

PROPOSED RULE COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

[Section 67-5223\(3\), Idaho Code](#), requires the preparation of an economic impact statement for all proposed rules imposing or increasing fees or charges. This cost/benefit analysis, which must be filed with the proposed rule, must include the reasonably estimated costs to the agency to implement the rule and the reasonably estimated costs to be borne by citizens, or the private sector, or both.

Department or Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

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IDAPA, 58.01.14, Rules Governing Fees for Environmental Operating Permits, Licenses, and Inspection Services

Fee Rule Status: X Proposed ___ Temporary

Rulemaking Docket Number: 58-0114-2401

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT/REASONABLE ESTIMATED COSTS

The IPDES Permit Fee Schedule, Idaho Code § 39-175C. Fees are unchanged from the previous year's fee rule.

Fee Category and Statutory Authority:

IDAPA 58.01.14.110

Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Permit Fees, Idaho Code § 39-119. Fees included in this chapter have been updated to reflect current charges associated with certain types of septic permits. DEQ contracts the implementation of this program to the seven Health Districts in Idaho. Each Health District, under statutory authority at Idaho Code § 39-414, determines the fees associated with permits to support the staff responsible for permit issuance and inspections. DEQ is memorializing in this rule some generic requirements that Health Districts use when establishing reasonable fees. If at some point in the future the Health Districts are no longer able to implement the program, DEQ would need to financially support taking on the responsibility to issue these permits. DEQ estimates there are over 6,000 permits issued each year requiring roughly 50 environmental health specialist (minimum 1 per county), 14 management/supervisory positions, and 14 administrative staff. To account for that level of staffing, the Health Districts cumulatively would need roughly \$7.8M annually in support.

IDAPA 58.01.14.170

Reuse Permit Fee Schedule, Idaho Code § 39-119. Fees included and new in this chapter, for recycled water or reuse permits, offset costs associated with the program. Currently there are 14 FTEs covering the roughly 150 active permits at a cost of \$1.4M annually. The proposed fee schedule is estimated to recoup roughly 14% of the total annual costs, or \$200,000.

Estimated Costs to the Agency to Implement the Rule:

Rule Chapter	General Funds	Dedicated Funds	Federal Funds	Total
58.01.14.170 Recycled Water	\$590,100	\$200,000	\$622,442	\$1,412,542
58.01.14.170 IPDES	\$1,798,783	\$239,826	\$1,135,420	\$3,174,029
58.01.14.110	NA	NA	NA	NA