

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**LEWISTON:** Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) Chair Phil Nadeau announced today that the Authority recently received word from the National Biosolids Partnership in Alexandria, Virginia, that the Authority has been certified and admitted into the National Biosolids Partnership's Environmental Management System (EMS) Program. LAWPCA is only the 30<sup>th</sup> organization in the nation to achieve this distinction.

Nadeau stated that this kind of recognition could only be achieved through the talent, commitment, and dedication of the LAWPCA staff and its Superintendent Clayton "Mac" Richardson. **"Many of us work very closely with Mac and his team and know first-hand that they are recognized around the state as leaders in their field."** Nadeau went on to say that *"The EMS certification will now bring very deserved statewide recognition to our organization and elevate LAWPCA's staff and operations to a level that establishes it as one of the finest in the country."*

*"This certification is both important and gratifying for the Authority and for the entire community,"* explained Superintendent Richardson. *"For more than 25 years, the Authority has worked hard to recycle nutrients to plants as we believe nature intended. Our efforts to keep our biosolids free from harmful contaminants, treat the wastewater solids for pathogen control, and to meet all legal requirements and best management practices have been a source of great pride for our board members and everyone working for the Authority."*

*"There is a great deal of work that needs to be done to create, implement, and maintain the systems required by the National Biosolids Partnership and its alliance partners which include the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Water Environment Federation, and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies,"* said Isaiah Lary, LAWPCA Pretreatment Inspector/Quality Control Technician. *"All the work is worth the effort when you realize how it keeps everyone focused on not just doing the best we can but improving our operations whenever we can."*

Richardson summed the certification up by saying, *"Our employees work hard every day to recycle water so that it is safe to be put in our rivers; it only make sense that we work equally hard to be sure that the solids we recycle to the land are equally safe. I have to thank Rod Strout, Isaiah Lary, Betty Marcheseault (the EMS team), and all of our employees for their dedication to this critically important work."*