

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 11, 2002
TO: Council Members
FROM: Gary Mumford
RE: **Proposed Amendment #4 to Interlocal Agreement among Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, BP Products North America Inc. (formerly Amoco Oil Company) and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. to increase the scope of services of an environmental study relating to the Sewage Canal/Northwest Oil Drain**

Salt Lake City owns a canal located between the sewer treatment plant and the Great Salt Lake which is referred to as the Sewage Canal and Northwest Oil Drain. It is currently used for stormwater discharge and to convey treated effluent from the wastewater treatment facility to the Great Salt Lake. In the past, Chevron and BP Product or their predecessors may have discharged or released petroleum by-projects or wastes into the canal.

There is a significant problem with plant growth in the canal. In the past, Salt Lake County has been able to maintain the canal under the County's flood control responsibilities. The County is no longer able to dredge sediment or remove weeds due to environmental issues. As a result some flooding has occurred.

On January 2, 2001, the Council approved an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County, Amoco Oil Company and Chevron U.S.A., Inc to hire an environmental consultant, Stantec Consulting, to study the Sewage Canal and Northwest Oil Drain. The purpose of the study is to determine options for mitigating possible contaminated sediment within the canal. The Council approved amendments to that agreement in June 2001, November 2001, and January 2002 to provide funding for expanding the scope of the study to perform additional analysis and engineering services.

The Department of Public Utilities is requesting a fourth amendment to expand the scope to include two additional tasks:

- A qualitative risk evaluation is to be conducted by RETEC Group, Inc. as a subcontractor to Stantec. The evaluation will consist of a screening process to identify contaminants of potential concern. The site-specific evaluation will identify human health and ecological exposures and soil action levels for the contaminants of potential concern. The consultant will meet with regulating agencies regarding the development of the risk evaluation and will facilitate consensus of the process and the results prior to issuing the final report.
- Stantec is to provide exhibits and other illustrative boards for the public open house in relation to the implementation of the community relations plan. The consultant will be available to answer questions and will provide copies of reports and other technical materials.

The proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement involves additional funding of \$26,000 for the study with each entity's share being \$6,500. The City's \$6,500 share is available within the budget for the Department of Public Utilities.