

Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies

## **IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED**

To:	SELECTED AMSA MEMBERS
From:	National Office
Date:	February 24, 2005
Subject:	LETTER NEEDED TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR NBP PROGRAM

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior & Related Agencies will soon begin to discuss the fiscal year (FY) 2006 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including AMSA's request of **\$1** million to fund the activities of the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) for next year.

Because one of your Representatives or Senators is a member of the House or Senate Appropriations Committees (see attached Committee lists), we are asking you to *contact your Member of Congress by March 18, 2005*, if possible.

Please write a letter urging your Representative or Senator to request that \$1 million for the NBP be included in EPA's budget for FY 2006. We also urge you to send a copy of your letter to your Members' District or State office and to call that office to reiterate your support for the NBP program.

*It's easy to quickly contact your Member!* We have developed two sample letters (attached) for you to personalize and conveniently fax or directly email to your Senator or Representative. You also can download the letters from *Write Congress Now*, which is located on the home page of AMSA's website at *www.amsa-cleanwater.org*.

Upon completion of your letter, please forward a copy to AMSA's Lee Garrigan by fax (202/833-4657) or email (*lgarrigan@amsa-cleanwater.org*). If you have any questions or would like further assistance, please contact Lee at 202/833-4655. Thank you for your time and attention to this very important issue.

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