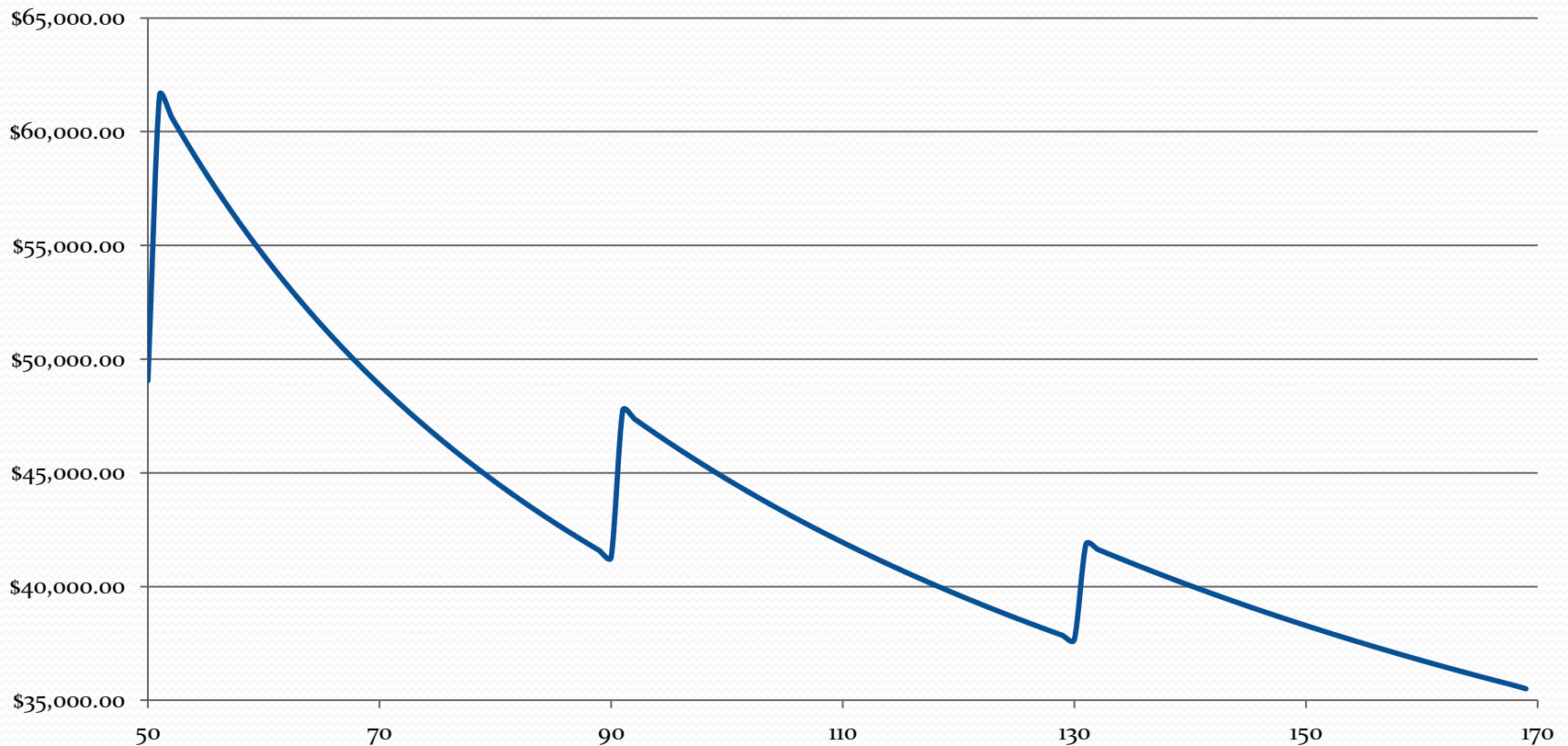# Network Costs

Budget Outlook

- Current operating costs ~$36,000 per site
- State & Federal Budgets getting tighter – likely some protocol sites may opt out
- Results in cost per site to go up with reduced sites
- Depends on available funding what to do next

Costs with Reduced Sites

Cost Per Site

Example Options

- Previous exercise looked at site similarities
  - Not much savings in eliminating individual sites
- Operational Options
  - E.g. site visit frequency, delay maintenance
- Analysis options
  - Already stopped PESA
  - Reduce elements
- Sampling frequency or analysis frequency
  - May affect trends

General Plan

- Sub-group to identify options
  - Need State & EPA participation
- Analyze effect on RHR trends (where possible)
- Understand ramifications of any changes to data quality