

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 25, 2007

Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 10,2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 20, 2007
Subject:	Ratification of Amended Scope for Emergency Declaration on Empire Digester Repairs
District(s), Member(s):	16 – Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 – Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	William G. Moore, 651-602-1162
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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council ratify the amended scope for emergency declaration on Empire Digester Repairs.

Issue(s)

- Related process problems increased the scope of work on emergency repairs.

Overview and Funding

An emergency was declared for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant digester system in December 2006. A biological upset to the anaerobic system followed by failure of the pressure relief system caused structural damage to a primary digester cover. The estimate for engineering and construction to repair and stabilize the system was \$500,000. During the course of the recovery and repair process, additional structural damage occurred to a second digester cover. Repair of the second cover was added to the emergency contractor's scope of work. The repair for both covers has been completed, with the total cost being ~~\$410,000~~. approximately \$710,000.