

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2015

### COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

..Title

Request Authority to Amend the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

..Body

Dear Sir:

The Industrial Waste Division of the Monitoring and Research Department has become aware that fats, oils and greases (FOG) material in the effluent leachate discharges of landfills that are closed for the acceptance of wastes is often not amenable to conventional forms of pretreatment or pollution prevention strategies. As a result, such facilities have been unable to attain consistent compliance with the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance (Ordinance) discharge concentration limit of 250 mg/L for FOG even after much good-faith effort and expense. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has given preliminary approval to a proposed Ordinance amendment that would exempt closed landfills from the FOG limit provided that specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) are implemented and maintained. In addition, because USEPA considers this proposed amendment to be a substantial modification of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) industrial waste pretreatment program, a 30-day public notice period for review and comment was required. The public comment period expired on March 25, 2015, and no comments were received. The District is now approved by USEPA to complete the amendment implementation process.

The amendment to the Ordinance is summarized as follows:

1. Appendix B, Section 1: Exemption of landfills closed for the acceptance of wastes from the current FOG discharge concentration limit of 250 mg/L, provided that approved BMPs are implemented and maintained.

Attached is "An Ordinance to Amend the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, As Amended."

We recommend adoption of the proposed Ordinance amendment.

Requested, Thomas C. Granato, Director of Monitoring and Research, TCG:RMH:JT:MJ:GY:rg

Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel

Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick D. Thompson, Chairman, Committee on Industrial Waste and Water Pollution

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for April 9, 2015

Attachments