



October 25, 2016

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

PECFA # 54848-1295-19-A DNR BRRS # 03-55-282548
Auto Stop, 119 W 9th St N, Ladysmith

On October 14, 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.

This is a joint remedial action effort between Auto Stop and Doug's Tire Center (PECFA # 54848-1215-11-A, DNR BRRS # 03-55-000408) to remove soil gas vapors associated with petroleum contamination through the installation of a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to be operated for (1) year. The cost breakdown for each site based on the amount of contamination was determined as follows: Auto Stop (5/8ths of the costs) and Doug's Tire Center (3/8ths of the costs).

This approval is for the operation and maintenance of the SVE system from October 2016 to September 2017 including waste disposal and air sampling. The U&C total is: \$1,237.24 which reflects 5/8ths of the costs on the Usual and Customary Cost Schedule Worksheet which is attached.

Deferment Cost Cap Approved:

\$21,683.61

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

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 submittal of proper supporting documentation at claim review time.

The Department approves a variance from the Cost Schedule for the following tasks:

- Monthly site maintenance/sampling \$8,477.05
- Misc materials for repairs \$312.50
- Cell phone alarm system \$ 150.00
- Air pump rental \$450.00
- Data evaluation by engineer \$ 4,112.63
- Project management (4 hrs./month) \$3,290.10
- Annual report \$1,645.05
- Pump truck to remove system wastewater/gas mixture, redevelop SVE vents, dispose up to 1000 gallons of wastewater/gas mixture \$ 1,162.50
- Consultant to coordinate with businesses, traffic control, open/close wells, surge wells prior to pumping \$ 846.54

Do not include these costs (\$20,446.38) on the standardized invoice for usual and customary cost activities. Include these costs on a separate company invoice. When you submit the claim for these costs, please attach a copy of this letter and the attached worksheet for the claim reviewer's reference. The Department waives the commodity three-bid requirement with this variance approval.

***** Contingency costs should only be incurred if needed, and the DNR Project Manager shall be notified in advance and concur that the contingency activity is necessary BEFORE incurring the contingency cost.**

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.

Note: If you have not submitted a reimbursement claim in the past 12 months, the Department encourages you to do so at this time. In the future, we may review your claim submittal history and require a claim. Failure to submit a claim at that time would result in denial of reimbursement for corresponding interest costs. If you need assistance with filing your claim, please contact Tim Prosa at (608) 261-7715.

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,



Carrie Stoltz
Hydrogeologist
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Enclosure: Usual and Customary Cost Schedule Worksheet

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