

News



from the Alexandria Sanitation Authority

June 22, 2009

For immediate release

Media contact: Joelle Jordan

202-288-3241/joelle@jordandresden.com

ALEXANDRIA SANITATION AUTHORITY RECEIVES TOP HONORS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Alexandria Sanitation Authority (ASA) recently added to its impressive list of honors and commendations when on June 17th, the National Biosolids Partnership awarded ASA its prestigious "Platinum Level" seal of approval. ASA was recognized for representing "the highest achievement in biosolids management and environmental stewardship."

ASA's biosolids are a highly efficient natural fertilizer produced during the water reclamation process. They are a great resource for Virginia's farmers who can apply them to their fields, thereby reducing the need for costly chemical fertilizers.

The award was made on behalf of the Partnership, which includes the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

ASA – one of the nation's most respected water reclamation agencies – was granted the award following an independent audit of its biosolids and environmental management system (EMS). The audit verified that ASA:

- Has an effective biosolids EMS that supports continually improving environmental performance;
- Exceeds regulatory compliance obligations;
- Utilizes best biosolids management practices; and
- Creates meaningful opportunities for public participation.

The Partnership also praised ASA for being an industry leader in the field that others could emulate: "Thank you for being a leader and a model for other wastewater treatment agencies nationwide that strive for continuous environmental improvement."

Commenting on the award, ASA General Manager Karen L. Pallansch said, "We are deeply honored by this award. It reflects the dedication of ASA's employees who never accept second best. The people of ASA are professionals working together to protect the environment for today and tomorrow. This is another step to ensuring a bright, healthy and safe future for the City of Alexandria and its citizens. ASA is proud to be part of it."

###