



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: August 24, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Access Agreement to City Owned Monitoring Wells.**

Recommendation

Direct Public Works staff to enter into an access agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to allow the MPCA to utilize existing City owned environmental monitoring wells for the purpose of ambient groundwater monitoring.

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Approved by: Klara A. Fabry, Director of Public Works

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

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Kevin J. Danen, Superintendent of Environmental Engineering–Field Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

As part of past environmental investigations, the City has had ground water monitoring wells installed in order to determine if any pollutants have impacted the groundwater. Monitoring wells that did not detect any pollutants are considered clean wells. The MPCA would like to utilize the City's clean environmental monitoring wells as part of its network of groundwater monitoring wells.

In 2003 the MPCA began establishing a statewide ambient ground water monitoring network. This network will be used to assess the general quality of Minnesota's ground water, and provide information in order to protect the ground water resource, which affects the quality of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. In order to minimize costs to the taxpayers, the MPCA would like to utilize existing clean monitoring wells, rather than drilling new wells.

The monitoring wells that the MPCA would like to include in their program are located at:

1809 Washington Street NE (PW - City Maintenance Garage investigation)
2nd Avenue North at Humboldt (CPED - Scrap Metal Processors Inc. investigation)
2813 Bryant Avenue South (CPED – Vacant lot)

Under this program, every 2 (two) years, the MPCA will take water samples from the wells to be analyzed for various factors regarding ground water quality.

The Access Agreement is attached and has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney's Office.

Attachment 1 - MPCA May 26, 2004 letter to Kevin Danen, City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works

Attachment 2 - MPCA Ambient Ground Water Quality Monitoring in Minnesota program detail sheet

Attachment 3 – MPCA Access Agreement



Attachment 1.pdf



Attachment 2.pdf



Attachment 3.pdf

cc: CM Ostrow
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