



December 12, 2007

## Richard Lanyon Named as New NBP Chair



**Alexandria, VA** - Richard Lanyon has been named as the new chair of the National Biosolids Partnership, succeeding Robert Hite who passed away on December 4. Lanyon was appointed General Superintendent of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in 2006, managing the day-to-day operations, 2,100 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion. Mr. Lanyon is a 44-year career employee of the District. Before his appointment, he was Director of Research and Development for 7 years. Among his awards, Mr. Lanyon received the American Society of Civil Engineers National Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award in 1999 and Distinguished Alumnus of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 2003. He is also a past President of the Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and holds Bachelors and Masters of Civil Engineering degrees

from the UIUC. He has been involved in a variety of technical activities for ASCE, the Water Environment Federation and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. Mr. Lanyon served on the Evanston Public Library Board of Directors from 1984 through 1989 and one term as Alderman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward on the Evanston City Council from 1989 through 1993.

The District collects and treats wastewater from more than five million people in Cook County, IL and the industrial equivalent of another four million people. The District also provides stormwater management and other related services to protect the water environment.