

**Leisa Thompson**

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**Leisa Thompson** is the General Manager of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES). MCES provides wastewater treatment, operates and maintains approximately 600 miles of regional sewer pipeline that collects wastewater flow from more than 5,000 miles of sewers owned by 107 communities in the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan area in Minnesota. MCES also provides water supply planning and surface water planning for the Region. She started her career managing a large hospital laboratory and later became the laboratory manager for her current employer. Prior to becoming the General Manager in 2012, she held positions as the Deputy Director of Quality Control, Assistant General Manager of Regional Wastewater Plants and Deputy General Manager of Treatment Services.

Ms. Thompson has a MBA from St. Thomas University and a BS in Medical Technology from Winona State University. She also holds certifications in coaching and the art of convening. In 2001, she was nominated by staff and selected by the *Star Tribune* as working woman of the year.