



## Response to Questions on the 2016 LOBs

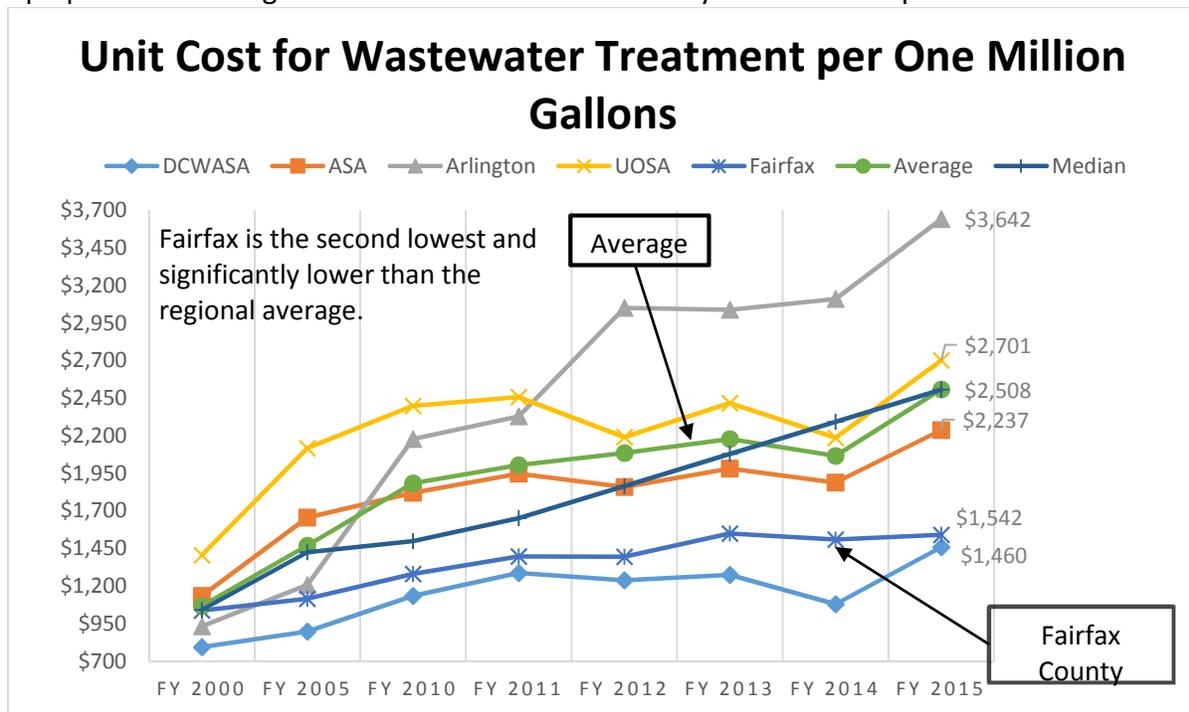
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**Relevant LOB(s):** N/A

**Question:** How do Wastewater’s treatment costs compare to other jurisdictions locally and nationally?

**Response:**

The following graph includes regional treatment costs on an annual basis. The Wastewater Management Program’s staff attempted to gather comparative data at the national level, but found that wastewater treatment costs are accounted for differently. For example, some jurisdictions include large transmission lines and pump stations as part of the treatment costs and others do not. Staff also contacted the Wastewater Management Program’s financial advisors to assist with comparisons at the national level and they confirmed that there is a great variation in how utilities are structured and costs tracked. In order to achieve an accurate comparison it would be necessary to work with each selected utility to develop similar accounting criteria. Staff will continue to pursue finding some national benchmarks; however, the below graph provides the regional information that is routinely collected and provided.



ASA                      Alexandria Sanitation Authority  
 DCWASA                DC Water and Sewer Authority  
 UOSA                    Upper Occoquan Service Authority