

**WAC 173-175-400 Cost of expert opinion.** In resolving differences of opinion on engineering issues between the department and project engineer or owner, it may be necessary for the department to employ an expert in dam design, analysis or construction.

(1) The expert who is chosen, the assigned tasks, and the estimated cost for the expert's services shall be determined by negotiation between the owner and the department.

(2) The cost associated with employing the expert shall be paid by the owner of the proposed or existing project.

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