

Business Item 2021-45:
Ratification of Emergency Declaration #69
for Environmental Services Disinfection
Chemicals Supply

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What is bleach used for?



What is bisulfite used for?



Background

- The Council approved purchase orders to DPC for bleach and bisulfite on July 14, 2020 (Business Item 2020-205) under a 5-year contract period
- On January 8, 2021, MCES received an email with an attached letter dated December 16, 2020
 - DPC sold their local plant to Hawkins Chemical (not the business including customer servicing)
- Other municipalities contacted by MCES confirmed this status

Background, continued

- A new bidding process will begin for bleach and bisulfite supply
- Emergency declaration supply period is through 2021
 - Equipment start up and initial bleach and bisulfite orders start in March
 - Chemicals peak usage season April – October
 - During peak season, tankers supply bleach and bisulfite multiple times per week at most MCES plants
- Estimated cost for bleach in 2021 is \$600,000
- Estimated cost for bisulfite in 2021 is \$300,000

Proposed Action

- That the Metropolitan Council ratify Emergency Declaration #69 attached to the business item and authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a purchase order for disinfection chemicals supply.

Questions

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