The following is a general summary of changes to the Appendix 3 Reimbursement Fee Schedule, which becomes effective for work performed on or after March 1, 2023.

*Claimants are cautioned to refer to the Appendix 3 Reimbursement Fee Schedule (workbook guidance document and the rate schedule) document for the actual requirements for each task code and allowable costs.*

The revised Fee Schedule document can be found on the UST Program website at the following URL: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/ust-claims-updates-reports-regulations-and-policies#appendix-3---reimbursement-fee-schedule->

As a reminder, a single claim cannot be filed for work that spans two Fee Schedules time periods.  In this case, costs will have to be filed as separate claims. As an example, for a drilling event that starts on Monday February 27, 2023 and ends on Friday March 3, 2023, a separate claim will have to be filed for the February 27-28, 2023 costs and another for the March 1-3,2023 costs. It is important to use exact dates of service when completing the “To” and “From” fields in Section IV (Claims Summary). Please contact the UST Program if you have any questions.

* General
  + Task code maximums involving labor costs (e.g. crew rates) have been revised to reflect increases in labor costs and standard industry practices.
  + New task codes allowed as “biddable”.
  + Section 2 of the workbook guidance was expanded with more information regarding filing claims.
  + Several task codes have been changed to allow reimbursement based on actual cost rather than a prescribed task code maximum.
* Task Code 1:
  + Rate adjustments on all labor categories to reflect current industry rates.
  + Qualifications of a Project Manager and Senior Technical staff revised.
  + Draftsperson and CADD Operator labor classifications were combined into one category.
* Task Code 2:
  + General rate adjustments.
  + RMR report costs to be included with the costs and task code for the MassDEP report that the RMR report is filed with unless filing a standalone RMR report.
  + The cost for preparing a Method 3 Risk Characterization (M3RC) was reduced.  For M3RCs already under development that have already claimed or exceeded $20K by March 1, 2023, then the prior task code maximum of $30,000 will be honored, otherwise the new task maximum will be the limit.
  + Major and minor Tier classification permit modification task codes have been eliminated.
* Task Code 3:
  + Level A and Level B PPE task codes were eliminated.
* Task Code 4:
  + Utility location survey changed to allow a cost per property surveyed rather than a single task maximum.
* Task Code 5:
  + No limit on the number of attempts made to contact a property owner.  Note that the task maximum still applies.
* Task Code 6:
  + Bids for disposal at facilities located in New England and New York are not required.  Costs for transportation and disposal, etc. will be reimbursed at cost.  Disposal outside of the region must be bid or costs will be reimbursed at a maximum of $70/ton including disposal, transportation, surcharges, taxes, fees, etc.
  + Chemical and surfactant injections were combined into one task code (Chemical Injection).
  + A new task code for consultant oversight of an injection event performed by a subcontractor was created.
* Task Code 7:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 8:
  + Task code eliminated under prior revisions.
* Task Code 9
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
  + New task code created for a hollow stem auger ATV rig.
  + New task code created for consultant oversight of 3rd-party surveying activities.
* Task Code 10:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
* Task Code 11:
  + Task codes related to well gauging/sampling/purging of well >35 feet deep as a special category were eliminated. Costs for this work will be reimbursed under the existing well gauging/sampling/purging task codes.
  + Labor and equipment for collecting field measurements on wells also sampled will be reimbursed under the sampling task code.
* Task Code 12:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 13:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 14:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 15:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 16:
  + General rate adjustments only.
* Task Code 17:
  + Former NPDES-related costs revised to DRGP.
  + Remediation dewatering not limited to “permitted” dewatering and accounts for 24/7 dewatering costs with overlap of field personnel shifts.
* Task Code 18:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
  + Costs for remediation equipment sheds and fencing to be reimbursed at cost.  All subcategories based on shed sizes were eliminated.
* Task Code 20:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
* Task Code 21:
  + Task code was eliminated under prior revisions.
* Task Code 22:
  + General rate adjustments only
* Task Code 23:
  + General rate adjustments only
* Task Code 24:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
  + New task code created for the mob/demob of equipment required to remove/replace a well pad/roadbox/manhole.
* Task Code 25:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
  + Additional equipment mob/demob for paving restoration costs to be coded to Task code 24.1.6
* Task Code 26:
  + Annual LSP site visit reduced to one per year unless approved by the UST Board at a conference hearing.
* Task Code 27:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
* Task Code 28:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
  + Some new task codes created to add weekly or monthly rates.
* Task Code 29:
  + General rate adjustments. Task maximums include allowable markup.
* Task Code 30:
  + No changes.
* Task Code 31:
  + No changes.
* Task Code 32:
  + Task code eliminated.