



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to adopt the A Workplace Accident & Injury Reduction Program (AWAIR) policy.

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BACKGROUND:

In 1990, the State of Minnesota amended the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 182.653 subd.8 requires employers in certain industries to develop written, comprehensive workplace safety and health programs which are based on the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) system. This legislation is known as A Workplace Accident and Injury Reduction (AWAIR) Act. Programs developed to comply with the act are known as AWAIR programs.

This AWAIR program is intended to serve as an overview of all currently applicable Safety and Health programs. This program outlines the philosophy by which the Grand Rapids Public Utilities will develop, implement and maintain all other safety and health programs which concern more specific topics.

GRPU safety committee worked with Safety Brad from MMUA to review and update the AWAIR policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the A Workplace Accident & Injury Reduction Program (AWAIR) policy.