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May 27, 2009

Dear Roger:

Thank you for dispatching the Environmental Bagging System (EBS) to Augusta, Kansas during our flooding situation that occurred April 27th thru May 1st, 2009. The EBS was an enormous aid during our sandbagging efforts.

- The EBS allowed us to bag sand much quicker than we ever have before. When the machine first arrived, we filled two truckloads in 40 minutes. This had taken us several hours in the past.
- During the two days of bagging with the EBS, we were able to have enough sand bags to build up the dikes high enough to retain rising waters if they came again.
- It was wonderful to have a machine that was so easily moved and set up. In less than 20 minutes, we had taken down the machine, moved it from the City Street Shop to the dike and were up and bagging right at the site of the flooding. It is a tremendous advantage to be able to move directly to the flood site and to be bagging in under 20 minutes.

Again, thank you for dispatching the EBS and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cy Ricker', written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Cy Ricker

Public Works Superintendent

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June 10, 2009

Letter of Recommendation:

Through Environmental Bagging System's (EBS) innovative design – the City of Augusta was relieved from a tremendous amount of worry, time, energy, and labor. Augusta lies at the confluence of two rivers, and thus, we are no strangers to potential flooding and emergency management. When Express Scale Parts & Manufacturing arranged to send their system to assist, we were greatly impressed and appreciative.

Bagging that would have otherwise been done manually by volunteers could be accomplished in a matter of minutes rather than hours. Within 40 minutes, the machine system was able to bag enough to load down two large trucks. In fact, moving the system closer to areas of need was done so quite efficiently and quickly. The system was easily moved and setup within 20 minutes, which allowed bagging directly on site.

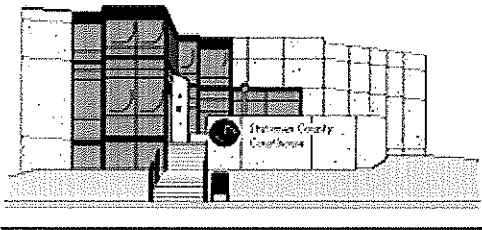
After two days of sandbagging, our levee system was raised high enough (in key areas of potential breach) to provide added protection and some peace of mind had the rivers continued to rise. We were fortunate to have Mother Nature provide us the additional relief we needed.

I highly recommend the EBS and am impressed with its product design and functionality. I am grateful for having the opportunity to benefit from such a well-designed and useful machine. The EBS will become a valuable investment for many communities.

Sincerely,

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Kristey Williams  
Mayor  
City of Augusta

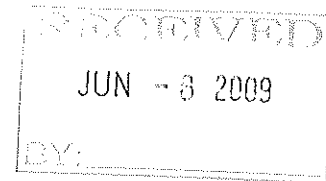


# Stutsman County

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June 4, 2009

Roger Gardner  
General Manager  
Express Scale Parts & Manufacturing  
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Dear Roger:

This spring Jamestown and Stutsman County saw significant snowmelt which resulted in historic water levels at both the Pipestem Dam and the Jamestown Reservoir. This prompted urgent action from city and county officials to take action against the rising water and the threat of overland flooding. In order to protect homes and property along the James and Pipestem Rivers and overlying areas in the county, officials called for volunteers to help in the fight against the rising water.

Volunteers worked around the clock filling sandbags, building dikes or simply lending a hand where needed. Extra volunteers were limited due to such a large number of property owners staying behind to fight and protect their own homes and property against the rising water. This was an extremely exhausting effort which does take a toll on the physical body, but with the aid of your EBS machine we were able to continue our quest in supplying sandbags to threatened areas. This machine was able to do the work of 60 volunteers bagging manually. The sandbags were filled quickly without body aches and pains.

The Environmental Bagging System was a tremendous help in our battle against the rising waters. This machine was able to almost double our production of sandbags, thus putting less stress and exertion on our volunteers.

The City of Jamestown and Stutsman County are very appreciative for the EBS machine that helped us in our time of need.

Please share this letter of support with all staff members and employees at Express Scale for the innovation and efficiency of such a product as the EBS machine.

Sincerely,

Noel Johnson  
County Auditor, Stutsman County

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