

ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL  
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

LOCATION  
Little Rock, AR

SUBJECT  
PCB Oil Release--SBS Bldg.  
LIS No. 99-054

MINUTE ORDER NO. 99-18

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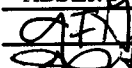


Pursuant to the authority provided by the Emergency Response Fund Act, Act 452 of 1985, as amended, codified as A.C.A. Sec. 8-7-401 et seq., an Emergency Order (LIS No. 99-054) was issued on February 26, 1999 by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality ("the Department"). The Order was issued to provide funding to State Building Services ("SBS") for remediation of a release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in a subsurface transformer vault located at the Justice Building on the grounds of the Arkansas State Capitol.

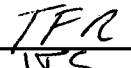
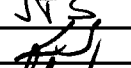
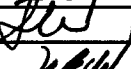

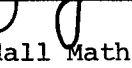
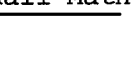
A contractor was retained by SBS to address the release of PCBs. The original estimate by the contractor to remediate the PCB contamination was \$50,000.00. However, during the course of the clean up, several factors contributed to the cost incurred by SBS to be higher than the original estimate, with a total cost overrun of \$19,576.50. Following are circumstances which lead to the cost overrun by the SBS contractor:

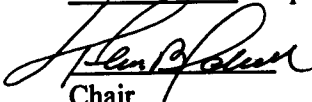
1. The liquid contaminated with PCBs was originally going to be treated at the property. Due to time constraints, the decision was made to send the liquids to a hazardous waste incinerator, which is a substantially more expensive disposal method.
2. The original estimate was based on one transformer in the vault requiring removal and disposal. After the liquid was removed from the vault, it was discovered that additional electrical equipment requiring removal and disposal was present. This resulted in higher landfill disposal costs.
3. The original estimate was based on the premise that the concrete vault would be filled in after the liquid and electrical equipment was removed. It was subsequently decided that the concrete would be broken and disposed of in a landfill. This also added to higher landfill disposal costs.

The Commission hereby authorizes the Director to expend funds in excess of \$60,000.00 for the remediation of PCBs and PCB-contaminated materials at the referenced property.

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