

Biosolids EMS News and Information

3/26/2008	2008 Internal audit completed
3/2008	City awarded tier-4 platinum level certification of its Biosolids EMS by WEF & NBP 2008 Internal audit completed
2/2008	2007 Biosolids Program Performance report completed
11/13-14/2007	Third party interim audit of Biosolids EMS
4/4/2007	Biosolids EMS Certification Celebration Event
3/7/2007	2006 Biosolids Program Performance report completed
3/7/2007	2007 Internal audit completed
12/20/2006	Biosolids EMS program receives NBP certification
10/11-13/2006	Verification audit
9/7-8/2006	Desk audit and readiness review
6/19/2006	Internal audit report was submitted to the NBP along with other supporting documents in preparation for our third party audit tentatively scheduled to occur in September of 2006
6/8/2006	Information regarding the City's upcoming verification audit were emailed to interested parties and posted on the City's Biosolids EMS web page
6/1-19/2006	Initial internal audit in accordance with requirements stipulated in Element 16 of the City's Biosolids EMS were completed
5/25/2006	The City's Biosolids EMS web page opened to public access
5/9/2006	Third party (external verification audit) audit application form was submitted to NBP.
4/25-26/2006	Staff attended the fourth and final workshop. This workshop focused on the EMS internal and external verification audit process
4/14/2006	Mike Lunn, Gary DeKock, and Kathie Kuzawa from the Grand Rapids staff spoke at the annual MWEA Wastewater Administrators workshop. Their topic covered Grand Rapids experiences with Biosolids EMS implementation, benefits of implementing a Biosolids EMS and some of the challenges encountered during the process
3/23/2006	Held public participation in planning meeting with one of our identified interested Parties noted in Element 6 Table 6.2. This meeting was held with our Biosolids contractor Synagro to seek input and discuss overall Biosolids EMS project
3/6/2006	Grand Rapids formally notifies the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) that its Biosolids EMS is operational
3/2/2006	Grand Rapids is a presenter at the MWEA Biosolids workshop held in Traverse City March 1-2 2006. Randall Fisher provides information on program development, successes, issues, and future
2/21/2006	Grand Rapids achieves the National Biosolids Partnership Tier 1 Bronze level recognition of commitment
2/16/2006	The Grand Rapids Wastewater Plant formally rolls out its Biosolids EMS program and begins employee orientation training
12/14/2005	Grand Rapids enters status review phase of its Biosolids EMS development
11/18/2005	Held public participation in planning meeting with one of our identified interested Parties noted in Element 6 Table 6.2. This meeting was held with representatives from the West Michigan Environmental Action Council
11/1/2005	Held public participation in planning meeting with one of our identified interested Parties noted in Element 6 Table 6.2. This meeting was held with representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
10/5-6/2005	Staff attends the third of four National Biosolids Partnership workshops. Staff has drafted all 17 elements and is beginning to finalize their efforts
5/24-25/2005	Staff attends the second of four National Biosolids Partnership workshops. Development of the facilities Biosolids EMS continues
1/19-20/2005	Staff attends the first of four National Biosolids Partnership workshops. Staff begins development of the facilities Biosolids EMS
12/14/2004	Grand Rapids signs letter of understanding with the National Biosolids Partnership committing to developing a Biosolids EMS as part of a demonstration project with other agencies in West Michigan and elsewhere in the United States