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The Honorable Boog Highberger
Mayor
City of Lawrence
PO Box 708
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Dear Mayor Highberger:

On behalf of the 360 members of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and the staff at the City of Lawrence Wastewater Treatment Plant on your successful completion of the rigorous certification process under the National Biosolids Partnership Program (NBP).

NACWA and the Water Environment Federation set out to create a program of excellence for utilities in the area of biosolids management. The NBP's environmental management system (EMS) program is the first of its kind in this country and is now being instituted in parts of Canada. The verification of your biosolids EMS through a third-party audit is a major accomplishment for the City of Lawrence, as your wastewater treatment plant is one of the first 10 publicly owned treatment agencies in the country to achieve this status.

I hope you will continue to be a leader in the wastewater utility sector by sharing the benefits of the NBP EMS program with other municipalities in Kansas and around the country.

Congratulations, again, to you and to all of the dedicated employees at the City of Lawrence Department of Utilities who are responsible for achieving this great success.

Sincerely,



Ken Kirk
Executive Director, NACWA

cc: Mike Wildgen – City Manager
Jeanette Klamm – Residuals Coordinator