



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. X. L  
11/19/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Concurrence with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting a Resolution ratifying the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency; waiving competitive bidding; issuing Emergency Purchase Order No. 08232024SMK01; approving an emergency contract with Spectrum Biotechnologies, LLC for sludge removal (OCWUT00070); and authorizing payments for services and equipment until the emergency is resolved, estimated cost \$3,000,000.

**Location:**

Hefner Water Treatment Plant

**Background:**

The Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT) awarded project WT-0273 to Wynn Construction Company, Inc. for the removal, hauling, and disposal of residual solids from the Hefner Sludge Lagoon No. 3 (Lagoon). The allocated budget for project WT-0273 only incorporated costs for removing a portion of the sludge at the Lagoon. As a result of only removing a portion of the sludge, the Lagoon has malfunctioned causing sludge to exit the Lagoon and enter downstream treatment processes thereby creating a potential risk to water quality. The General Manager declared an emergency to exist. Spectrum Biotechnologies, LLC previously performed work as the sub-contractor for Project WT-0273 for sludge removal and is familiar with the Lagoon.

In order to address the emergency and avoid delays in restoring the operational capacity at the Lagoon, the General Manager declared an emergency, issued an emergency purchase order, and issued an emergency contract with Spectrum Biotechnologies, LLC. The emergency purchase order will address the current emergency by cleaning out part of the Lagoon while OCWUT competitively bids the remaining work for the non-emergency sludge removal.

To timely address the remaining work at the Lagoon, the General Manager authorized the Trust Engineer to provide engineering services to provide construction administration services, as-builts, and project inspection services for the non-emergency sludge removal contract to be bid.

**Source of Funds:**

OCWUT-Water Trust Fund Facility Capital-Hefner Sludge-WT-0273-1-54130004 (6060-3901600-W6644-WT-0273-1-54130004)

**Review:**

Utilities Department

**Recommendation:** Concur with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting the Resolution.