

## **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2022**

### **COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION**

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

..Title

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

..Body

Dear Sir:

An in-house review of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance (Ordinance) by the Monitoring and Research Department determined the need to amend certain provisions of the Ordinance. To facilitate extended public notice of the proposed changes, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners (Board) consider the adoption of the revised Ordinance at the regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2022.

The amendments to the Ordinance are proposed as follows:

1. Article II is amended to modify the definition of "Significant Noncompliance" as defined in the 40 CFR 403.3(8)(f)(2)(viii).
2. Article II is amended to remove the definition of "Standard Methods" and replace it with "USEPA Approved Methods".
3. Article IV, Section 1 was amended to reference "USEPA Approved Methods".
4. Article VI, Section 2 was amended to reference "USEPA Approved Methods".
5. Appendix F, "Types of Enforcement Responses", Part I was amended to increase and simplify the "Noncompliance Enforcement (NCE) Charges" table to reflect the cost of District activities related to noncompliance. These charges have not been updated since 2012 and required increasing based on a review of District costs.
6. Appendix F, "Compliance Screening / Review", Part B was amended to reference "USEPA Approved Methods".

Attached is "The Proposed Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance, As Amended December 15, 2022." It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance, as herein amended. The Ordinance, as amended, will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Requested, Edward W. Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research, EWP:JW:MG:Ik

Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel

Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for December 1, 2022.

Attachments