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Re: *Certification of biosolids EMS by the National Biosolids Partnership*

Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

The Board of Directors and members of the North East Biosolids and Residuals Association (NEBRA) congratulate you, the Commission, and the staff of the Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission on your significant recent achievement of certification of your agency's biosolids Environmental Management System (EMS) by the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP).

This achievement by GMSC is another example of the leadership your organization has taken, over the years, in advancing environmentally sound and publicly supported biosolids recycling. The GMSC biosolids composting program is an internationally recognized model for biosolids management of the highest quality. Your program attends to every detail, going well above and beyond regulatory requirements. Your staff is clearly dedicated to performing at the highest level, ensuring the protection of public health and the environment while performing critical functions for the sustainable greater Moncton community.

It is clear that GMSC recognizes that the nutrients, organic matter, and energy in wastewater solids are resources that should be utilized to their fullest potential. Producing a high quality, consistent compost reduces the need for important soil products and fertilizers, helps restore disturbed sites, and safely manages a necessary by-product of wastewater treatment.

More than ten years ago, NEBRA was involved in helping create the biosolids EMS program, assisting in the development of the independent, third-party audit program. It is this aspect of the NBP biosolids EMS program that makes it so challenging and so rewarding. At that time, we predicted: "People will want an EMS if they see that it will make plants run better, be more efficient, make the operator's life better, help the operation be more competitive." We see this happening at the more than 30 agencies that have been certified across the U. S. We see it at the two other organizations that we have helped become certified in New England. We expect the same at GMSC. Now, with GMSC,

three NEBRA member organizations have achieved this certification, and a fourth is about to. Interest in biosolids EMS is growing steadily and we hope for more certified organizations soon. Your leadership is helping as a model for others.

The fact is, GMSC has had an excellent biosolids management program for several years, and the newly-certified biosolids EMS documents this quality. It also provides a mechanism for continual improvement, with input from interested parties, that will lead to even higher levels of achievement. We look forward to watching GMSC's future leadership and achievements in this field.

As a visionary in the biosolids management profession in Canada, we congratulate you. We congratulate Roland Richard, Conrad Allain, Marc Hébert, Peter Brown, Val Cormier, and the rest of the staff on a job well done. We are proud to count GMSC as a member of NEBRA. And we look forward to many more years of working together in the advancement of biosolids management.

Félicitations!

Peter Coleman, President

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