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CAMDEN COUNTY, NJ MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OF BIOSOLIDS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



(Alexandria, VA) The National Biosolids Partnership (NBP), an alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF) with advisory support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recognizes the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority in Camden, NJ as the 31st organization and first in New Jersey to be certified and admitted to the Partnership's environmental management system (EMS) for biosolids program.

As the 31st organization certified and admitted into the NBP EMS program, the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority achievement recognizes that the organization has been independently verified as having an effective biosolids environmental management system. The Camden County Municipal Utility Authority biosolids EMS was independently verified on September 19, 2010 by the audit firm, KEMA-Registered Quality, Inc., to conform to the NBP's EMS guidance. The EMS verification signifies that the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority meets the requirements for certification and admittance to the NBP EMS program and supports excellence in biosolids management practices, exceeds or augments regulatory compliance obligations, and provides meaningful opportunities for public participation.

"The National Biosolids Partnership is pleased with the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority successful completion and verification of the NBP EMS program," said NBP Chair **Richard Lanyon**. "An Environmental Management System is a modern management approach based on continuous improvement and environmentally sustainable practices. The Partnership believes that instituting an EMS for utility management is vital to enhancing environmental excellence in local communities."

For more information on the **Camden County Municipal Utility Authority Biosolids EMS program**, visit: <u>http://www.ccmua.org/</u>. View the Camden County Municipal Utility Authority Audit Report at: <u>http://wef.org/CamdenCounty_EMSAuditReport</u>. For more information on the **NBP EMS program**, visit: <u>http://www.biosolids.org</u>. An **EMS celebratory event** is planned for late Fall in Camden, NJ.

The National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) was created in 1997 as an alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF), with advisory support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is committed to developing and advancing environmentally sound and sustainable biosolids management practices that go beyond regulatory compliance and promote public participation in order to enhance the credibility of local agency biosolids programs and improved communications that lead to public acceptance.