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Mr. Blake Anderson
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Dear Blake:

On behalf of the 300 members of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), it gives me great pleasure to offer both our congratulations and our appreciation to you for being the nation's first wastewater utility to complete the rigorous certification process under the National Biosolids Partnership Program.

AMSA, EPA and WEF set out to create a program of excellence for utilities in the area of biosolids management. The NBP's environmental management system program is the first of its kind in this country and is now being instituted in parts of Canada. Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) has shown a true pioneering spirit and tremendous community leadership by becoming the NBP's first certified demonstration agency. OCSD's success in completing the challenging certification process will be an inspiration for other wastewater management agencies to take part in the NBP EMS program.

I would like to personally thank you for volunteering to be the first agency to fully test this new program through the verification process. It is a remarkable achievement for your agency and for the real beneficiaries of the program -- the people and businesses served by the Orange County Sanitation District.

Congratulations, again, to you, your Board and all of the dedicated employees at the Orange County Sanitation District who are responsible for achieving this great success.

Sincerely,

Ken Kirk
Executive Director