



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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| Presenter: | Jason Anderson |
| Meeting Date: | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 |
| Category: | CONSENT AGENDA |
| Type: | ACTION |
| Subject: | MPCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for PFAS Monitoring Plan (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances). |
| Background Information: | <p>The MPCA has been in discussion with selected Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTFs) regarding PFAS monitoring for nearly a year. The MPCA had requested input concerning their original MOU agreement and, after receiving feedback, has made a few changes. Probably the most notable item is on page 8 of the attached MOU where it says that the MPCA will, for those facilities that sign the MOU, pay for the collection and analysis of the first two samples. They also say that they will try to secure funding for the final two sampling events in 2024.</p> <p>Several of the following changes including the funding update were strongly advocated for by the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB), of which we are a member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new deadline to sign or decline is NOVEMBER 15. If you decide to decline the MOU, MPCA has requested a written letter to be submitted declining the request to participate and explaining any reasons why. • MPCA has been able to obtain funding to help with a portion of the sampling and analysis cost of the Municipal PFAS Monitoring Plan. MESERB requested that MPCA find this funding. Facilities that sign and commit to the terms and conditions of the MOU will have a designated MPCA contractor complete on-site sampling of the first two sampling events. MPCA is still pursuing funding to cover the remaining two samples and will communicate that information if available. • Other changes include clarification of several of the Whereas statements, defined expected actions for the three response thresholds, extension of the overall timeline to complete requested actions, use of a calendar quarter approach for sampling and submitting data, as well as adding an end date for the MOU. |
| Fiscal Impact: | None at this time. If future sampling and testing costs are not covered by the MPCA they may be expected to cost a few thousand dollars annually. |
| Alternative/ Variations: | No alternative actions recommended. |
| Recommendations: | that the Council authorize entering into an MOU with MPCA for a PFAS Monitoring Plan. |