

The Underground Storage Tank (UST) Management Division has received comments on the proposed SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs. The comments have been generalized and responded to below.

Q - *In the past, the UST Program has utilized the 65th percentile of line item bids to derive the SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs. Why was an adjustment based upon the rate of inflation used in this case?*

A - The UST Management Division used an adjustment based upon the rate of inflation at this time. A revision to the Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) is pending, and the program is evaluating how those changes in the QAPP might affect the rates.

Q - *Will the rates be rounded to the nearest dollar or remain as calculated?*

A - Rounding to the nearest dollar would cause some rates (e.g., AFVR Effluent Disposal) to be reduced to zero; therefore, it is not believed that rounding is either necessary or beneficial.

Q - *The proposed QAPP revisions may include more detailed procedures or increased technical standards for things like well development or lithologic logging; however, no line items were included in the rate document.*

A - The bids were obtained based upon the standards in QAPP Revision 3.1, which remains in effect. The SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Rates document posted for comment makes no mention of continuous lithologic logging on well installations. The program is evaluating how those pending changes in the QAPP might affect the rates.

Q - *There is no line item to cover the Geologist's time on site to oversee drilling and log soil cuttings.*

A - Please reference the rate definitions (E, F, I) in the SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs document. Geologist time is incorporated into the drilling rates.

Q - *There is no rate for drilling a telescoping rock well.*

A - Please reference the rate definition (Q) in the SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs document. As defined, all rock wells include installation of a casing from the surface to the top of the bedrock.

Q - *Drill crew and contractor crew per diems are not covered and should be added.*

A - Please reference the rate definitions (D.1, D.2) in the SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs document. Mobilization rates for Personnel and Equipment include per diem costs.

Q - *The soil disposal rates do not take into account the method of containment.*

A - Please reference the rate definition (Q) in the SUPERB Account Maximum Allowable Costs document. The rate definition does not specify the type of container in order to allow each consultant the flexibility to choose the type of container that best suits their needs.

Q - *Can a skidsteer loader be added as a unit rate?*

A - The cost for skidsteer loaders is currently being pre-approved on a site-specific basis as a miscellaneous item. The program may evaluate the usage of this equipment to determine whether a line-item rate or inclusion in the disposal rate is more appropriate at a later time.