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July 23, 2024

Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: NYSDEC Consent Order Compliance : DPW Facility – Oil/Water Separator Cleaning

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to seek the City Council's approval to engage Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. for the cleaning of the 10,000-gallon oil water separator at the Department of Public Works (DPW) facility. This action is necessary to comply with the requirements outlined in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Consent Decree.

The original pricing for the completion of this project was estimated at \$22,121.15 by Safety Kleen Systems, Inc., which required the department to obtain two (2) additional quotes but did not require City Council legislation. During the process of cleaning and removal, we identified a significant amount of additional sludge at the bottom of the tank, approximately 18-inches. Due to the importance of this task being completed, Safety Kleen Systems was instructed to continue working to remove all sediments and ensure the underground oil/water separator was clean. As a result, Safety Kleen Systems, Inc. has provided a final invoice in the amount of **\$44,136** for the complete cleaning and servicing of the oil water separator. This price includes all necessary labor, equipment, and disposal fees to ensure the separator is thoroughly cleaned and meets the regulatory standards set forth by the NYS DEC.

Maintaining compliance with the NYS DEC Consent Decree is crucial to our continued operations and environmental stewardship. The oil water separator plays a vital role in preventing contaminants from entering our water systems, thereby protecting public health and the environment. Engaging Safety Kleen Systems, Inc., a reputable and experienced provider in this field, has ensured the job is done efficiently and to the highest standards.

I respectfully request that the City Council approve this expenditure so that we may proceed with the necessary maintenance. Ensuring our facilities are compliant with environmental regulations not only fulfills our legal obligations but also reinforces our commitment to sustainability and the well-being of our community.

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Funding for this acquisition is available via **Budget Code – A1640.435 – DPW: Gas, Diesel, Oil.**

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc is currently on **Westchester County Contract RFB-WC-24076.**

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or have any questions.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
DLB

Cc: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Garage Superintendent
City Engineer
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