

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: PST Reimbursement Section & PST Responsible Party Remediation Section- Standard Operating Procedures File

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Subject: Bids for Drilling

Objective: To provide guidance regarding the requirement of bids for drilling borings and wells at leaking petroleum storage tank (LPST) sites.

Background: Appendix A: Part 3, Note 5 of the Reimbursement Cost Specifications (RCSs) indicates that three bids are required for the following situations concerning borings or wells:

- 1) Regardless of the number of wells, if the total linear footage drilled exceeds 150 feet; and,
- 2) For any proposed single boring or well that is to be drilled deeper than 50 feet.

If it can be shown that three bids cannot be reasonably obtained, then the agency can on a case by case basis accept less than three bids. The agency has the discretion to reject any and all bids.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:

If a CARF was approved between November 18, 2004, and February 14, 2005, inclusive, any drilling costs which required bidding under current Reimbursement Cost Specifications (RCSs) but were not bid, will be reviewed and reimbursed in accordance with applicable line item amounts stated in Appendix A, Part 3 of the RCSs.

For those proposal that contain less than three bids, the application must include justification as to why three bids could not be obtained.

REMEDIATION POLICY:

For all workplans/cost proposals received after February 14, 2005, the agency will require bids for all drilling where a single boring or well is drilled deeper than 50 feet or if the total drilling footage exceeds 150 feet per activity.