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Environmental Management Award Highlights
Alexandria Sanitation Authority as Green Industry Leader
Alexandria Mayor and Clean Water Experts Praise ASA at Event

(Alexandria, VA, November 14, 2008) At a ceremony today honoring the Alexandria Sanitation Authority for becoming the first water reclamation facility in the State of the Virginia and only the 20th in the nation to be admitted into the prestigious National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) Environmental Management Program, City of Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille said, "This certification means much more than achieving high standards. It's about being green – not only in benefiting the environment, but saving money." The Mayor went on to praise ASA's leadership and Board of Directors, and said that, "By producing clean, safe and reclaimed water in an environmentally-friendly and sustainable manner, ASA ensures that our community can continue to thrive."

Many of the speakers at the ceremony held at ASA praised the organization for its commitment to excellence in its operations. Virginia's Assistant Secretary of the Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources Jeff Corbin thanked ASA "for going above and beyond compliance standards." And James A. Hanlon, Director of EPA's Office of Wastewater Management added that "ASA demonstrates best practices for the entire industry."

William Bertera, Water Environmental Federation Executive Director, headquartered in Alexandria, echoed Mayor Euille's comments about the importance of this certification to the City and beyond. "It's important to the community around it and important to the nation. This is a good government award. This is what gives government a good name," he said.

Adam Krantz, Managing Director of Government and Public Affairs for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies stressed the importance of educating the public and policymakers about the critical role that biosolids play in environmental sustainability and producing high-quality reclaimed water.

ASA's commitment to continuous improvement was highlighted by Richard Lanyon, General Superintendent of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and NBP Steering Committee Chair who noted, "This award is not the end of the journey. This is the beginning for Alexandria and the Commonwealth."

Addressing the many distinguished guest and visitors and the entire ASA leadership team and workforce, ASA General Manager Karen Pallansch observed, "More than a plaque or piece of paper, this is an enormous tribute to their hard work, dedication, positive energy and commitment to excellence – day in and day out, 365 days a year."

Speaking directly to ASA employees, all wearing green tee-shirts emblazoned with the NBP certification logo, she said, "We place a special premium on teamwork at ASA in the way we approach challenges and solve problems. And earning this prestigious certification from the Partnership was no exception. It was a team accomplishment."

In closing, Ms. Pallansch noted, "We're glad you could share this moment with us today. Because we never stop making dirty water clean. It's our job and our passion every second of every minute of every day."

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