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Nov. 14, 2007

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

This letter is written with regard to your October 3, 2007 letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Stephen Johnson requesting information on the Agency's activities concerning the use of biosolids. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) represents public wastewater treatment agencies which carry out the lofty objectives of the Clean Water Act each and every day. As public servants, NACWA member agencies are committed to ensuring that biosolids, a product of the wastewater treatment process, are safely managed. Many NACWA member agencies beneficially reuse biosolids through land application programs, following strict requirements established by EPA. These requirements ensure that reuse is accomplished in a manner that protects both public health and environmental quality.

Because of this stringent regulatory regime, NACWA believes biosolids are a critical resource and that science not misperception should govern its ongoing use. NACWA supported the federal Comprehensive Procurement Guideline V, released by EPA on September 14, 2007 because NACWA's municipal members stand by the safety of their biosolids and the ongoing work EPA and the scientific community is doing to ensure the continued safety of this key resource.

NACWA has enclosed for your review a copy of our *Biosolids Management: Options, Opportunities & Challenges* publication. It is the only comprehensive book on current biosolids policy available and details the successful strategies and management practices employed in the biosolids arena, including land application. I hope this publication is of some use as you continue to explore this issue.

Also, to the extent it may be helpful to you or your staff, NACWA would be happy to meet with you to discuss your land application concerns from a municipal perspective. Please keep us informed of any actions your office is considering regarding this issue of vital importance to NACWA's membership and feel free to call me at 202/833-4651 or e-mail me at [kkirk@nacwa.org](mailto:kkirk@nacwa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kirk". The "K" is large and stylized, with a vertical stroke and a diagonal stroke. The "Kirk" is written in a cursive script.

Ken Kirk  
Executive Director, NACWA

Cc: Ken Kopocis, Erik Olson