



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2022

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 4-year confined space entry permit to the City of Chicago Department of Public Health to access the District's Intercepting Sewer Systems in Chicago, Illinois to install, maintain, monitor and remove sampling devices to collect wastewater samples as part of its wastewater surveillance project for pathogens of public health concern. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The City of Chicago Department of Public Health ("CDPH") has requested a 4-year Confined Space Entry Permit to access the District's North Side Intercepting Sewer System, the Southwest Side Intercepting Sewer System, and the Calumet Intercepting Sewer System, all in Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of collecting wastewater samples to monitor the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and other pathogens of public health concern. The CDPH has partnered with the University of Illinois to complete this project. The CDPH will share its sampling data with the District.

The District's technical departments have no objections to issuing the permit provided that 24-hour unrestricted access to District structures and sewers is maintained. The City and its contractor will also be required to execute confined space entry releases.

A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for governmental entities using District property for a public purpose.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 4-year confined space entry permit to the City of Chicago Department of Public Health to access the District's Intercepting Sewer Systems in Chicago, Illinois to install, maintain, monitor and remove sampling devices to collect wastewater samples as part of its wastewater surveillance project for pathogens of public health concern.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said permit agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:MTC:MSZ

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 11, 2022

Attachments