



REQUEST FOR GRAND RAPIDS EDA ACTION

AGENDA DATE: November 13, 2025

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: Consider approval of a proposal from Braun Intertec to conduct environmental consultant services pertaining to Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) regulation of known agricultural chemicals present at the former Itasca County Farm Services Co-op (GREDA Site).

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BACKGROUND:

The previously prepared Phase II environmental study of the GREDA Site discovered the presence of both petroleum-based contaminants and agricultural chemicals that exceed the regulated criteria.

A Construction Contingency Plan (CCP)/Response Action Plan (RAP) for building demolition has been prepared and submitted to MPCA Petroleum Unit for review.

The MDA requires a separate submission pertaining to the mitigation plan for agricultural chemicals. The attached proposal from Braun Intertec involves these services:

1. Enrollment into the MDA Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program (Ag VIC),
2. Conduct an Agricultural Environmental Site Assessment (AgESA) in general accordance with Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) Guidance Document 14.
3. MDA Site Visit,
4. Prepare an MDA Remedial Investigation Work Plan, and
5. Project management and correspondence.

The fee for the work proposed is estimated to cost \$11,200 and will not be exceeded by more than 10% without further authorization. The AgESA report will be initiated within one week of authorization and will be completed within 45 days. Following that MDA will review, conduct a

site visit. Following the site visit a draft remedial investigation work plan will be completed within 3 weeks.

REQUIRED ACTION: Pass a motion approving a proposal from Braun Intertec to conduct environmental consultant services pertaining to Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) regulation of known agricultural chemicals present at the former Itasca County Farm Services Co-op (GREDA Site).