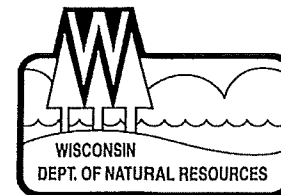


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October 06, 2016

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RE: **Public Bidding Deferred – Cost Cap Approved**

PECFA # 54889-8000-01-A DNR BRRTS # 03-03-110339
Warren Hodge, 301 Pine St N, Turtle Lake

On October 05, 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) received a scope of work (SOW) and cost estimate utilizing the chapter NR 747, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Usual and Customary Cost Schedule (Cost Schedule) for the site referenced above.

The Department has determined that the submitted SOW is reasonable and **approves** the additional costs. This site will be deferred from the public bidding process at this time. The Department will contact you if this site will be bid in the future.

The approval is to collect groundwater samples (PVOC + Naphthalene) from all 25 monitoring wells and piezometers for 2 rounds, waste disposal, a change order and a letter report upon completion. A copy of the Department worksheet for the Cost Schedule tasks is enclosed for your reference.

Deferment Cost Cap Approved:

\$8,740.37

Be reminded that ch. NR 700 semi-annual progress reporting is required until this case is closed.

Note: Per the recently enacted State budget (Wisconsin Act 55), a claim for PECFA reimbursement must be submitted within 180 days of incurring costs (i.e., completing a task). If a claim for costs incurred is not submitted within this deadline, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement. If you need assistance with filing your claim, please contact Tim Prosa at (608) 261-7715.

Usual and customary costs for activities included in this approval will only be reimbursed at a rate equal to or less than what is allowed on the Cost Schedule, and are reimbursed based upon the Cost Schedule that is in effect at the time the activity is performed. Costs for activities not included in this approval are not reimbursable without prior Department authorization.

Regulatory Correspondence (Task 7, Activity RC05), Claim Submittal (Task 27, Activity CS05) and Standardized Invoice (Task 28, Activity SI05) costs are not included in the cap approved above. These activities will be reimbursed according to the task specifications and with proper supporting documentation submitted with the PECFA claim.

The Department considers the consultant the primary controller of costs during these activities. This approval does not guarantee eligibility of any specific costs that have been incurred or that may be incurred in the future. Final determination regarding the eligibility of costs will be made by the claim reviewer when the entire claim, including all invoices and reports, is submitted for payment.

Thank you for your efforts to protect Wisconsin's environment. If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at the letterhead address or by telephone at (715) 365-8942.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Stoltz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carrie" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Stoltz".

Carrie Stoltz
Hydrogeologist
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Enclosure: Usual and Customary Cost Schedule Worksheet

cc: Ken Shimko-Meridian Environmental Consulting, LLC