Sample collection fees will be set on a case-by-case basis, following the schedule below, with fee rates reviewed annually. PI’s, not BIOS, will be responsible for replacement costs of any damaged/lost equipment that they provide for sampling. Forward estimates of user fees may be revised to account for changes in annual costs. Please project 2013 and 2014 costs assuming 5% increase per year. The financial year for the fee schedule runs from Jan-Dec.

1. Technician time for sample collection and processing:
   minimum 1 hour/visit @ $21.25 per hr + 20% fringe benefits + 55.01% overhead
   = $39.53 per hr

2. Management fee for regular sample collection/site use:
   1 hour/week @ $58.44 per hr + 20% fringe benefits + 55.01% overhead
   = $108.70 per week (waived for projects funded by NSF)

3. Transport costs, BIOS-tower round trip by small truck at PI’s request:
   Note: there is no transport charge for sampling during regular weekly service visits. For any additional tower visits:
   $24.48 transport (60km at $0.41/km) + 55.01% overhead + $74.40 (2 hr tech time as above)
   = $117.01 per non-regular visit

4. Communications (phone, fax, copying, mail) and electricity:
   $24.80/week + 55.01% overhead
   = $38.44 per week (waived for projects funded by NSF)

5. Cost of any items needed for sampling/processing/storage to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

6. All shipping costs are the responsibility of the project PI.

Minimum fee for basic weekly sampling requiring <1 hr during regular site visits:

   $186.67 per week = $9,706.91 per year for projects not funded by NSF
   or
   $39.53 per week = $2,055.82 per year for projects funded by NSF

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