Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor Ascend Elements, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Texas (State)

Case number 26-90440

Modified Official Form 410
Proof of Claim

04/25

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies or any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. **Do not send original documents;** they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to $500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) **that you received.**

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. **Who is the current creditor?**

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division

Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)

Other names the creditor used with the debtor

2. **Has this claim been acquired from someone else?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. From whom?

3. **Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?**

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)

Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	**Where should payments to the creditor be sent?** (if different)
See summary page	
Contact phone 4705242347	Contact phone
Contact email amy.mussler@dnr.ga.gov	Contact email

Uniform claim identifier (if you use one):

4. **Does this claim amend one already filed?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) Filed on MM / DD / YYYY

5. **Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Who made the earlier filing?

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Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. **Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?**

☐ No

☑ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: 2893

7. **How much is the claim?** $ 750,000.00 . **Does this amount include interest or other charges?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. **What is the basis of the claim?**

Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.

Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).

Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

See summary page

9. **Is all or part of the claim secured?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature or property:

☐ Real estate: If the claim is secured by the debtor's principle residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.

☐ Motor vehicle

☐ Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: $_____

Amount of the claim that is secured: $_____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: $_____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amount should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: $_____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed)_____%

☐ Fixed

☐ Variable

10. **Is this claim based on a lease?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. **Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition.** $_____

11. **Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Identify the property: _____

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12. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?**

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

☑ No

☐ Yes. *Check all that apply:*

	Amount entitled to priority
☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	$_____
☐ Up to $3,800* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	$_____
☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to $17,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	$_____
☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	$_____
☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	$_____
☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(__) that applies.	$_____

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/28 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

13. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.

$_____

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(3) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to $500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

☐ I am the creditor.

☑ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgement that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 06/26/2026
MM / DD / YYYY

/s/Amy Mussler
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name: Amy Mussler
First name Middle name Last name

Title: Legal Affairs Coordinator

Company: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Divisi
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address

Contact phone _____ Email _____



Verita (KCC) ePOC Electronic Claim Filing Summary

For phone assistance: Domestic (866) 927-7078 | International (310) 751-2651

Debtor:
26-90440 - Ascend Elements, Inc.

District:
Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

Creditor:
Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division
Amy Mussler
2 Martin Luther King Blvd Jr. Drive, Suite 1058 Ea
Atlanta, Georgia, 30334
United States
Phone:
4705242347
Phone 2:
6784515218
Fax:
Email:
amy.mussler@dnr.ga.gov

Has Supporting Documentation:
Yes, supporting documentation successfully uploaded
Related Document Statement:

Has Related Claim:
No
Related Claim Filed By:

Filing Party:
Authorized agent

Other Names Used with Debtor:

Amends Claim:
No
Acquired Claim:
No

Basis of Claim:
Contingent upon sale of property in Covington, Ga per Court Pre-petition variance; see letter

Last 4 Digits:
Yes - 2893

Uniform Claim Identifier:

Total Amount of Claim:
750,000.00

Includes Interest or Charges:
No

Has Priority Claim:
No

Priority Under:

Has Secured Claim:
No
Amount of 503(b)(9):
No
Based on Lease:
No
Subject to Right of Setoff:
No

Nature of Secured Amount:
Value of Property:
Annual Interest Rate:
Arrearage Amount:
Basis for Perfection:
Amount Unsecured:

Submitted By:
Amy Mussler on 26-Jun-2026 12:52:13 p.m. Pacific Time
Title:
Legal Affairs Coordinator
Company:
Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division

VN: FE6C9E2882563CB9D0A137987DFDA86F

B10 (Official Form 10) (04/13)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		**PROOF OF CLAIM**
Name of Debtor: Ascend Elements, Inc.	Case Number: 26-90440	
NOTE: *Do not use this form to make a claim for an administrative expense that arises after the bankruptcy filing. You may file a request for payment of an administrative expense according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.*		
Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division		**COURT USE ONLY**
Name and address where notices should be sent: Amy Mussler 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Suite 1058 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334 Telephone number: (470) 524-2347 email: amy.mussler@dnr.ga.gov		❒ Check this box if this claim amends a previously filed claim. **Court Claim Number:**_____ (*If known*) Filed on:_____
Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above): Telephone number: email:		❒ Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.

1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: $750,000

If all or part of the claim is secured, complete item 4.

If all or part of the claim is entitled to priority, complete item 5.

❒Check this box if the claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach a statement that itemizes interest or charges.

2. Basis for Claim: **Pre-petition Variance Closure Costs per O.C.G.A. 12-8-65(a) (14) and 12-8-69 and Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. r. 391-3-11-.06 and keeping with 40 C.F.R. 260.31(d). Contingint upon Sale of property in Coviningotn 'GA per Court**
(See instruction #2)

3. Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor: ____ ___ ___ ___	**3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as:** _____ (See instruction #3a)	**3b. Uniform Claim Identifier (optional):** _____ (See instruction #3b)

4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4)
Check the appropriate box if the claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff, attach required redacted documents, and provide the requested information.

Amount of arrearage and other charges, as of the time case was filed, included in secured claim, if any: **$**_____

Nature of property or right of setoff: ❒Real Estate ❒Motor Vehicle ❒Other **Describe:**

Basis for perfection: _____

Value of Property: $_____

Amount of Secured Claim: **$**_____

Annual Interest Rate_____**%** ❒Fixed or ❒Variable **(when case was filed)**

Amount Unsecured: **$**_____

5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a). If any part of the claim falls into one of the following categories, check the box specifying the priority and state the amount.

❒ Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	❒ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to $12,475*) earned within 180 days before the case was filed or the debtor's business ceased, whichever is earlier – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(4).	❒ Contributions to an employee benefit plan – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(5).	**Amount entitled to priority:**
❒ Up to $2,775* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(7).	❒ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units – 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(8).	❒ Other – Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(__).	$_____

**Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.*

6. Credits. The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim. (See instruction #6)

7. Documents: Attached are **redacted** copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, security agreements, or, in the case of a claim based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement, a statement providing the information required by FRBP 3001(c)(3)(A). If the claim is secured, box 4 has been completed, and **redacted** copies of documents providing evidence of perfection of a security interest are attached. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, the Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment is being filed with this claim. *(See instruction #7, and the definition of "**redacted**".)*

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. ATTACHED DOCUMENTS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER SCANNING.

If the documents are not available, please explain:

8. Signature: (See instruction #8)

Check the appropriate box.

❒ I am the creditor. ☑ I am the creditor's authorized agent. ❒ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. (See Bankruptcy Rule 3004.) ❒ I am a guarantor, surety, indorser, or other codebtor. (See Bankruptcy Rule 3005.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this claim is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and reasonable belief.

Print Name: Amy Mussler
Title: Legal Affairs Coordinator
Company: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division
Address and telephone number (if different from notice address above):
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1058, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Telephone number: 470-524-2347 email: amy.mussler@dnr.ga.gov

Amy Mussler (Signature) 6/25/2026 (Date)

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to $500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases not filed voluntarily by the debtor, exceptions to these general rules may apply.

Items to be completed in Proof of Claim form

Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number:
Fill in the federal judicial district in which the bankruptcy case was filed (for example, Central District of California), the debtor's full name, and the case number. If the creditor received a notice of the case from the bankruptcy court, all of this information is at the top of the notice.

Creditor's Name and Address:
Fill in the name of the person or entity asserting a claim and the name and address of the person who should receive notices issued during the bankruptcy case. A separate space is provided for the payment address if it differs from the notice address. The creditor has a continuing obligation to keep the court informed of its current address. See Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g).

1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed:
State the total amount owed to the creditor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. Follow the instructions concerning whether to complete items 4 and 5. Check the box if interest or other charges are included in the claim.

2. Basis for Claim:
State the type of debt or how it was incurred. Examples include goods sold, money loaned, services performed, personal injury/wrongful death, car loan, mortgage note, and credit card. If the claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information. You may be required to provide additional disclosure if an interested party objects to the claim.

3. Last Four Digits of Any Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor:
State only the last four digits of the debtor's account or other number used by the creditor to identify the debtor.

3a. Debtor May Have Scheduled Account As:
Report a change in the creditor's name, a transferred claim, or any other information that clarifies a difference between this proof of claim and the claim as scheduled by the debtor.

3b. Uniform Claim Identifier:
If you use a uniform claim identifier, you may report it here. A uniform claim identifier is an optional 24-character identifier that certain large creditors use to facilitate electronic payment in chapter 13 cases.

4. Secured Claim:
Check whether the claim is fully or partially secured. Skip this section if the claim is entirely unsecured. (See Definitions.) If the claim is secured, check the box for the nature and value of property that secures the claim, attach copies of lien documentation, and state, as of the date of the bankruptcy filing, the annual interest rate (and whether it is fixed or variable), and the amount past due on the claim.

5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a).
If any portion of the claim falls into any category shown, check the appropriate box(es) and state the amount entitled to priority. (See Definitions.) A claim may be partly priority and partly non-priority. For example, in some of the categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

6. Credits:
An authorized signature on this proof of claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

7. Documents:
Attach redacted copies of any documents that show the debt exists and a lien secures the debt. You must also attach copies of documents that evidence perfection of any security interest and documents required by FRBP 3001(c) for claims based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement or secured by a security interest in the debtor's principal residence. You may also attach a summary in addition to the documents themselves. FRBP 3001(c) and (d). If the claim is based on delivering health care goods or services, limit disclosing confidential health care information. Do not send original documents, as attachments may be destroyed after scanning.

8. Date and Signature:
The individual completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011. If the claim is filed electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what constitutes a signature. If you sign this form, you declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, information, and reasonable belief. Your signature is also a certification that the claim meets the requirements of FRBP 9011(b). Whether the claim is filed electronically or in person, if your name is on the signature line, you are responsible for the declaration. Print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim. State the filer's address and telephone number if it differs from the address given on the top of the form for purposes of receiving notices. If the claim is filed by an authorized agent, provide both the name of the individual filing the claim and the name of the agent. If the authorized agent is a servicer, identify the corporate servicer as the company. Criminal penalties apply for making a false statement on a proof of claim.

DEFINITIONS

Debtor
A debtor is the person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case.

Creditor
A creditor is a person, corporation, or other entity to whom debtor owes a debt that was incurred before the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (10).

Claim
A claim is the creditor's right to receive payment for a debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. See 11 U.S.C. §101 (5). A claim may be secured or unsecured.

Proof of Claim
A proof of claim is a form used by the creditor to indicate the amount of the debt owed by the debtor on the date of the bankruptcy filing. The creditor must file the form with the clerk of the same bankruptcy court in which the bankruptcy case was filed.

Secured Claim Under 11 U.S.C. § 506 (a)
A secured claim is one backed by a lien on property of the debtor. The claim is secured so long as the creditor has the right to be paid from the property prior to other creditors. The amount of the secured claim cannot exceed the value of the property. Any amount owed to the creditor in excess of the value of the property is an unsecured claim. Examples of liens on property include a mortgage on real estate or a security interest in a car. A lien may be voluntarily granted by a debtor or may be obtained through a court proceeding. In some states, a court judgment is a lien. A claim also may be secured if the creditor owes the debtor money (has a right to setoff).

Unsecured Claim
An unsecured claim is one that does not meet the requirements of a secured claim. A claim may be partly unsecured if the amount of the claim exceeds the value of the property on which the creditor has a lien.

Claim Entitled to Priority Under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)
Priority claims are certain categories of unsecured claims that are paid from the available money or property in a bankruptcy case before other unsecured claims.

Redacted
A document has been redacted when the person filing it has masked, edited out, or otherwise deleted, certain information. A creditor must show only the last four digits of any social-security, individual's tax-identification, or financial-account number, only the initials of a minor's name, and only the year of any person's date of birth. If the claim is based on the delivery of health care goods or services, limit the disclosure of the goods or services so as to avoid embarrassment or the disclosure of confidential health care information.

Evidence of Perfection
Evidence of perfection may include a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document showing that the lien has been filed or recorded.

INFORMATION

Acknowledgment of Filing of Claim
To receive acknowledgment of your filing, you may either enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a copy of this proof of claim or you may access the court's PACER system (www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov) for a small fee to view your filed proof of claim.

Offers to Purchase a Claim
Certain entities are in the business of purchasing claims for an amount less than the face value of the claims. One or more of these entities may contact the creditor and offer to purchase the claim. Some of the written communications from these entities may easily be confused with official court documentation or communications from the debtor. These entities do not represent the bankruptcy court or the debtor. The creditor has no obligation to sell its claim. However, if the creditor decides to sell its claim, any transfer of such claim is subject to FRBP 3001(e), any applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq*.), and any applicable orders of the bankruptcy court.

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Richard E. Dunn, Director

EPD Director's Office
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Suite 1456, East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404-656-4713

12/12/2022

Edmund Gaughan, Plant Manager
Ascend Elements, Inc.
9176 Industrial Drive, NE
Covington, Georgia 30014

RE: Verified Recycler Variance
Ascend Elements, Inc.
9176 Industrial Drive NE, Covington, Newton County
EPA ID: GAR000094110

Dear Mr. Gaughan:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed the October 2022 variance application pertaining to the recycling of certain hazardous secondary materials (i.e., end-of-life, off-specification, and recalled lithium-ion batteries) to reclaim valuable metals for use by manufacturers in the production of new batteries. The application was placed on Public Notice from November 2, 2022, through December 3, 2022. No comments were received during the public comment period.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 12-8-65(a)(14) and 12-8-69 and Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. r 391-3-11-.06, the Director may grant a variance from requirements in Rule 391-3-11 provided that the variance is not inconsistent with or less stringent than federal law or regulation. EPD has determined that a variance is appropriate and is neither inconsistent with nor less stringent than the federal law or federal regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 260.31(d) (*effective January 13, 2015*). Authorization is hereby granted to store certain hazardous secondary materials prior to reclamation without a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permit.

The hazardous secondary material handling activities at the Ascend Elements Covington facility must be carried out in accordance with Georgia's Hazardous Waste Management Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-60, *et seq*.), the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management (Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11.-01 through 391-3-11-.19), and the procedures described in the variance application, as amended.

The granting of this variance does not apply to any other facilities or hazardous secondary material under your ownership or operation and does not relieve you of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local, or additional State authority.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Holly Nelson, Hazardous Waste Management Program, at (404) 657-8600.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Dunn
Director

cc: James Peace, Director EHS – Ascend Elements, Inc.
Chuck Mueller, Sarah Visser, Holly Nelson, Sharon Priyadarshini – Georgia EPD
Kimberly Schappaugh – Global Environmental Solutions, Inc.

File: Ascend Elements Inc., File ID # 231-0071 (Y)

Ascend Elements Inc.
9176 Industrial Drive NE
Covington, Georgia
Variance Closure Cost Opinion (Revised 1-4-24)

CLOSURE COST OPINION	Unit	Cost per unit	Total
1. Facility Inventory Disposal Costs			
a. Battery Disposal Cost (assume 480 tons)	960,000 lb. of batteries	0.05 $/lb.	$ 48,000.00
b. Labor to load/manifest (2 FTE x 40 hrs.)	80 hours	50 $/hr.	$ 4,000.00
c. Transportation (assume 20 tons/load)	24 trips	1,500 $/trip	$ 36,000.00
		Subtotal	$ 88,000.00
2. Decontamination of Hazardous Secondary Material Storage Area			
a. Labor (2 FTE x 40/hrs.)	80 hours	50 $/hr.	$ 4,000.00
b. Floor washing equipment	2 days	200 $/day	$ 400.00
c. Disposal of contaminated wash water (non-haz.)	1,000 gallons	0.63 $/gallon	$ 630.00
d. Transportation (vacuum truck)	1 load	1,900 $/load	$ 1,900.00
e. Wipe sampling and analysis	10 samples	45 $/sample	$ 450.00
		Subtotal	$ 7,380.00
3 Decontamination of Wet Shred Line (does not include post drying equipment)			
a. Labor (removal of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing runs - 756 hrs. x 10 FTE)	7,560 hours	46 $/hr.	$ 347,760.00
b. Rigging equipment	1 month	30,855 $/month	$ 30,855.00
c. Metal hauled for recycling	250 tons	100 $/ton	$ 25,000.00
d. Floor washing equipment	4 days	200 $/day	$ 800.00
e. Disposal of contaminated wash water (non-haz.)	2,000 gallons	0.63 $/gallon	$ 1,260.00
f. Transportation (vacuum truck)	1 load	1,900 $/load	$ 1,900.00
g. Transportation and disposal of laboratory wastes, water scrubber, fire retardant	1 load	5,000 $/load	$ 5,000.00
h. Wipe sampling and analysis	20 samples	45 $/sample	$ 900.00
		Subtotal	$ 413,475.00
4. Decontamination of Air Emission Control Equipment and Electrolyte Tank			
a. Labor (4 FTE x 40 hrs.)	160 hours	100 $/hr.	$ 16,000.00
b. Pressure washers/steam cleaner for electrolyte tank and confined space entry	1 days	5,000 $/day	$ 5,000.00
c. Metal hauled for scrap	100 tons	100 $/ton	$ 10,000.00
d. Disposal of waste electrolyte and contaminated wash water (haz.)	5,000 gallons	5 $/gallon	$ 25,000.00
e. Transportation of waste electrolyte and contaminated wash water	1 load (5,000 gal.)	9,010 $/load	$ 9,010.00
d. Wipe sampling and analysis	15 samples	45 $/sample	$ 675.00
		Subtotal	$ 65,685.00
5. Building Repairs - Post Equipment Removal			
a. Labor to clean pits (two pits - 2 FTE x 8 hrs.)	16 hours	50 $/hr.	$ 800.00
b. Pit cleaning equipment	1 days	250 $/day	$ 250.00
c. Fill concrete pits (~120 cy/pit - $140/cy of concrete/labor)	2 pits	16,800 $/pit	$ 33,600.00
d. Repair concrete damage (spot repair for anchor bolts - 2 areas	2 areas	35,000 $/area	$ 70,000.00
- wet shred and air control)		**Subtotal**	$ 104,650.00
6. Closure Certification by Local Independent Registered Professional Engineer			
a. Labor	60 hours	150 $/hr.	$ 9,000.00
		Subtotal	$ 9,000.00
7. Total Estimated Closure Cost			
a. Subtotals			$ 688,190.00
b. Administrative costs (8% of subtotal)			$ 55,055.20
		Total	$ 743,245.20
		Rounded up Total	$ 750,000.00

Notes:

Ascend prepared this cost opinion in accordance with 40 CFR 261.142

The estimate is equal to the cost of conducting the closure activities at the point when the extent and manner of the facility's operation would make these activities the most expensive

The cost opinion is based on the owner or operator hiring a third-party to perform these activities

Prepared By: JSP
Reviewed By: CD