



January 10, 2007

Corky Overmyer
Director - Environmental Services Department
City of Grand Rapids
1300 Market Ave., SW
Grand Rapids , MI 49503

RE: NBP EMS Certification

Dear Corky:

On behalf of the Water Environment Federation, I want to congratulate you and the staff of the City of Grand Rapids, MI on the successful completion and verification of the requirements for certification and admittance to the National Biosolids Partnership's environmental management system (EMS) program.

As a new agency admitted to the NBP EMS program, the City of Grand Rapids has now earned the Partnership's "Seal of Approval." This designation recognizes that your agency has met all the NBP EMS program requirements that support excellence in biosolids management, exceeds regulatory compliance obligations, and provides meaningful opportunities for public participation.

I have a good understanding of the effort that has been made to satisfy the NBP requirements – Documentation, Commitment, Operation, and Verification. The Federation believes that instituting an EMS for utility management is vital to enhancing environmental excellence in local communities. City of Grand Rapids has done a terrific job!

WEF believes that your audited facility will be viewed as a model by those wastewater agencies following the EMS path. The NBP and WEF are very pleased to have the City of Grand Rapids as a leader in this national effort.

Sincerely,

William Bertera
Executive Director, Water Environment Federation

cc: Randy Fisher, Asst Director of Environmental Services/EMS Coordinator

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