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Alexandria Sanitation Authority Plans Event to Celebrate Environmental Management Award

The Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) is set to celebrate its certification and admittance to the prestigious National Biosolids Partnership environmental management program. ASA is the first water reclamation facility in the Commonwealth of Virginia to receive the award. The event will be held on November 14th at ASA.

The National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) is an alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and Water Environment Federation with advisory support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“This is much more than a piece of paper for the Alexandria Sanitation Authority,” said Karen Pallansch, General Manager of ASA. “It demonstrates ASA’s dedication to excellence to meet its environmental stewardship goals, to exceed regulatory requirements, and to use the most efficient, cost-effective ways possible to manage its critical biosolids program.”

At the November 14th celebration, ASA will receive its certificate. After the award ceremony, ASA will conduct a tour of its facilities. ASA has invited a number of dignitaries to the event, including Members of Congress, Virginia General Assembly legislators, the Mayor of Alexandria, the City Council, and local environmental leaders.

The Alexandria Sanitation Authority treats millions of gallons of wastewater every day and returns water to the Potomac that is so clean it can be used on the City’s parks. Most of the solid materials collected throughout the water reclamation process are sent to a special ASA processing facility that turns them into a clean, renewable fertilizer-like material that can be spread on farmers’ fields in Virginia.

ASA is one of the region’s preeminent environmental stewards and industry leaders. As part of its commitment to protect the environment and help reverse the decline in the Chesapeake Bay’s health, ASA has taken aggressive action to reduce the amount of nitrogen it discharges into the watershed and turn what was once considered waste into a renewable resource.

For more information on the Alexandria Sanitation Authority Biosolids EMS program, visit our website at: http://www.alexsan.com/info_center.htm. For more information on the NBP EMS program, visit: <http://www.biosolids.org>.

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