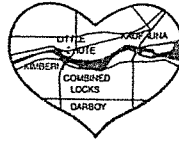


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December 16, 2016

Mr. Ken Ladwig
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RE: Letter of interest and support for EPRI research of FGD gypsum's effect on the loss of dissolved reactive and total phosphorus, microbial soil health and soil mineral content.

Dear Mr. Ladwig:

I am writing on behalf of the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District (HOVMSD) in support of EPRI's proposed research study. The proposed research of FGD gypsum application to agricultural lands will provide data on the effect of gypsum in controlling phosphorous loss from agricultural fields, and its effects on overall soil microbial health and the soil mineral balance.

This research will address the issue of soluble phosphorus, and other nutrient loadings from non-point sources, being transported in agricultural field runoff to drainage ways and streams entering the Bay of Green Bay and the Great Lakes basin. An increased understanding of the nutrient and soil loss issues will provide a basis for advancing implementation of agricultural practices for soil and nutrient loss control. We believe this research is based on good science, has strong methodology, and a well thought out implementation plan. The plan for the research project provides deliverables that ensure all proposal goals and objectives will be met.

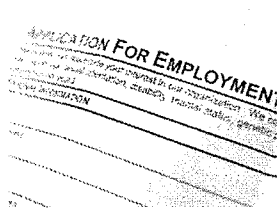
HOVMSD feels strongly about this research project's importance, and has great confidence in the project's coordinators and collaborators. We are ready to support this research project, and are offering our farm site for use in the project. The HOVMSD is also contemplating possible financial contributions.

Sincerely,

David J. Casper, Commission President
Heart of the Valley MSD
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Kimberly administrator leaves for new job

Madeleine Behr, USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin 4:25 p.m. CT Jan. 3, 2017



(Photo: Mike Groll, Associated Press)

KIMBERLY - Village Administrator Adam Hammatt will leave his position for a new job after four years with the village.

"Whoever steps in here will have a great opportunity here, so I'm sure it'll attract some real talent from around the area," Hammatt told USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin.

Hammatt, a Montana native, will take a post as the city manager for Whitefish, Montana (<http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/>), about 30 miles west of Glacier National Park.

The process to hire a new village administrator will take about three months, Hammatt said. The position pays between \$84,000 and \$114,000.

After Hammatt leaves in mid-February, former village administrator Rick Hermus will serve as the interim administrator until a new hire is made.

"The best thing about Kimberly is the village board and the staff," Hammatt said. "They're just professionals through and through, have a great understanding of the community. I believe everyone is known and well liked in the community. I think there is a great deal of trust, and that has been and will be tremendous as we carry forward the services we provide."

Hammatt was previously the city administrator for Elroy, Wisconsin, and the village administrator for Suamico, Wisconsin.

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