

Summary of Document

This document provides guidance to staff on how to approve variances to the Usual and Customary Cost Schedule for PECFA projects. The guidance only addresses a certain number of PECFA-eligible activities, based on their common occurrence, in order to ensure consistency in approving cost reimbursement where no standard rate exists.

Comments & Responses

1. Private utility locates cannot be done at the U&C Cost of \$117 and thus we have always needed to get a variance. (METCO)

Response: After discussion with the PECFA Stakeholder group, we believe this is an accurate reflection of field conditions. As such, we will be recommending in this guidance that private utility locates will be at actual cost.

2. Some sites require prep such as marking out the dimensions of the excavation, reviewing utility locations, stripping off concrete/asphalt, hand digging utility locations, and other prep work that should definitely justify a per diem although a actual load of soil was not removed. (METCO)

Response: Agreed. The following change will be made to the draft guidance:

Removal should be consolidated efficiently. ~~This means that taking out one load on the first day does not qualify as a day of work and does not qualify for a per diem.~~ Prep work should be considered when approving per diems.