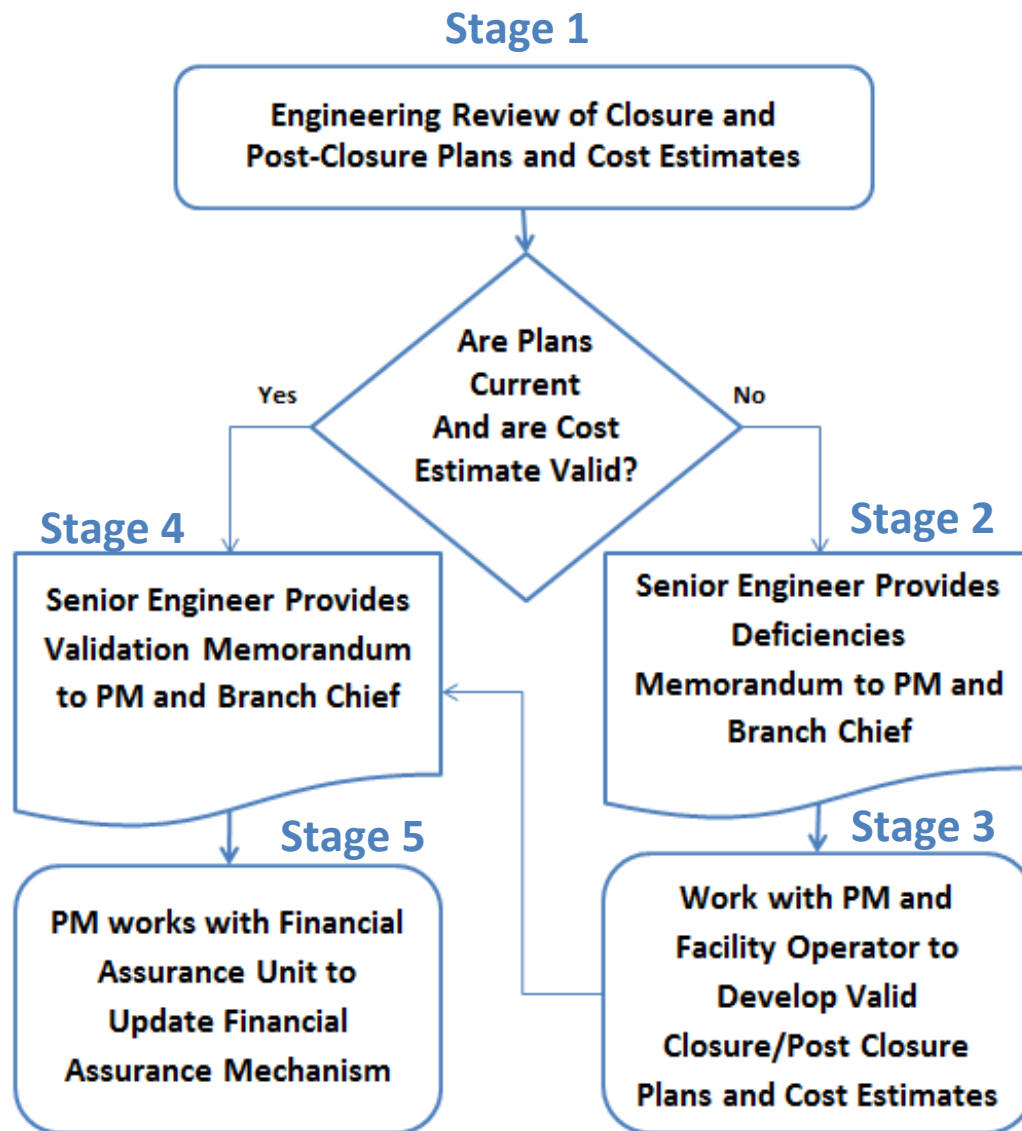


## Cost Estimate Review Process

The Permitting Division is required to maintain a strong Financial Assurance program at all permitted facilities that reflects the actual cost of the Closure and Post-Closure requirements and to create an ongoing system to update the cost estimate ongoing basis. This process is illustrated on the flowchart below.



The Cost Estimate Review Process Stages are described below.

- Stage 1 Review of the Closure and Post-Closure Plans and Cost Estimates by engineering staff.
- Stage 2 Identify deficiencies in the Cost Estimate in a Deficiencies Memo to the Project Manager (PM).
- Stage 3 Work with PM and Operator to Update the Cost Estimate.
- Stage 4 Provide a Validation Memo if the Cost Estimate is valid.
- Stage 5 PM works with the FA Unit to Update the Financial Assurance Mechanism, if required.

The review process is designed to confirm the regulatory requirements in 22 CCR 66264.142 for Closure Cost Estimates and 22 CCR 66264.144 for Post-Closure Care Cost Estimates are adequately addressed.