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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 91-15

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: March 28, 1991

RE: Fund Appropriation for Drainfield Testing

During the period 1987 through October, 1990 the City gathered data, prepared reports and presented information to DEC and EPA to convince them that the sewer system drainfield did not meet acceptable performance standards. Approximately \$90,000 of state sewer treatment facility expansion grant funds (MG 4/87-475) were expended on that effort.

Due to miscommunication between the Public Works Department and Finance, the costs of those efforts from July 1, 1990 through the last meeting with EPA in October were charged to the regular sewer operations account. The total amount of \$6,852.00 should have been appropriated from MG 4/87-475 to allow proper credit to the sewer operating accounts.

In January of this year, the Mayor and representatives of DEC met with the EPA Regional Administrator. It appears that with a small amount of additional work, there is a probability of getting a favorable EPA ruling. This additional work is not expected to exceed a cost of \$5,000.

MG 4/87-475 has in excess of \$298,000 remaining.

Recommend appropriation of \$11,852 for data preparation to obtain a favorable EPA ruling, including those FY91 expenditures already made.

Robert E. Harris
Deputy Administrator