



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 1, 2014**

#### **COMMITTEE ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authorization to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation for the purpose of accepting the delivery of woodchips to create a composted biosolids product.

Dear Sir:

The City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation (COC) has accumulated a large pile of wood chips as a result of its ongoing tree-trimming operations. It has been proposed to have the COC deliver these wood chips to the District's Calumet Solids Management Area (CALSMA) to be used as a bulking agent in combination with the District's biosolids, to create a composted biosolids product, for a period of approximately three and one-half years, through December 31, 2017.

All deliveries of woodchips will be scheduled in advance with District staff, delivered by the COC, and unloaded at specific locations at CALSMA designated by District staff. All COC vehicles and staff accessing District property will be fully insured by the City of Chicago.

Rather than disposing these wood chips in a landfill as a waste product, the COC will be able to assist the District in developing a composted biosolids product at no additional cost to the District. These woodchips contribute to the reduction of the fecal count and the odor in the District's biosolids and result in a Class A biosolids product for distribution under the District's Controlled Solids Program.

It is recommended that the District enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the COC to accept woodchips delivered by the COC at CALSMA.

Requested, Manju Prakash Sharma, Director of Maintenance and Operations, SES: SO'C  
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for May 1, 2014