



***It's time... to recognize a fact:  
...New England has excellent biosolids programs!***

***And yours is one!***

## ***To further advance biosolids excellence...***

***MWWCA, NEWEA, and NEBRA urge you to SIGN UP for the EMS program!***

The National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) provides all the tools you need to create a personalized, focused Environmental Management System (EMS) that helps your biosolids program run smoothly, avoid costly mistakes, continually improve, and build more public support – whether you manage biosolids in-house or contract them out.

### **Imagine this...**

You and your agency are proclaimed as one of the hundred agencies in the country that have met the standards of the NBP EMS program. The NBP “seal of approval” hangs at the door of your plant. The media and public see your biosolids program as exemplary. Regulators feel more confident about your program. People stick up for you: “This is a biosolids program that goes

### **How much work is it?**

You and your staff will put in some thinking and work – documenting what you already do, tightening up systems, and setting priorities for further improvements. But the NBP program helps you – with paid consultant time (up to \$15,000!), template documents, training workshops, and other support.

An EMS for Biosolids will take you some time and effort, but the NBP pays for training, technical assistance, and additional support. In exchange, your program will likely save money and headaches and gain the recognition for environmental benefits it deserves. And an EMS works for any size agency: 100,000 g/d and up!

above and beyond – it deserves widespread support.”

This has happened with other wastewater treatment facilities that have implemented the NBP EMS for Biosolids program. Think of the peace of mind you can have, knowing that your program is well-planned, well-implemented, and publicly supported.

You’ll have a New England “class” of peers to work with – other biosolids managers working on their EMS programs alongside you. Plus, NEWEA’s Residuals Committee, NEBRA, and MWWCA are committed to your success and are here for you with information and support.

*It's an exciting time – at least a dozen New England biosolids programs are reaching for this next level of success in 2007. Won't yours be one of them?*

## **When you commit to the NBP EMS program, here's what you get:**

- **Welcome Package.** New agencies receive a folder with welcome letter and other program materials.
- **Increased Recognition.** Agency is recognized on NBP website for joining the EMS Program, in a weekly electronic newsletter, and through various stages of the program. Local media recognition can be arranged.
- **Free Training.** NBP provides EMS training, here in New England, in a series of technical workshops (4-5 workshops); travel expenses for one agency representative are provided. Workshops begin with an introduction to EMS and continue through each of the EMS elements and internal auditing.
- **EMS Development Technical Assistance.** Free technical assistance is provided to agencies by an account executive for a 12-month period to help establish your EMS, including two (2) onsite visits from professional EMS staff to help plan and review your EMS.
- **Weekly and Monthly Newsletters.** The NBP newsletter is provided free.
- **Networking.** Agencies can share experiences through monthly e-mail updates, meetings, and group e-mail lists.
- **Audit Firm Contracting Assistance and Coordination.** NBP provides coordination for the independent third-party auditor that will certify your EMS. However, your agency covers the cost for the audit – about \$5K - \$25K.
- **Use of Seal of Approval.** Once verified and certified, your agency receives a Seal of Approval that EMS standards are met and maintained and NBP helps with an EMS certification public celebration and publicity.

## **What is the NBP?**

The NBP is a joint effort of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA, formerly Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA), US Environmental Protection Agency, and the Water Environment Federation. The NBP office is located in Alexandria, VA.

The NBP was formed in 1997 to assist local agencies to enhance environmental performance and public perception of their biosolids management programs. A primary initiative of the NBP has been the development and implementation of the NBP's EMS Program. This initiative has been very successful, with 90 agencies across the US participating in the program — ranging in capacity from 170,000 gallons per day to large, multi-

facility agencies, such as Chicago and Los Angeles — and others are in the process of signing up for the next round. In fact, Congress has provided continued funding for several years to support this program and to help local agencies like yours to adopt the EMS approach. Several of the participating agencies are building on their biosolids EMS training and success to expand it plant-wide or to other parts of their organizations.

### **Who's signed up for EMS already?**

**Bangor, ME**  
**So. Burlington, VT**  
**Nashua, NH**  
**New England Organics**  
*and more!*