

**STANDARDIZED RECLAMATION COST ESTIMATOR (SRCE)  
POLICY COMMITTEE and UPDATE PROCEDURES  
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The Standardized Reclamation Cost Estimator (SRCE) spreadsheet model is a tool that is meant to standardize and expedite the reclamation cost estimation and update processes. The model requires annual updates of the cost indices (Cost Data File).

It is anticipated that there may be periodic amendments and/or added modules to the SRCE spreadsheet. Therefore, a review, approval and modification acceptance process needs to be established. A Policy Committee was established to meet this need. The committee consists of one representative from each: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and an industry representative through the Nevada Mining Association (NvMA). Presently, committee representatives are Craig Smith (BLM), David Gaskin (NDEP) and Jonathan Brown (NvMA). In addition, there was a need to establish how the annual cost update factors are established, who will be responsible for the updates, when and how the update factors are implemented. The following discussion will clarify the policy and procedures.

**Amendments and Additions**

Anybody can make a recommendation, preferably through their appropriate Policy Committee representative, to make changes to the model as modifications to existing modules or as new modules. The Policy Committee will meet on a regular basis: biannually or as required. The Policy Committee will decide if suggestions merit implementation. If so, a Technical Committee will be established to research and implement the suggestion. The Technical Committee will be composed of equal representation by BLM, NDEP and industry personnel.

**Annual Update of Standard Unit Cost Rates (Cost Data File)**

The BLM and NDEP will be responsible for updating the cost indices on an annual basis. If the agencies are having difficulty getting updates, the industry will assist in getting the values. The agencies will begin updating the cost indices in June of each year. The Cost Data File will be published and implemented August 1 of each year.

**Effective Dates for the Cost Data File**

The Cost Data File will become effective on August 1 of each year. Operators submitting a SRCE cost estimate may use the previous year's Cost Data File until August 1. Any SRCE submitted to the agencies on, or after, August 2 must use the current year Cost Data File. Any SRCE submittal prior to August 1, may be approved using the previous year Cost Data File if there are no modifications required by the BLM or NDEP after their respective reviews. If BLM or NDEP respective reviews, after August 1, require a modification to the SRCE submittal, then the operator must incorporate the current year Cost Data File in their resubmittal.

**Note:** An operator is not required to submit a SRCE model for their reclamation cost estimate. However, all reclamation cost estimate submittals must use the current values in the Cost Data File. The same time frames apply for non SRCE reclamation cost estimates.