FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item #

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Meeting Date:

12/14/06

SUBJECT:

Wellhead Protection - Part II Status Report

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

RPU initiated wellhead protection planning in September 2002 as required by Minnesota rules 4720. Part I was completed in 2004 and the Board was briefed on Part I analysis and planning at the September 28, 2004 board meeting. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved the Part I report in 2004. We have now completed most of the requirements for Part II and the wellhead protection management plan has been developed. The majority of the Part II report has been prepared. In January 2007, the plan will be submitted to local units of government (LUGs) for review and comment.

An overview of Part II will be presented to the Board by Todd Osweiler, RPU's Environmental Analyst. Todd has been responsible for the WHP plan development.

<u>UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:</u>

No action is required at this time. However, the Board should be aware that the WHP plan will be reviewed by LUGs, including the Board, prior to a public hearing in April 2007, and submittal to MDH in May.

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