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CITY MAKES BIOSOLIDS EMS WEBSITE MORE ATTRACTIVE, ORGANIZED, USER-FRIENDLY

LOS ANGELES (July 1, 2008) – As the City of Los Angeles sets new goals and objects for its Biosolids Environmental Management System (EMS), recent changes have been made to upgrade the Biosolids EMS website, Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz, said today. “It has been reconstructed to provide a new more attractive look and is better organized as well as more user-friendly,” said Ruiz. “Visit the reconstructed site at: www.lacity.org/SAN/biosolidsems.”

New photos, new information, and a survey are included. Visitors are requested to take the five-question survey to assess the site and provide feedback to Bureau of Sanitation staff for further improvement. “Your comments will help us continually improve the site,” said Ruiz. “We need to hear from you.” For more information, contact the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Biosolids EMS at 310-648-5877 or e-mail: san.biosolidsems@lacity.org.

National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) developed the Biosolids EMS program to improve the quality of biosolids management programs nationwide and to promote public acceptance of biosolids use and disposal practices. In 2002, the City of Los Angeles implemented a Biosolids EMS to meet one of its program goals that was adopted in the Biosolids Policy by the Mayor and City Council in 2000.

The EMS documents and records monitoring results of City-produced biosolids and provides detailed information on management of the City’s biosolids program. “It was implemented to help foster public awareness about the biosolids program and encourage public participation,” notes Ruiz. “Also, it helps the City manage its biosolids in an environmentally sound, socially acceptable, cost-effective, and safe manner that is protective of public health and the environment.”

The Department of Public Works the City’s second largest municipal division. With a \$559 million operating budget, the department provides for the construction, renovation, and operation of public programs and services including: municipal buildings and treatment facilities; streets, street lights, and urban forest; bridges and sidewalks; sewers, catch basins and storm drains; recycling and integrated solid waste management. For more information call the Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, email: PAO@lacity.org, or visit the website: www.lacity.org/bpw.

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