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Gov. Noem Announces \$148,000 for Rapid City Landfill Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$148,000 grant from the Solid Waste Management Program to help Rapid City make landfill improvements.

The grant will be administered by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that Rapid City will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “Effective solid waste management is necessary to properly manage our waste stream and protect the environment. These improvements will help the city meet this goal.”

The project includes design engineering for several landfill areas including the final cover system and a landfill gas collection system in Cell 16. Litter control netting will be installed along the northwestern perimeter of Cell 18. The netting will be 20 to 30 feet high designed to prevent windblown litter from leaving the property. Finally, the area known as Cell 15 is not approved for municipal solid waste disposal and is currently being used as a stormwater detention pond. The project will allow the city to complete an engineering analysis to evaluate the long-term use of the cell.

The grant, combined with local funds, will cover the \$740,000 cost of the project.

The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.