

Southern California Edison
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Question 05.a.ii:

Increased inspection findings per circuit mile
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a. In 2021, SCE had an increase in the number of inspection findings per circuit mile, where Level 2 (or Priority 2) and Level 3 (or Priority 3) findings rose the most.

ii. SCE's costs for asset management have been decreasing overtime. Provide an explanation as to why, including a breakdown for where costs have been decreasing and associated changes in resources as a result.

Response to Question 05.a.ii:

Based on SCE's correspondence with Energy Safety, SCE assumes this question is referring to the HFTD costs for the Asset Management & Inspections category as represented in Table 12 of SCE's Q4 2021 Quarterly Non-Spatial Data Report.

Please see attachment "OEIS-SCE-22-008 - 05.a.ii - Response - Financial Supporting Documentation.xlsx" for a disaggregation of the asset management and inspection category into activity level financial details, which helps to illustrate the programmatic drivers for the decrease in overall costs.

Regarding capital expenditures, SCE incurred HFTD capital expenditures of \$149.9M in 2020 and \$114.4M in 2021 for the overall asset management and inspections category. SCE forecasts spending \$99.5M in 2022. Regarding O&M expenses, SCE incurred HFTD operational expenses of \$173.9M in 2020 and \$115.2M in 2021. SCE forecasts spending \$107.4M in 2022. The decreases in costs for this category are due to the following reasons: changes in the number of remediations, unit costs of those remediations, impacts from work bundling efficiencies, and/or the costs of enabling technologies associated with this category. Resource changes were not an overall impact or driver to the year-to-year cost. Resources that perform inspections and remediations work can be leveraged across a number of different programs. As work increases or decreases across these programs, SCE adjusts its resource allocation according to the work required. For example, if there is less remediation work year-over-year, there will be less resources performing that work from year to year, and those resources are likely to be reassigned to other programs that require similar skillsets.

SCE notes that its response to a Cal Advocates Data Request (CalAdvocates-SCE-2022WMP-10, Q.

11), which requests similar information on asset management and inspections, may provide additional helpful context for review.