#### **Executive Summary**

Item: 2007 - 321

# **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

Division/Department: MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

## **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.