



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** September 13, 2011

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Amendment No. 1 to City Contract C-28214 with the Minnesota Department of Health Grant Agreement for Source Water Protection Plan Implementation**

**Recommendation:**

Amend City contract C-28214 (Minnesota Department of Health Agreement No. B45960) to remove City's (Grantee's) duties to make funds available for secondary containment of above ground storage tanks in the high-priority source water protection area.

**Previous Directives:**

August 20, 2010: T&PW & W&M/Budget - Your Committee recommends that the proper City officers be authorized to accept a Minnesota Department of Health Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant in the amount of \$10,000 and execute said grant, subrecipient, and/or disbursement and related agreements for the grant. Your Committee further recommends passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the appropriation in the Grant Fund by \$10,000.

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**Approved by:**

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**Reviews** Not Applicable

**Financial Impact**

No financial impact

**Background/Supporting Information**

Minneapolis applied for and was awarded a Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health to implement two specific activities identified in the City's source water protection plan: work with local watershed organizations to address secondary containment of above-ground storage tanks with known concerns and to establish an electronic newsletter with a focused group of watershed organizations in the City's high-priority source water protection area.

Upon receiving the grant, City staff and our consultant began discussions with the targeted watershed management organizations (WMO's) and watershed districts (WD's) regarding

containment of problematic above ground storage tanks. These discussions concluded that the targeted WMO's or WD's do not have tank containment as a priority focus at this time. Without these groups' "on the ground" input and assistance, it is not feasible for the City to distribute grant monies for containment improvements. Therefore, the grant agreement should be amended to have this work item removed and the agreement amount reduced by \$8000.

City staff continue to work on establishment of an electronic newsletter in accordance with the Grant agreement. This communication venue will enable better alignment between the City's and upstream watershed groups' source water protection efforts in the future.