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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 91-55

FROM: Deputy Administrator

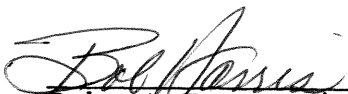
DATE: July 31, 1991

RE: Evaluation of Sewer Drainfield Capacity

On July 25 and 26, we were visited by Mr. Norm Sievertson of the Seattle Office (Region X), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Sievertson is the EPA representative of EPA who has reviewed our assertions that the drainfields do not provide the capacity of sewage disposal that we expected to receive from the project.

During the visit, Mr. Sievertson acknowledged that he had misinterpreted some of the data we had provided earlier and that he learned new information that could possibly lead to the agency's recognition of the limited capacity of the drainfield. He requested that Bob Gilfilian prepare a specific report for him with the new data. Additionally, he asked that we use only three (3) drainfield beds (instead of the present 6 in use) for an intensive monitoring period of 30 days and send the data to him. The purpose is to closely record the results of loading the beds at design capacity, exactly as we attempted to do during the first two years of operation.

The cost of preparing the reports and the monitoring is not expected to exceed \$5,000. Funds from Municipal Grant #4/87-485 could be allocated to the project. Approximately \$327,000 of unencumbered funds remain in the grant. Recommend that Council authorize the use of funds, not to exceed \$5,000, from MG #4/87-485 for performing the work.



Robert E. Harris
Deputy Administrator