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May 17, 2006

Ms. Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Taniguchi-Dennis:

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 biosolids team at the City of Albany's 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. The verification of your biosolids EMS through a third-party audit is a major accomplishment for the City of Albany's Wastewater Treatment Plant, as you are one of only a dozen publicly owned wastewater 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 Oregon and around the country.

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

Sincerely,



Ken Kirk
Executive Director

CC: Mr. Mark A. Yeager, Utility Services Manager