



## Rochelle Municipal Utilities Water/Water Reclamation

To: David Plyman

From: Kathy Cooper

Date: April 2, 2013

RE: Mulford Road

The City received a request from Rochelle Waste Disposal (RWD) requesting a change in the scope of the work for the upgrade to Mulford Road. The Siting Conditions #16, #33, and #34 of the Landfill Host Agreement require the City and the operator to upgrade Mulford Road within specific time periods after the issuance of the IEPA permit for expansion. Siting Condition #16 requires the operator to construct a new entrance within five years of the issuance of the permit. Siting Conditions #33 and #34 require roadway improvements to Mulford Road, and were modified by the Illinois Pollution Control Board; amendments to the agreements covering these conditions were approved by Council in May 2008.

Special Condition #33 requires the Operator to upgrade Mulford Road from Hwy. 38 to the existing landfill entrance; the upgrade is to make the road an all-weather 80,000 pound road. Special Condition #34 states that the improvement to Mulford Road shall be completed from the existing landfill entrance to Creston Road, no later than the date on which the new proposed entrance is built. The amendment to the agreement between the City and the Operator further defines the timing and responsibilities for cost of the Mulford Road improvements.

The Operator has requested that the road upgrade project from Highway 38, south, be allowed to end at the UP rail rather than at the existing entrance of the landfill, a distance of about 200 feet. Mr. Bob Lichty, the Project Manager provided the reasoning for the proposed changes in his letter (see attached). The Operator will provide the City with an additional letter accepting responsibility for the maintenance of this 200 foot section until the construction of the road south of the UP rail is completed. Mulford Road from the UP to Hwy. 38 is a County Road; the City maintains Mulford from the UP to Creston Road.

The County and the City staffs have approved the plans for the roadway improvements, and the Operator plans to begin construction of the road as soon as the weather allows. The Operator plans to complete the new entrance to the landfill by 2017, and the Mulford improvements would occur in the same construction season. The new entrance also includes a new culvert to better handle drainage issues.

Sam Tesreau and I discussed the issue, and from a construction stand point, using the UP railroad as a stopping point is a reasonable request. I recommend that Council approve the request for AlCoopm Rochelle Waste Disposal to delay the construction of approximately 200 feet of roadway on Mulford Road between the UP tracks and the existing entrance to the landfill. The construction of the 200 foot segment between the UP rail and the existing entrance must be completed no later than March 2018.

