



To: Suzanne M. LaFrance, Mayor
From: Kelli Toth, Director Solid Waste Services
Date: April 16, 2025

Subject: Design and Construction of a Landfill Gas Collection Control System at Merrill Field Airport for Health and Safety

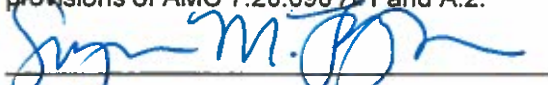
Solid Waste Services requests the waiver of Title 7 to procure emergency design and construction services for a landfill gas collection control system at Merrill Field Airport, a historic closed landfill. In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code:

7.20.090 Emergency procurements and waiver of formal procurement procedures.

- A. The municipality may award a contract for supplies, services, professional services, or construction without competition, formal advertising or other formal procedure if:
 - 1. The mayor determines in writing that an emergency threatening the public health, safety or welfare requires that the contract be awarded without delay; or
 - 2. The mayor waives, in writing, the formal procedures of this title when time is of the essence and there is not sufficient time to bring the request to a regular meeting of the assembly, and the best interests of the Municipality will be served by such action.

Solid Waste Services (SWS) conducts regular landfill gas monitoring at Merrill Field Airport, where occupied buildings have exceeded lower explosive limits. A severe windstorm in January caused power surges that damaged key components of the gas collection and control system, including crushed and condensate-filled piping that now must be replaced. The system is beyond repair, with some parts obsolete. Although the landfill was not historically regulated, ADEC is now closely overseeing SWS's actions to ensure the safety of building tenants and the surrounding area. A design and construction timeline is required, and SWS must begin work in 2025 to avoid missing the construction season. Health and safety remain the top priority.

SWS has a contractor SCS Engineers who routinely monitors landfill gas at Merrill Field and has the subject matter expertise to quickly provide a comprehensive design and oversee construction for the project. Estimated cost of work is for this work is \$3,129,500.00 and will be funded through equity. Before issuing a Notice to Proceed, the Mayor's approval of a waiver to Title 7 is required. A waiver of the competitive procurement process is appropriate because time is of the essence and the best interests of the municipality will be served by waving formal procurement procedures for a Professional Services Contract. This waiver is approved under the provisions of AMC 7.20.090 A.1 and A.2.


Approved by: Mayor Suzanne M. LaFrance

4/16/2025
Date

