



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

Brian C. Rockensuess
Commissioner

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 29, 2024

Tank Owners, Tank Operators,
Environmental Consultants and Contractors,
And Other Interested Parties

Re: Commissioner Rockensuess Authorizes Immediate Use of ELTF Proposed Drilling Rates

To Whom It May Concern:

During the January ELTF Financial Assurance Board (FAB) meeting, Colleen Rennaker, Deputy Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Land Quality, presented an outline of cost guidelines that will soon be out for public comment in a nonrule policy document (NPD). Pursuant to 328 Ind. Admin. Code 1-3-5(b)(8), the proposed drilling rates outlined in the NPD have been found to be necessary and approved by the Administrator for **immediate** use effective January 29, 2024 for costs incurred from that date forward:

Drilling Costs	
Mobilization/Demobilization	\$/mobilization
Includes moving contractor equipment, setup, removing equipment, per diem, hotel, mileage, material, and personnel time.	\$1,200.00
Direct Push Technology:	\$/day
Other costs pertaining to direct push technology are included in the per foot allowance specified below	\$1,800.00
Hollow Stem Auger (HSA):	\$/day
Other costs pertaining to HSA technology are included in the per foot allowance specified below	\$2,000.00
Soil Boring Advancement	\$/foot
Includes all personnel, equipment, and material costs associated with the soil boring advancement for collection of soil, gas and/or groundwater samples, and the proper abandonment of the boring. Any soil boring converted to a permanent monitoring well will be compensated at the monitoring well installation rate.	\$20.00
Monitoring Well Installation	\$/foot
Includes all personnel, equipment, and material costs associated with the installation of permanent monitoring wells, including hole cutting and decontamination. The wells must be properly developed, all generated drill cuttings and development/purge waters must be containerized. If bedrock is expected or encountered during the installation of monitoring wells, the consultant is recommended to discuss steps to move forward with the IDEM PM.	\$50.00 (2 inch)
	\$60.00 (4 inch)

These drilling rates may be used until updated Cost Guidelines become effective. IDEM encourages your participation in the NPD process by visiting the following website <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/nonrule-policies/> and submitting comments during the public comment period. Once posted, there will be a 45-day comment period, then presentation to the Financial Assurance Board, 30 days after which, it will become effective.

If you have questions, please send a detailed email to ELTFQuestions@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy E. Veatch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'V'.

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