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Randy Fisher
Director - Environmental Services Department
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1300 Market Ave., SW
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RE: National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) "Interim Audit" Certification

Dear Randy:

On behalf of the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP), which includes NACWA, WEF, and EPA, I congratulate you and your dedicated staff on the successful recent completion and certification of the City of Grand Rapids, MI Biosolids Environmental Management System (BEMS) through the required "interim audit" process. NBP recognizes that this requirement has been met and the letter acknowledges that your agency has achieved **Tier 4 (Platinum) certification status** in the NBP BEMS program. As you well know, the "interim audit" that was conducted by an independent audit firm verified that the City of Grand Rapids, MI:

- has an effective biosolids environmental management system that supports continuously improving environmental performance,
- exceeds regulatory compliance obligations,
- utilizes good biosolids management practices, and
- creates meaningful opportunities for public participation.

The Seal of Approval is recognition that the City of Grand Rapids, MI has met all of the requirements to maintain certification for the NBP BEMS program. Thank you for being a leader and a model to other wastewater treatment agencies nationwide that strive for continuous environmental improvement. Please convey the NBP's appreciation to your staff and others who have worked so diligently to meet the voluntary NBP Biosolids BEMS program requirements.

Sincerely,

Richard Layton
Chair, National Biosolids Partnership



NACWA WEF EPA

TIER 4 PLATINUM CERTIFICATION

REPRESENTING THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The National Biosolids Partnership is a voluntary partnership between the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF), with advisory support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Partnership is committed to developing and advancing environmentally sound and sustainable biosolids management practices through comprehensive management systems.

This organization,

City of Grand Rapids Grand Rapids, MI

has successfully met the "Interim Audit" requirements to maintain certification for the

National Biosolids Partnership Environmental Management System Program

that supports excellence in biosolids management practices, augments regulatory compliance obligations, environmental performance and provides meaningful opportunities for public participation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Lanyon".

Richard Lanyon—Chair, NBP

December 20, 2006

Certification Date – Platinum Level

