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program. We tried to address that issue here a few years ago. I don't know where that stands right now. But your question as to whether if they can come down another category, if they can...if they are a large emitter, can they come down to a medium emitter and pay a smaller fee? Yes, they can.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So that is possible in this program right now.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes, it is.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Did you say one minute or...?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I did.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Is there going to be any more work to the applications now as to what it has been in the past? And, you know, in the past we haven't paid an application fee. Or is this just to charge the company money so it helps with the funding of the program?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think your second scenario is what's taking place. It's to help them offset the cost of the program. I don't think the process, in the time it takes to process their application fee, is going to change, or the amount of work putting into processing their application will change.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So realistically, it's shifting from the General Funds subsidizing it to me, as a producer, having to pay a little bit to help with that loss in the General Fund.

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's letting the industry pay for the cost of offsetting...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...of the expenses put out by Department of Environmental Quality.