

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED

To: Selected NACWA Members
From: National Office
Date: February 10, 2006
Subject: LETTERS NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING THE NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS PARTNERSHIP (NBP)

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies have begun to discuss the fiscal year (FY) 2007 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including NACWA'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 list*), we are asking you to ***contact your Member of Congress as soon as possible***.

Please write a letter urging your Representative or Senator to request that a renewed authorization of \$1 million for the NBP be included in EPA's budget for FY 2007. We request that you 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 of Congress! We have developed two sample letters (*attached*) (one for the House and one for the Senate) for you to personalize and conveniently fax or directly email to your Senator or Representative through the ***Write Congress Now*** (www.nacwa.org) feature on the home page of NACWA's website. You can locate the name of your Member, personalize your letter, and email it – all in one convenient session. Or, you can download the letters from ***Write Congress Now*** and fax them to your Members' Washington, DC and District offices.

Upon completion of your letter, please forward a copy to NACWA's Lee Garrigan by fax (202/833-4657) or email (lgarrigan@nacwa.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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