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ANNUAL COMPARISON

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperatively update the Standardized Reclamation Cost Estimator (SRCE) cost data file by August 1st each year. Since 2007, BMRR has used a reference Reclamation Cost Estimate (RCE) to compare the current cost data file against previous years (excluding Mob/Demob and Process Fluids Cost Estimator tools). Presented below are the results over the last five years:

Annual Comparison	Percent
2026 - 2021	31.7%
2026 - 2022	14.6%
2026 - 2023	9.2%
2026 - 2024	0.1%
2026 - 2025	0.5%

The 2026 cost data file reflected an overall increase of approximately 0.5% (increase) from 2025, primarily attributable to the following items:

- -5.5% (decrease) in materials costs
- -0.7% (decrease) in equipment costs
- 3.3% (increase) in labor costs

Material unit costs decreased (-5.5%) in 2026, due in part to rip-rap/rock lining and drainpipe installation costs decreasing by -22% and -31% on average based on RS Means data. Installation of HDPE liner is reduced by -22% and Rubbish and Waste Handling are down -11% per RS Means data. Electrical power costs decreased by -3%.

Monthly equipment rental rates decreased on average -6.6% for 2026. The “Equipment” category includes fuel, tires, and other maintenance items. Maintenance and equipment wear increased by 9% in 2026. Diesel fuel prices increased approximately 18.5% (from \$2.65 per gallon to \$3.14 per gallon), while tire prices decreased by an average of -13%. The overall result was a -0.7% (decrease) in equipment-related costs.

In April 2026, the U.S. Department of Labor formally adopted Nevada’s prevailing wage rates for Federal Davis-Bacon projects. Consequently, Davis-Bacon wage determinations now align with Nevada’s prevailing wage schedules, including detailed group classifications. SRCE labor rates have been updated to incorporate these revised standards. Most job classification wage rates have been adjusted, resulting in an aggregate labor cost increase of 3.3%.