December 19, 2006

Mr. Dale Crisp
Public Utilities Director
City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department
P.O Box 590
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0590

Dear Mr. Crisp,

KEMA-Registered Quality Inc. recently completed a Biosolids EMS Verification Audit at the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department on behalf of the National Biosolids Partnership and at your request. The audit was performed in accordance with the National Biosolids Partnership Auditor Guidance to verify conformance of your Biosolids EMS with expectations and requirements of the National Biosolids Partnership Biosolids EMS Program and EMS Elements. A report of that audit has been sent to Ms. Marti Gibson (CORPUD) and to the National Biosolids Partnership.

We are pleased to report that our audit has verified that the management system being used by CORPUD to manage your biosolids program meets NBP's expectations and requirements. We are, therefore, issuing the following verification statement concerning your Biosolids Program.

"The City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department *has been independently verified by KEMA-Registered Quality Inc. as having an effective biosolids environmental management system that supports continually improving environmental performance, meeting regulatory compliance obligations, utilizing good management practices and creating meaningful opportunities for public participation and is in conformance with the requirements of the National Biosolids Partnership."*

Our Verification will continue to be valid for 5 years, provided you successfully complete the annual interim audits of your Biosolids EMS, as required by the National Biosolids Partnership Biosolids EMS Program. The first interim audit needs to be completed by December 18, 2007 and should be arranged through the National Biosolids Partnership. A Re-verification Audit is required by December 2012. If there are any questions about our audit or Verification please contact us.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Yours very truly,

H. Pierre Salle
President, KEMA-Registered Quality Inc.

c.c. Ms. Marti Gibson, City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department
Mr. Sam Hadeed, National Biosolids Partnership
Dr. Peter Machno, National Biosolids Partnership
Mr. Jon Shaver, KEMA-Registered Quality, Inc