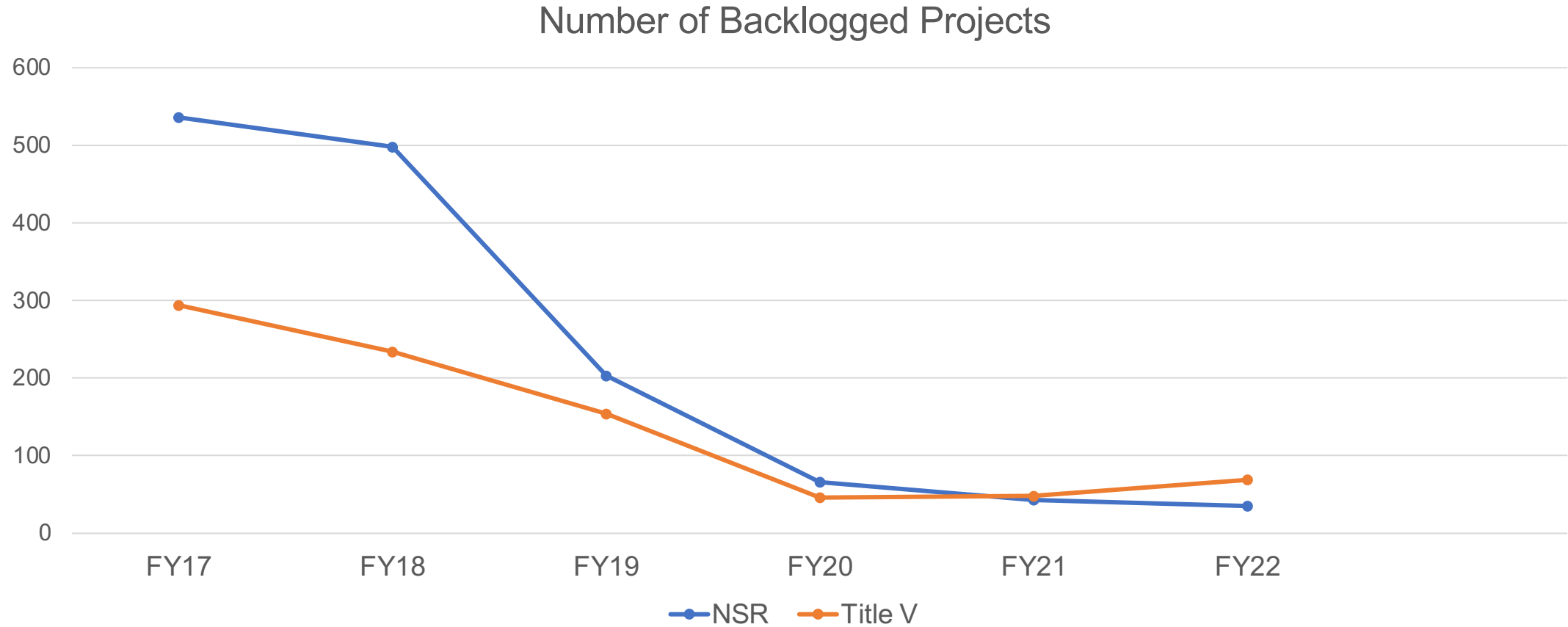
Projects Completed



# Title V Production



# Backlog Reduction



# **New APD Tools and Procedures**

- **STEERs ePermits must be used for Title V as of January 1, 2023.**
- **Incomplete process for Standard Permits.**
- **Aggregate Product Operations Workbook – releasing May 2023.**

# **Title V Petitions and Objections**

- **EPA has issued orders, granting objections in whole or part, on Title V permits that received petitions.**
- **EPA has objected during the 45-day review period.**
- **EPA orders/objections are focused on:**
  - **NSR monitoring**
  - **Use of Confidential Business Information**
  - **PBR codification**
  - **Other concerns**



# Rule Updates

- **Non-Rule Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants**
  - **Revise the standard permit to include an updated AQA, revised operating requirements, set-back limitations, and restrictions on operating hours.**
  - **Important Dates:**
    - **Notice published on April 14, 2023**
    - **Public hearing on May 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**
      - **Hearing will be held virtually and in-person.**
    - **Close of comment period is June 14, 2023.**

# Rule Updates

- **MSW Landfill State Plan and Rule Updates**
  - Update rule and state plan to implement the 2016 and 2019 landfill emission guidelines.
- **Ch. 116 Amendment**
  - Clarify the requirements applicable to the holder of a registration under the Standard Permit for CBP when the permit holder intends to move the registered CBP to a new location on the site.
- **Quadrennial Rule Reviews of all air permitting rules in 30 TAC.**

# Federal Rule Updates

- **Project Emissions Accounting (PEA)**
  - **Proposed approval posted in federal register March 6, 2023.**
  - **Allowed reductions to be considered in step 1 of major NSR applicability determinations for existing major sources.**
  - **Comments were due April 5, 2023.**

# Federal Rule Updates

- **Reconsideration of Fugitive Emissions Rule**
  - **Posted in Federal Register October 22, 2022.**
  - **Proposal would require all existing major stationary sources to consider fugitives in considering whether a modification constitutes a major modification rather than just named sources.**
  - **Does not change rules for major source determination.**
  - **Extended comment period ended February 14, 2023.**

# Federal Rule Updates

- **Proposed reconsideration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard**
  - **Posted in Federal Register January 27, 2023.**
  - **Proposal revises annual standard by lowering the level from 12.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to within the range of 9.0 to 10.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.**
  - **Comments were due by March 28, 2023.**

# Sunset Review

- **The TCEQ is under Sunset review as required by Texas Government Code, Section 325.007.**
- **SB1397 and HB1505 were filed for the continuation and functions of the TCEQ.**
- **Changes that could impact Air Permits**
- **Status of the Bills**
- **Next Steps**

# **88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

- **Bills of interest**
- **In Numbers:**
  - **No. of Bills Analyzed by APD: 137**
  - **No. of Bills APD Coordinated: 51**
  - **Total No. of Bills APD has been involved with: 201**
- **May 29<sup>th</sup> is last day of regular session.**

# Looking Forward

- **We have additional workbook staff!**
  - **We are continuing with streamlining projects. Continuing to work with the program areas to identify their needs for tools.**
- **Working to develop additional PBR workbooks and streamlining OP-UA forms for Title V.**



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