

Annual Claim Budget Pre-Approval Frequently Asked Questions

Effective July 1, 2011, all active claims in Priority Classes A, B, and C were placed on an annual claim budget.

- **Why didn't I receive my full requested budget amount?**

Many claims did not receive the requested budget amount. The Fund allocated funding based on the claim priority, the requested amount, the phase of cleanup the site was in, and the estimated amount of funding available.

- **Can I appeal the budget amount I received?**

No, the claim budgets are an administrative tool used by the Fund to help us manage our projected annual expenditures as measured against anticipated revenues, and the allocations are not subject to appeal. Annual claim budgets are not determinations of whether a claimant's costs are eligible for reimbursement. If you believe your budget amount is in error or you want to request a change to your budget amount, you may request that using the appropriate Budget Change Order Request form.

- **If I was assigned the wrong budget category, how can I fix this?**

Complete and submit the [Budget Change Order Request](#) form located at the Fund's website.

- **If the budget category is changed for the claim, will the amount previously approved be automatically modified?**

No, the dollar amount approved for each claim will remain the same initially. If additional funds are available to reallocate, the Fund will consider increasing the funded amount for the claim.

- **What happens if my consultant runs over budget? Will money be available for cost overruns?**

Reimbursements in excess of the approved budget amount, for any category, will be deferred to a future date when funds become available. Funding has not been reserved for these types of overruns. Claimants, and their

consultants, should not expect Fund reimbursement during this fiscal year for any costs that exceed the approved claim budget amount.

- **If I share costs with another claim, shouldn't we have received the same budget amount?**

Not necessarily. Depending on the circumstances at the particular site, each claim may receive a different claim budget allocation based on: 1) the claim's site information available at the time of the Fund's budget review, 2) whether a budget was submitted by the claimant, or 3) the budget amount requested by the claimant.

- **I am a School District and I don't have a budget. Why?**

Claims in the School District Account and/or the Commingled Plume Account are being budgeted separately.

- **The budget I received for my claim will exceed the \$1.5 million cap. Can I still get reimbursed for the amount in the annual claim budget?**

No. Reimbursement from the Fund for corrective action, regulatory technical assistance, and third party compensation costs shall not exceed \$1,500,000 (less the deductible) per occurrence.

- **The annual budget began on July 1, 2011 – what about old costs that were incurred before that date? How are you handling these costs?**

Old costs must be submitted separately from budgeted costs and will be paid in order of priority and date received.

- **Can I submit old costs on the same spreadsheet with my new costs?**

Old and new costs must be submitted on separate spreadsheets and in separate RR packages. If costs are combined, the RR package will be returned.

- **Can I submit a reimbursement request with old costs if it is under \$10,000?**

Yes, but only if the RR package is the final submission of old costs for the claim.

- **Do invoices of old costs need to be dated prior to July 1, 2011?**

No, as long as costs were incurred prior to July 1, 2011, the invoice date does not have to be prior to this date.

- **Is there a deadline for old costs reimbursement requests to be submitted?**

At this time, there is no deadline for old costs to be submitted.

- **What is the likelihood and projected payment date of old costs?**

We are unable to project exactly when old costs submitted after July 1, 2011, will be paid. Payment of these costs will depend on the availability of funds.

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