

## FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 4

Meeting Date:

5/25/10

**SUBJECT:**

RPU's Wellhead Protection Update

**PREPARED BY:**

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Wellhead Protection (WHP), as required by Minnesota Rules Chapter 4720, is an effective approach to reduce pollution risks to drinking water by managing potential sources of contamination in the geographic area which supplies water to a public well. Much can be done to prevent ground water pollution, such as land use controls, wise use and storage of chemicals, proper waste disposal and other best management practices. Public health is protected and expense of treating polluted water or drilling new wells is avoided through wellhead protection efforts.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) approved RPU's Wellhead Protection Program Part 1 report in 2004 and Part 2 in 2007.

Minnesota rules require periodic review of the Board on the scope and progress of the WHP program. A short power point to review and update the Utility Board on WHP will be presented.

**FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:**

Not Applicable

**UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

This is an informational presentation. Utility Board action is not required.

  
General Manager

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Date

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