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Blake Anderson
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Dear Blake:

Congratulations to you and the staff of Orange County Sanitation District on the successful completion of the requirements for admittance to the NBP environmental management system (EMS) program.

As the first agency admitted to the NBP EMS program, the District has now earned the Partnership's "Seal of Approval." This designation recognizes that your agency has met all the NBP EMS program requirements that support excellence in biosolids management, exceeds regulatory compliance obligations, and provides meaningful opportunities for public participation.

I have a good understanding of the effort that has been made to satisfy the NBP requirements—Documentation, Commitment, Operation and Verification. The District has done a terrific job!

It is likely that the first audited facility will be viewed as a model by those POTWs following the EMS path. The NBP and the Water Environment Federation are very pleased to have the Orange County Sanitation District as the leader in this national effort.

Sincerely,

William Bertera
Executive Director, Water Environment Federation

