



Northern Utilities, Inc.  
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**Request:**

Please indicate any costs Northern incurred to adapt its Portsmouth facility to accommodate training activities. Please describe any improvements made to conduct training at this facility.

**Response:**

When the Company acquired Northern Utilities, the Portsmouth facility underwent extensive building renovations to accommodate Unutil's operating requirements. Included in these renovations was space to accommodate classroom training needs. However, the Company does not train on a full-time basis, so the space utilized for training is predominately used for other activities as well (i.e., conference rooms, lunch room, and general meeting space). The only facility that was built specifically for training purposes was the training pits that were built to simulate live gas and uncontrolled blowing gas conditions. The Company was cost conscience for this construction and used scrap materials for the piping network, and most of the labor was completed on rain days or as fill-in work. The only real cost for this construction was the pre-fabricated concrete vaults and the asphalt restoration. These costs were approximately \$8,000.