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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.

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**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

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<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>MONTHS</th>
<th>DAYS</th>
<th>EXPLANATION</th>
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<tr>
<td>ALABAMA</td>
<td>3-4 months</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>If applicant provides complete and accurate information, approval process may take a little over 2 months.</td>
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<td>ILLINOIS</td>
<td>11 months</td>
<td>330 days</td>
<td>The permit application is in the operator's hands for revisions/modifications for a significant amount of the time.</td>
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<td>KENTUCKY</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>If applicant provides complete and accurate information, with no revisions required, permit would be issued in 65 days. Realistic minimum time is 3 months.</td>
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<td>MARYLAND</td>
<td>12 months</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Process ranges 5 months - 2 years with the permit application residing with the applicant for revision for at least half of the time.</td>
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<td>MISSOURT</td>
<td>5 months</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>This is the maximum time.</td>
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<td>PENNSYLVANIA</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>180 days</td>
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<td>TEXAS</td>
<td>15-18 months</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>This is the worst-case scenario.</td>
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<td>VIRGINIA</td>
<td>3 months</td>
<td>140 days</td>
<td>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.</td>
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