



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: February 25, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to ratify the one-year wastewater pretreatment permit with Dem-Con for treatment of leachate.

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BACKGROUND:

Under the authority of the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR 403), GRPU's pretreatment program was approved on October 24, 2014. GRPU has been delegated authority to operate as the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) control authority under the General Pretreatment Regulations. GRPU shall fully and effectively implement and operate the approved pretreatment program according to the legal authorities contained therein and the General Pretreatment Regulations. [Minn. R. 7049)

Pollutants of concern in the administration of GRPU's pretreatment program shall be considered in the determination of the Significance of Industrial Users, monitoring of Significant Industrial Users, establishment of limitations on users, and communications with users. A pollutant of concern is a pollutant that is discharged, or may be discharged by an industrial user to the permittees treatment works and that is, or should be, of concern on the basis that it may cause interference or pass through as defined in Minnesota Rules 7049.0120, subparts 10 and 12. [Minn. R. 7049)

GRPU was approached by Dem-Con for consideration of processing leachate from their municipal landfill located in Keewatin, MN. Upon thorough internal review and discussion with the MPCA it was decided to move forward with a permit.

GRPU will start with a one-year permit to better understand the waste stream and then follow-up with a permit based on the findings. Dem-Con will be hauling the leachate via tanker and will be charged septic hauler rate as listed in the ancillary rates.

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the one-year wastewater pretreatment permit with Dem-Con for treatment of leachate.