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1. Introduction to the EPA Biosolids eReporting

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 503, pollutant monitoring and biosolids management information is summarized in a report and submitted to the agency authorized to administer the NPDES biosolids program each year (usually due February 19). NPDES regulated entities that need to submit this report include:

- Class I sludge management facilities;
- Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW), as defined in 40 CFR § 501.2, with a design flow rate equal to or greater than one million gallons per day; and
- POTWs that serve 10,000 people or more.

EPA has authorized eight states to administer the Federal biosolids program. EPA administers the Federal biosolids program for all other 42 states and all tribes and territories, which covers approximately 4,500 filers.

EPA Region 7 (Kansas, KS) is designated as EPA's Biosolids Center of Excellence and is the lead office for reviewing these annual reports and ensuring compliance with Part 503.

The NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule was signed in September 2015. In accordance with this rule, Biosolids Annual Reporting will be conducted electronically for all NPDES ID's under EPA jurisdiction. The Biosolids Annual Report will be filed using the NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT), which is accessed via EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) located at cdx.epa.gov.

This user guide will walk users through preparing and certifying a Biosolids Annual Report electronically using NeT in EPA's CDX.

2. System Requirements and Eligibility for Waivers

You will need access to the internet and a current internet browser such as Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or Google Chrome to complete the Annual Report using NeT.

If you are unable to complete the Biosolids Annual Report form electronically, you may be eligible to submit a paper version of the annual report. See <u>https://epanet.zendesk.com</u> for more information about eReporting waivers.

3. Relevant Terms and Acronyms

The following table explains terms and acronyms (if applicable) that are used throughout this guide.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Central Data Exchange	CDX	Point of entry on the Environmental Information Exchange Network for environmental data exchanges to the Agency. A CDX account is required to access NeT.
NPDES eReporting Tool	NeT	An internet-based system for submitting Notices of Intent (NOIs) for coverage and other forms for NPDES general permits, as well as some NPDES program reports. Currently, the permit types available in NeT are the federal Multi-Sector General Permit, the EPA Region 6 Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas permit, and the EPA Biosolids Program.

Certifier	None	Can prepare, sign, and submit all forms in NeT. In accordance with EPA's regulations (at 40 CFR 503.17(a), 503.27(a), 503.47(a)), a person with the Certifier role is the person who prepares or handles the sewage sludge for land application, surface disposal, or incineration. This is the person who will certify, under penalty of law, that the information submitted in the biosolids annual report was prepared under his or her direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the submitted information. The Certifier will electronically sign the annual report, which EPA will use to determine compliance with Part 503. This role cannot be delegated.
Preparer	None	Can prepare all forms in NeT on behalf of the Certifier at the facility, but is not authorized by EPA's regulations to sign and submit any forms.
Permit Administrator	None	Can do everything the Preparer can plus grant or revoke NPDES ID access.
Facility	None	The generator of the biosolids or sewage sludge for which you are reporting.
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier	SSUID	Term used to identify one biosolids management option from another

4. How to Access the Biosolids Annual Program Report Electronically

In order to submit your Annual Program Report, you must first create or log in to your CDX account and add the NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) for the EPA Biosolids Program.

4.1 Determine Your Role

A Preparer can prepare an Annual Program Report for a designated Certifier to review and certify.

A **Certifier** can prepare an Annual Program Report and certify and submit Annual Program Reports to EPA. This role cannot be delegated.

A **Permit Administrator** can prepare an Annual Program Report for a designated Certifier to review and certify, as well as grant or revoke NPDES ID access.

4.2 Log into CDX and Add Program Service

The NeT - EPA Biosolids Program can only be accessed through EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX).

- 4.2.1 Visit https://cdx.epa.gov/ enter your User ID and password, and click the Log In button.
- 4.2.2 If you do not already have a CDX account established, click on the **Register with CDX** button. If you need assistance registering, please follow the instructions found at <u>https://cdx.epa.gov/About/UserGuide</u>.
- 4.2.3 Add the "Biosolids: NeT EPA Biosolids Program" and your role to your CDX account using the following instructions:
 - (i) Click "Add Program Service"
 - (ii) Select "NeT: NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT)" from the list of active program services
 - (iii) Select "BIOSOLIDS: NeT EPA Biosolids Program"
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- (iv) Select your Role from the drop-down menu (i.e. Preparer, Certifier, or Permit Administrator)
- (v) Click "Request Role Access"
- (vi) Select the appropriate Organization from the drop-down list or add a new Organization as necessary, and click "Submit Request for Access"[If you selected the Certifier role, you will be prompted to enter your Job Title, and click Next. Skip to Section 4.3.]
- (vii) The "BIOSOLIDS: NeT EPA Biosolids Program" is now added on your CDX account and can be accessed from the MyCDX tab.

4.3 Additional Identity Verification – Certifier Role

The following steps are only for the **Certifier**. Skip to Section 5 if you are not requesting the Certifier role.

- 4.3.1 As the Certifier, you must complete the following additional security steps for identity verification. After entering your Job Title, you will be taken to the CDX Registration: Additional Verification screen. Here you will have the choice to complete the identity verification by either LexisNexis[®], an independent 3rd-Party electronic identity proofing service, or by printing and submitting a signed form through U.S. Postal Mail to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
 - (i) To proceed with LexisNexis online identity verification, select **Proceed to Verification**.

CDX CDX Registration: Additional Verification	Contact Us Logged in as TESTPERMSIG (Log out)
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The program you are registering for requires additional proof of identity. Your options are to use Le 3rd-Party electronic identity proofing service or to print and submit a signed form through U.S. Pos Environmental Protection Agency.	exisNexis®, an independent tal Mail to the U.S.
Note : By clicking [Proceed to Verification] you understand the service is voluntary and that you are identifying information including the last 4 digits of SSN against a 3rd-Party service LexisNexis®, w validation of your personally identifying information back to the U.S. Environmental Protection Ager collect or retain sensitive, personally identifying information such as your Social Security Number (Security validation which may be used to identify you for legal purposes.	e validating personally hich will return evidence of ncy. The U.S. EPA will not SSN); however, EPA will receive
You may sign the paper form if you do not want to use the automatic verification process.	
Note: You will receive a limited number of attempts to complete identity verification. P information carefully prior to submitting. If you need to modify the personal information contact the <u>CDX Help Desk.</u>	lease review all personal In listed below, please
First Name: test Last Name: permsig	
\Box I have reviewed the name presented above and I would like to proceed with LexisNexis. Addition Guidance	nal LexisNexis Identity Proofing
Exit Proceed to Verification Cancel	

(ii) Fill out the required information and click submit. Note: You should use your personal information in the requested fields, not your company information.

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* Required Fields			
Authorized Representative			
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Home City *	Home State * State	Home Zip *	
Home Phone	Date of Birth *	Submit Ca	ncel

(iii) If identity verification is successful, you must select five (5) additional signature questions and answers.
 When signing a document in CDX, you will be asked to provide the answer to one of these questions.
 Click Save Answers when completed. Note: If you fail LexisNexis or opt to print and mail a paper ESA, you will be prompted to select these signature question upon first entry into your NeT – Biosolids Certifier role.

CDX Central Data Exchange		Contact Us Logged in as TESTPERMSIG (Log out)
CDX Registration: Additional Verification		
You are registered for a program that requires signature questio answers. The questions that you select should be questions that	n verification. Please sele you can remember, but	ect five (5) signature questions and difficult for anyone else to guess.
Select 5 Signature Questions and Answers		
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~ ~		
Save Answers		

- (iv) You will be redirected to the Electronic Signature Agreement page. Scroll down and click Sign Electronically if you agree to the conditions listed. Click Accept.
- (v) Enter your CDX password and click Login. You will be prompted to provide an answer to one of the five security questions you created. Security question answers are case sensitive.
- (vi) Sign file by clicking Sign. You should receive the message "Program Service successfully added."
- (vii) If you are unable to complete the LexisNexis identity verification, you must print and complete a paper Electronic Signature Agreement (ESA). Click on "Sign Paper Form" to print out the paper ESA. Sign it and mail it to the appropriate address, which can be found at the bottom of the ESA. The ESA must be

approved by the Regulatory Authority (RA) before your Certifier role will become active.

1. Identity Ver Paper CDX E The CDX electronic sig adhere to the condition questions regarding th	ification 2. ESA Electronic Signature Agreement nature agreement (ESA) is an agreement between ye ns listed on the agreement below. Once the ESA has e CDX ESA please contact the <u>CDX Help Desk</u> .	ent ourself and CDX that will authorize your electronic signature. By signing the been signed, you will be authorized to sign and/or encrypt information for y	ESA you agree to your data flow. For any
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	Address	TESTER	
	City, State, Zip	TEST, DC 11111	
	Province		
	Country	US	
	Phone Number	(703) 765-0060	
	E-mail Address	noi@avanticorporation.com	
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(viii) You will receive an email when the ESA is approved.

4.3.2 If you need assistance registering, contact EPA's CDX helpdesk at (888) 890 – 1995 or via email at <u>helpdesk@epacdx.net</u>.

5. Gaining Access to your NPDES ID

Before you can create a Biosolids Annual Program Report, a Certifier or Permit Administrator must request access to your biosolids NPDES ID. The Certifier and the Permit Administrator can grant others access to the NPDES ID. The following steps show how to request and gain access to the NPDES ID.

A unique NPDES ID was created for each biosolids generator. It is intended to be used solely to report your Federal Biosolids Annual Program Report. If you did not receive a NPDES ID in the mail or via email from EPA, please search for your facility using EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) found at echo.epa.gov, or by contacting the NPDES eReporting Help Desk at (888) 227-8965 or NPDESeReporting@epa.gov.

5.1 Initial Permit Administrator Request – Certifier or Permit Administrator Role

5.1.1 Once you are logged into CDX, click on **Certifier** for the BIOSOLIDS: NeT – EPA Biosolids Program on the MyCDX homepage.

	Services	Ø ^e Mana
<u>Status</u>	<u>Program Service Name</u>	<u>Role</u> [‡]
8	BIOSOLIDS: NeT - EPA Biosolids Program	<u>Certifie</u>
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW	<u>CGP</u>
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW	<u>PGP</u>
8	NETEPAMSGP: NeT - EPA NPDES Stormwater Industrial Multi-Sector General Permit	<u>Certifie</u>

5.1.2 Click on **Forms** to access all the forms available to you to submit.



5.1.3 Select NPDES ID Access Request Form.



5.1.4 From the drop-down menu, choose "Initial Permit Administrator Request to Regulatory Authority" and type in your NPDES ID. Click Lookup.

Instructions
Use this form to gain access based on the NPDES ID. If you are a preparer you will not be able to submit the form directly to a Regulatory Authority.
What action would you like to take? *
Initial Permit Administrator Request to Regulatory Authority
NPDES ID *
Lookup

5.1.5 Confirm the information associated with your NPDES ID and click **Submit Now**.



- 5.1.6 You will be taken to a submission confirmation page and sent a confirmation email.
- 5.1.7 The Regulatory Authority for your EPA Region will approve or deny the initial access request. You will be notified via email when such action is taken.
- 5.1.8 Once access is approved, you can choose to grant someone within your organization "Permit Administrator" authority for a NPDES ID you have access to. This means that they will be able to manage access to that NPDES ID for you and can grant or revoke access to that NPDES ID for other NeT users inside and outside of your organization. You should only give this authority to someone you trust. Permit Administrators cannot sign and submit permits like Certifiers, but placing someone in this role may be useful for controlling which Preparers can prepare forms for that NPDES ID.
- 5.1.9 If you are the Certifier preparing the Annual Report form, skip to Section 6.

5.2 NPDES ID Access Request – Preparer Role

Once a Certifier has been granted Initial Administrator Access to the NPDES ID, a Preparer must complete a NPDES ID Access Request in order to receive access to the NPDES ID and complete an Annual Report.

5.2.1 Once you are logged into CDX, click on **Preparer** for the BIOSOLIDS: NeT – EPA Biosolids Program on the MyCDX homepage.

	Services	¢¦ Mana
<u>Status</u>	<u>Program Service Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
8	BIOSOLIDS: NeT - EPA Biosolids Program	Certifier
8	BIOSOLIDS: NeT - EPA Biosolids Program	Prepare
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW	<u>CGP</u>
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW	<u>PGP</u>
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5.2.2 Click on **Forms** to access all the forms available to you to submit.



5.2.3 Click on NPDES ID Access Request Form.



5.2.4 From the drop-down menu, choose "NPDES ID Access" and type in your NPDES ID. Click Lookup.

Instructions
Use this form to gain access based on the NPDES ID. If you are a preparer you will not be able to submit the form directly to a Regulatory Authority.
What action would you like to take? *
NPDES ID Access
NPDES ID *
IL Lookup
Confirm NPDES ID: IL / Permit Name:
If this is not your NPDES ID, uncheck the Confirm checkbox and do a new look up.

5.2.5 Confirm the information associated with your NPDES ID.

5.2.6 Fill in and confirm the Certifier or Permit Administrator Email and click Submit Now.

If this is not your NPDES ID, uncheck the Confirm checkbox and do a new look up.		
Permit Administration Information		
Certifier or Permit Administrator Email *		
certifiertest@avanticorporation.com		
Confirm Certifier or Permit Administrator: certifiertest@avanticorporation.com *		
Submit Now When you have completed this form, click this button to submit the form for processing.		

5.2.7 You will be redirected to a submission confirmation page. Save your submission tracking code for your records.

Submission Complete You have successfully completed your NPDES ID Access Request Form submission		
Your Tracking Code is:		
REQ-763		
Please record your tracking code.	You may quote this number when enquiring about your application.	
From Here	Review your outstanding tasks	
	OR	
	Download a PDF copy of your form	

5.2.8 The Certifier or Permit Administrator will need to log into NeT and approve or reject your request.

5.3 Approving a NPDES ID Access Request – Certifier or Permit Administrator Role

Once a NPDES ID Access Request form has been submitted, the Certifier and Permit Administrator will receive an email informing them of a new task in the NeT Program and instructions on how to access it. The Certifier or Permit Administrator must go into NeT and approve or deny the request.

5.3.1 Log into CDX and click on **Certifier** for the BIOSOLIDS: NeT – EPA Biosolids Program.



5.3.2 Click on Tasks to see all tasks you have yet to complete.



- 5.3.3 Select the Task with "Approve NPDES ID Access Request" in the title.
- 5.3.4 Confirm the information within the form and click approve to grant access to the requester.
- 5.3.5 The Preparer will receive an email notification that the request has been approved. The Preparer may now fill out a Biosolids Annual Report form for the NPDES ID.

6. Create a Biosolids Annual Report

Once you have access to the NPDES ID, you can submit a Biosolids Annual Program Report using NeT.

6.1 Access the Annual Program Report Form

6.1.1 Once you are logged into CDX, click on your **role** (Preparer, Certifier, or Permit Administrator) for the "BIOSOLIDS: NeT – EPA Biosolids Program" program service.

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<u>Status</u>	Program Service Nan	ne	¢	<u>Role</u>
8	BIOSOLIDS: NeT - EPA	Biosolids Progran	ı	Certifie
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice (and LEW	of Intent for the	PGP, 2012 CGP,	<u>CGP</u>
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice (and LEW	of Intent for the	PGP, 2012 CGP,	<u>PGP</u>
8	NETEPAMSGP: NeT - EP Multi-Sector General Per	A NPDES Stormv mit	vater Industrial	<u>Certifie</u>

6.1.2 Click on **Forms** to access all the forms available to you to submit.

Forms	lask List (4)	HISLOTY
forms and start filling them in	forms and tasks	View the history of forms you have submitted

6.1.3 Select the Biosolids-Sewage Sludge Annual Program Report.



6.1.4 Click **Open New Form** to open the Annual Program Report form.

Biosolids-Sewage Sludge Annual Program Report
Federal Annual Report for the Biosolids/Sewage Sludge program due February 19 of every year. This program report is required for publically owned treatment works (POTWs) with a design flow rate equal to or greater than one million gallons per day, POTWs that serve 10,000 people or more, Class I Sludge Management Facilities as defined by 40 CFR § 503.9, and facilities otherwise required to report (e.g., permit condition, enforcement action).
User support is available 9:00am to 5:00pm EST, Monday through Friday, at: NPDESeReporting@epa.gov or 1-877-227-8965 (toll free).
For general information about electronic reporting requirements under the CWA NPDES program, please visit our website at: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/npdes-ereporting.
Open New Form

6.2 Completing Your Annual Program Report

6.2.1 From the "What action would you like to take?" drop-down menu, select "New Biosolids Program Report"

\$EP⁄	Example Form – Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual Report EPA Regulations – 503.18, 503.28, 503.48 Example Data Entry Form
EPA has indicated that the term information on Frequently Aske 1) What are Biosolids? They are fertilizer to improve and mainta 2) What is the difference betwe * required field.	s 'everage sludge' and 'biosolds' are used interchangeably. EPA's biosolids website at https://wcms.epa.gov/biosolids/frequently-asked-questions-about-biosolids includes the following douestions about Biosolds: enutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment facility. When treated and processed, these residuals can be recycled and applied as productive solar and stimulate plant growth. In biosolids and sludge? Biosolids are treated sewage sludge. Biosolids are carefully treated and monitored and must be used in accordance with regulatory requirements.
Submitted Date	
What action would you like to ta	ke? *
New Biosolids Program Repo	rt V
1 Program Information	
Please select the NRDES ID m	mber balaur for this Sources Studies (Bisselide) Annual Denort *
Flease select the NFDES ID III	inder below for this Servage Studge (bioSolids) Annual Report.
	Load Facility Data
Save to NeT To sav You ca	a a partially completed form for completion at a later date from a different computer, click the 'Save to NeT' button. Clicking this button will cause you to exit the for n then logon to NeT with your username and password at any time to complete this transaction.
Cancel Click t	his button to cancel filling out the form and return to the form page.

- 6.2.2 The Annual Program Report is a responsive form, meaning questions will appear as you fill out information. Please see Appendix B for different scenarios and how facilities will report under each scenario.
- 6.2.3 You can click "Save to NeT" at any time to save your progress and come back to the form at a later time. You will be able to find the form in your Tasks.
- 6.2.4 **1. Program Information:** In this section, you will identify NPDES ID that you are using to compete this form. Make a selection from the drop down menu and click on "Load Facility Data." You should then use the check boxes to confirm your obligation to submit a Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual Report in compliance with 40 CFR 503. Check one or more that apply. You can also modify the start and end dates for this annual report form as needed. The default reporting period is calendar year 2016. Note: If your NPDES ID is not listed in the drop-down menu, you will need to complete a NPDES ID Access Request Form. See Section 5 of this document.

1. Program Information	
Please select the NPDES ID number below for this Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual R	leport.*
ARLBIOTST: Test 16	Load Facility Data
Facility Name: Test Biosolids	
Street: Street	
City: City	
State: AR	
Zip Code: 0000	
1.1 Please select at least one of the following options pertaining to your obligation to sub	mit a Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual Report in compliance with <u>40 CFR 503</u> . The facility is: *
\checkmark a POTW with a design flow rate equal to or greater than one million gallons per day	a POTW that serves 10,000 people or more a Class I Sludge Management Facility as defined in <u>40 CFR 503.9</u>
otherwise required to report (e.g., permit condition, enforcement action)	onne of the above
1.2 Reporting Period Start and End Dates	
Start Date of Reporting Period * End Date of Reporting Period *	
01-01-2016	

6.2.5 **2. Facility Information:** In this section, you will identify the treatment technology options that you use to prepare, treat, or manage biosolids. Please check the box next to the following biosolids or sewage sludge treatment processes that you used on the sewage sludge or biosolids generated or produced at your facility during the reporting period. Check all that apply.

0 Excite Information		
2. Facility information		
2.1 Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Treatment Processes		
Please check the box next to the following biosolids or sewage sludge treatment processes that you used o or more that apply). *	n the sewage sludge or biosolids generated or produced at your facility during the reporting period (check one	
Pathogen Reduction Operations (see Appendix B to Part 503)	Physical Treatment Operations	
Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens (PSRP)	Preliminary Operations (e.g., sludge grinding, degritting, blending)	
Aerobic digestion	Thickening (gravity and/or flotation thickening, centrifugation, belt filter press, vacuum filter)	
Air Drying (or "sludge drying beds")	Sludge Lagoon	
Anaerobic digestion	Other Processes to Manage Sewage Sludge	
Lower Temperature Composting	Temporary Sludge Storage (sewage sludge stored on land 2 years or less, not in sewage sludge unit)	
Lime Stabilization	Long-term Sludge Storage (sewage sludge stored on land 2 years or more, not in sewage sludge unit)	
Processes to Further Reduce Pathogens (PFRP)		
Higher Temperature Composting	Methane or Biogas Capture and Recovery	
Heat Drying (e.g., flash dryer, spray dryer, rotary dryer)	Other Treatment Process:	
Heat Treatment (Liquid sewage sludge is heated to temp. of 356°F (or 180°C) or higher for 30 min.)		
Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion		
Beta Ray Irradiation		
Gamma Ray Irradiation		
Pasteurization		

6.2.6 **2.2 Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Analytical Methods:** EPA regulations specify that representative samples of sewage sludge that is applied to the land, placed on a surface disposal site, or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator must be collected and analyzed. These regulations also specify the analytical methods that must be used to analyze samples of sewage sludge. EPA requires facilities to monitor for the certain parameters, (listed in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 at 40 CFR §503.13 and Tables 1 and 2 40 CFR §503.23. See also 40 CFR §503.8).

Please check the box next to the following analytic methods used on the sewage sludge or biosolids generated or produced by you or your facility during the reporting period. Check all that apply.

2.2 Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Analytical Methods				
EPA regulations specify that representative samples of sewage sludge that is applied to the land, placed on a surface disposal site, or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator must be collected and analyzed. These regulations also specify the analytical methods that must be used to analyze samples of sewage sludge. For example, EPA requires facilities to monitor for the certain parameters, which are listed in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 at 40 CFR 503.13 and Tables 1 and 2 40 CFR 503.23. See also 40 CFR 503.8.				
Please check the box ne	ext to the following analytic methods used on the sewage sludge of	or biosolids generated or produced by you or your facility during the reporting period (check one or more that apply). *		
Parameter	Method Number or Author	Description Text for Certification Section		
Pathogens				
Aecarie ova	Sludge Monitoring - Ascaris ova.	Sludge Monitoring - Ascaris ova., "Method for the Recovery and Assay of Total Culturable Viruses from Sludge (Appendix I)," Control of Pathogens and Vector Attraction in Sewage Sludge", EPA-625-R-92-013, July 2003		
Ascans ova.	Other Ascaris ova. Analytical Method:			
Enteric viruses	ASTM Method D4994 - Enteric Viruses	ASTM Method D4994 - Enteric Viruses, "Standard Practice for Recovery of Viruses From Wastewater Sludges," ASTM International		
Enterie viruses	Other Enteric Viruses Analytical Method:			
	Standard Method 9222 - Fecal coliform	Standard Method 9222 - Fecal Coliform, "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," American Public Health Association [Note: This method is only allowable for Class B sewage sludge]		
	Standard Method 9221 - Fecal coliform	Standard Method 9221 - Fecal Coliform, "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," American Public Health Association		
Fecal coliform	EPA Method 1680 - Fecal Coliform	EPA Method 1680 - Fecal Coliform, "Fecal Coliforms in Sewage Sludge by Multiple-Tube Fermentation using Lauryl Tryptose Broth and EC Medium," EPA-821-R-10-003, April 2010		
	EPA Method 1681 - Fecal Coliform	EPA Method 1681 - Fecal Coliform, Fecal Coliforms in Sevage Sludge (Biosolids) by MultipleTube Fermentation using A-1 medium, EPA-821-R-04-027, June 2005		
	Other Fecal Coliform Analytical Method:			

6.2.7 **2.3 – Total Volume of Biosolids or Sewage Sludge (Dry Metric Tons):** Enter the estimated total volume of biosolids or sewage sludge produced at your favility for the reporting period (in dry metric tons).

2.3 What is the estimated total volume of biosolids or sewage sludge produced at your facility for the reporting period (in dry metric tons)?*

6.2.8 **3. Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Management:** In this section, you will identify how sewage sludge or biosolids generated or produced at your facility was managed, used, or disposed by you or your facility for the reporting period. You can use the "Click to Add Another Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier" button below to add as many Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSUID) sections as needed to describe how you manage your sewage sludge. For example, if you manage your biosolids through land

application and surface disposal, then you will complete one "SSIUD Section" for land application and another "SSIUD Section" for surface disposal. Likewise, you will complete different SSIUD Sections for each of the different methods that you if you managed, used, or disposed of your sewage sludge or biosolids.

Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Management			▼
EPA NPDES regulations at 40.0FP.503 only require reporting for land application, surface disposal, or incineration. You have the option to select "Other Management Practice" if you wish to provide more information on how you manage your servage studge or biosolids. Please use the selections below to dentify how servage studge or biosolids generated or produced at your facility was used or disposed by you or your facility for the reporting period.			
SSUID Section			▼
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SS	SUID): 001		
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *		Management Practice Detail *
Land Application	Owner or Operator	•	•
Land Application includes the distribution	and marketing (sale or give away) of C	Class A EQ.	
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class *	Volume Amount (d	(dry metric tons) *
•	•		
Pollutant Concentrations:			
Do one or more pollutants for this biosol	ids or sewage sludge exceed the polluta	ant concentration in	n Table 3 of <u>40 CFR 503.13</u> ?*
Yes No			
Click to Add Another Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier			
Check when done with SSUID section	on. *		

It is important to note that you should select "Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer" for "Handler or Preparer Type" in scenarios where you generate sewage sludge but another separate entity provides a service to handle or prepare your biosolids. This is often done by commercial enterprises offering services for sewage sludge handling and preparing. The third-party handler or preparer will take possession of the biosolids and manage the biosolids (e.g., composting) prior to ultimate disposition (e.g., land application). You should select "Owner or Operator" if you are handling or preparing the biosolids. For example, you would select "Owner or Operator" if you or your contract hauler is disposing of sewage sludge or biosolids in a municipal solids waste landfill.

You will be asked to provide facility and contact information for each third-party handler or preparer for each SSUID.

Name of Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer for this Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier				
Please complete the following information for the Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer for this Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier. You may optionally look up a NPDES ID to auto-populate this information. If fiel remain blank after clicking the Look Up button, then no data exists and you must enter the information Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer Information				
NPDES ID (if known)				
	LookUp NPDES ID			
Facility/Company Name *				
Address *				
City *	State *	Zip Code *		

6.2.9 For **land application** SSUIDs, please indicate if the concentrations in your sewage sludge exceeded a monthly average pollutant concentration in Table 3 of 40 CFR §503.13. Please also indicate if sewage sludge exceeded 90 percent or more of any of the cumulative pollutant loading rates in Table 2 of 40 CFR §503.13.



6.2.10 For **land application** SSUIDs, identify the pathogen reduction options and vector attraction reduction options used by the facility.

	Class A (must also demonstrate that meet fecal coliform or salmonella limits)
🔲 A1	Class A-Alternative 1: Time/Temperature
🔲 A2	Class A-Alternative 2: pH/Temperature/Percent Solids
A3	Class A Alternative 3: Test Enteric Viruses and Helminth ova; Operating Parameters
A4	Class A-Alternative 4: Test Enteric Viruses and Helminth ova; No New Solids
🔲 A51	Class A-Alternative 5 PFRP 1: Composting
A52	Class A-Alternative 5 PFRP 2: Heat Drying
🔲 A53	Class A-Alternative 5 PFRP 3: Liquid Heat Treatment
📄 A54	Class A-Alternative 5 PFRP 4: Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion (ATAD)
📄 A55	Class A-Alternative 5 PFPR 5: Beta Ray Irradiation
🔲 A56	Class A-Alternative 5 PFPR 6: Gamma Ray Irradiation
🔲 A57	Class A-Alternative 5 PFRP 7: Pasteurization
📄 A6	Class A-Alternative 6: PFRP Equivalency

Vector Attra	action Reduction Options
🔲 VR1	Option 1-Volatile Solids Reduction
🔲 VR2	Option 2-Bench-Scale Volatile Solids Reduction (Anaerobic Bench Test)
VR3	Option 3-Bench-Scale Volatile Solids Reduction (Aerobic Bench Test with Percent Solids of Two Percent or Less)
🔲 VR4	Option 4-Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate
🔲 VR5	Option 5-Aerobic Processing (Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion/Composting)
- VR6	Option 6-Alkaline Treatment
- VR7	Option 7-Drying (Equal to or Greater than 75 Percent)
🔲 VR8	Option 8-Drying (Equal to or Greater than 90 Percent)
0 VR9	Option 9-Sewage Sludge Injection
🔲 VR10	Option 10-Sewage Sludge Timely Incorporation into Land
🔲 VR11	Option 11-Sewage sludge Covered at the End of Each Operating Day

6.2.11 For surface disposal SSUIDs, identify the applicable pollutant limits, if such limits apply.



6.2.12 Use the check boxes to indicate any noncompliance with EPA's Federal sewage sludge program requirements (see 40 CFR §503) for this facility during the reporting period. EPA notes that any person who prepares sewage sludge (i.e., person who generates sewage sludge or a person who derives a material from sewage sludge) shall ensure that the applicable requirements in EPA's biosolids regulations (40 CFR §503) are met when the sewage sludge is applied to the land, placed on a surface disposal site, or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator (see 40 CFR §503.7). There are checkboxes that are specific to land application, surface disposal, and incineration.



You can provide additional explanatory details in the comment box (limit to 3,900 characters) or attach a PDF file if you are reporting any noncompliance with EPA's Federal sewage sludge program requirements (see 40 CFR §503) for this SSUID during the reporting period. In particular, please note the sewage sludge tonnage related to the deficiencies identified above.

6.2.13 **4. Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Management:** Complete the following tables if you incinerate your Biosolids.

4. Inc	Incineration							
F	Please complete the following tables for the on-site sewage sludge incineration conducted by you or your facility.							
	Pollutant In Sewage Sludge Fed to Incinerator	Average Daily Concentration	Calculated Limit	Parameter Units				
	Arsenic							
	Beryllium							
	Cadmium							
	Chromium							
	Lead							
	Mercury							
	Nickel							

6.2.14 5. Biosolids Monitoring Data: In this section, you will input your biosolids or sewage sludge monitoring data, which should be representative of the sewage sludge that was applied to land or placed on a surface disposal site during the reporting year. This section uses the frequency of monitoring requirements in 40 CFR §503.16 and §503.26. The following codes can be used as data qualifiers: T = Too Numerous to Count, E = Estimated, N = No Data. Refer to Appendix C for guidance and examples on how to complete this section.

iosolids Monitoring Data	plids Monitoring Data				
Ceiling Concentration Limits for All Biosolids Applied	to Land				
Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Monitored Parameter	Measurement Type	Unit of Measure	Sample Type		
Arsenic	Maximum	mg/kg	COMPOS		
January-December *	Measurement Type	Unit of Measure	Sample Type		
Cadmium	Maximum	mg/kg	COMPOS		
January-December *					
Biosolids or Sewage Sludge Monitored Parameter	Measurement Type	Unit of Measure	Sample Type		
Copper	Maximum	mg/kg	COMPOS		

For filers that use land application, input your biosolids or sewage sludge monitoring data in the

following two tables: "Maximum Pollutant Concentration Data for All Sewage Sludge Applied to Land" and "Monthly Average Pollutant Concentration Data for All Sewage Sludge Applied to Land."

EPA's sewage sludge regulations prohibit land application of bulk sewage sludge or sewage sludge sold or gave away sewage sludge in a bag or other container when one or more sewage sludge pollutant concentrations in the sewage sludge exceed a land application ceiling pollutant limit (see Table 1 of 40 CFR §503.13). In order to identify noncompliance, EPA will compare the pollutant concentrations provided in the "Maximum Pollutant Concentration Data for All Sewage Sludge Applied to Land" section against the ceiling concentration limits in Table 1 of 40 CFR §503.13.

The form also provides tables for sewage sludge that is surface disposed. There is a section for facilities that have site-specific limits and use an active sewage sludge unit without a liner and leachate collection system. There are also different sections for the other surface disposal pollutant limits in 40 CFR §503 (e.g., Active Sewage Sludge Unit 25 to less than 50 meters distance from the boundary to the property line). Please provide the applicable site-specific limits in the "Additional Information" box below.

6.2.15 Additional Information: In this section, you can input any additional information that is relevant to the completion of your annual program report. You can also upload a PDF attachment to provide additional information.



6.3 Submitting your Annual Program Report to a Certifier – Preparer or Permit Administrator Role If you are a Certifier preparing the form, skip to Section 6.4.

6.3.1 When you have completed your Annual Report, select your Certifier Email from the drop-down menu and check the "Confirm Certifier" box.



6.3.2 Click "Submit Now." You will be redirected to a submission confirmation page. The Certifier will receive an email notifying them to complete the certification process.

You have successfully completed your Biosolids-Sewage Sludge Annual Program Report submission		
Your Tracking Code is:		
BIOSOL-803	4	
Please record your tracking code. You may quote this number when enquiring about your application.		
From Here	Begin a new form	
From Here	Begin a new form OR	

6.3.3 If you need to submit another Biosolids Annual Report, click on "Begin a new form" to be redirected back to the Forms page.

6.4 Submitting Your Annual Program Report – Certifier Role

- 6.4.1 As the Certifier you will have the option to submit the Annual Program Report directly to EPA.
- 6.4.2 Select your email from the drop down menu under Certifier E-mail.
- 6.4.3 Review your report and click "Submit Now" at the bottom of the page.



6.4.4 You will be redirected to the CDX electronic signature page. Skip to Section 6.6.

6.5 Certifying Your Annual Program Report - Certifier Role

- 6.5.1 You will receive an email notifying you that you have a Task to complete.
- 6.5.2 Log into your CDX account and access the Biosolids: NeT EPA Biosolids Program.
- 6.5.3 Click on Tasks to see all tasks awaiting completion.
- 6.5.4 Select the task that begins with "To certify and submit the form to EPA..."

0-	Filter:	Group Items:	Group Items:	
GO		•	×	
BIOSOL	-8035 - To certify an	d submit the form to EPA, s	elect "Approve" under Form Action and click	

- 6.5.5 Review the information within the Annual Report.
- 6.5.6 At the bottom of the form in the Certification section, select "Approve" from the drop down menu. If you wish to reject the Annual Report, you may select "Reject" and provide a reason in the text box.

Certification Information I certify, under penalty evaluate this information	rtification Information I certify, under penalty of law, that the information in this report was prepared under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate this information. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.					
Certifier E-Mail *	Certifier E-Mail *		Form Action *			
julie@avanticorporat			Approve V			
Submit Now	Submit Now When you have completed this form, click this button to submit the form for processing. You will then be provided with further instructions should you have to provide supporting documentation. Save to NeT To save a partially completed form for completion at a later date from a different computer, click the 'Save to NeT' button. Clicking this button will cause you to exit the form. You can then logon to NeT with your username and password at any time to complete this transaction.					
Submit Now						
Save to NeT						
Cancel	Click this button to cancel filling out the form and return to the form page.					

6.5.7 Click "Submit Now" at the bottom of the page to be taken to the Electronic Signature Page.

6.6 CDX Electronic Signature Page

Here you will complete your electronic signature to sign and submit the Annual Report. You will have to provide your CDX account password and an answer to one of your signature questions. The signature questions were created during the identity verification step (see section 4.3 above) and are <u>not</u> your CDX account security questions.

6.6.1 Click "Sign" to begin the process.

CDX Signature
Instructions
Please complete the CDX Signing process.
Use the "Sign" button to populate the fields, then use the "Signing Complete" button.
Click here if you would like to save a copy of the signable package.
CDX Activity ID *
File Document Id
File Name
File Type
File Submission Date
Sign Cancel Submission Return to Form

6.6.2 Provide the information required to verify your identity within CDX and click "Sign". If your answers are not accepted, you will need to contact the CDX Help Desk to reset your password and/or security questions.

eSignature Signing Page				
1. Login into CDX	2. Answer Secret Question	3. Sign File		
User:	Question: Where did you graduate from high school?	Sign Cancel		
Password:	Answer:			
	fhs			
Welcome Julia Bridstrup	Correct Answer			

6.6.3 When you have completed the eSignature Signing steps, click on "Signing Complete" to submit your

nnual Report to EPA.					
CDX Activity ID *	_9ed2d8e4-423f-4d91-a47e-3ec]			
File Document Id	af486b6a-0848-4e74-aa5f-5a9ai]			
File Name	Submission-Package-d8976ee66]			
File Type	application/x-gzip]			
File Submission Date	Fri Dec 09 16:42:00 EST 2016]			
	Signing Complete	Cancel Submission			

6.6.4 You will be redirected to a confirmation page when your submission is complete.

0	Submission Complete
Y	/ou have successfully completed your Biosolids-Sewage Sludge Annual Program Report submission
Y	Your Tracking Code is:
E	BIOSOL-8053
F	Please record your tracking code. You may quote this number when enquiring about your application.

6.6.5 The Certifier and the Preprarer will receive an email with an attached PDF copy of the submitted Annual Program Report.

7. How to View Your Past NeT Submissions

You are able to view a history of all the forms you have submitted using the NeT program.

7.1 Access Your NeT History

7.1.1 Log into CDX and access the BIOSOLIDS: NeT – EPA Biosolids Program program service by selecting the appropriate role.

Services		Ø [®] Mana
<u>Status</u>	<u>Program Service Name</u>	<u>Role</u> [‡]
8	BIOSOLIDS: NeT - EPA Biosolids Program	<u>Certifie</u>
8	eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW	<u>CGP</u>
eNOI: Electronic Notice of Intent for the PGP, 2012 CGP, and LEW		<u>PGP</u>
8	NETEPAMSGP: NeT - EPA NPDES Stormwater Industrial Multi-Sector General Permit	<u>Certifie</u>

7.1.2 Click on **History** to view all forms that you have submitted through NeT.



7.1.3 If a form does not appear in the History page, it may not have submitted successfully. Check your Task List to complete any unsubmitted forms.

Appendix A: Help and Support

If you need further assistance with the Biosolids Annual Program Report, please call EPA's NPDES eReporting Helpdesk at 1-877-227-8965 (toll-free) or send an email to NPDESeReporting@epa.gov.

If you need further assistance logging on to CDX, please call 888-890-1995 (toll-free) or (970) 494-5500 for International callers. You may also visit the CDX help webpage at https://cdx.epa.gov/Help or send an email to Technical Support at <u>helpdesk@epacdx.net</u>.

If you need further guidance on how best to fill out your annual report or your monitoring requirements, please contact your Regulatory Authority.

Appendix B: Examples of How to Complete the Biosolids Annual Report

The following are different scenarios showing how the Annual Report can be completed.

Scenario #1 – A POTW sends all its Sewage Sludge to a Municipal Landfill

It is important to note that EPA NPDES regulations at 40 CFR Part 503 only require reporting for land application, surface disposal, or incineration. The POTW will select "Other Management Practice" if it wishes to provide more information than what is required by regulation on how they manage their sewage sludge or biosolids for the reporting period.

The POTW will use the selections below to identify that their sewage sludge or biosolids generated or produced at the facility was sent to a municipal landfill. The POTW will choose 'Other Management Practice' from the first selector (Management Practice Type) and will then choose between 'Disposal in a Municipal Landfill (under 40 CFR 258)' or 'Use as Daily Cover for Municipal Landfill (under 40 CFR 258)' in the third selector ('Management Practice Detail').

SSUID Section							
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSUID): 001							
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *	Management Practice Detail *					
Other Management Practice	Owner or Operator	Disposal in a Municipal Landfill (under 40 CFR 258)					
Land Application includes the distribution	and marketing (sale or give away) of (Class A EQ.					
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class *	Volume Amount (dry metric tons) *					
✓	v						
×	~						

SSUID Section						
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSUID): 001						
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *	Management Practice Detail *				
Other Management Practice	Owner or Operator	Use as Daily Cover for Municipal Landfill (under 40 CFR 258)				
Land Application includes the distribution	and marketing (sale or give away) of C	Class A EQ.				
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class *	Volume Amount (dry metric tons) *				
	~					

Scenario #2 – A POTW sends all its Sewage Sludge to an Off-Site Third-Party Preparer (Land Application)

In this scenario, the POTW sends all of its sewage sludge to an off-site third-party preparer who then treats the biosolids for land application.

The POTW will choose 'Land Application' from the first selector (Management Practice Type) and will then select 'Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer' from the second selector (Handler or Preparer Type). The POTW can chose 'Agricultural Land Application' from the third selector ('Management Practice Detail'). The POTW will use the third selector to choose 'Agricultural Land Application.'

SSUID Section					
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSUID): 001					
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *		Management Practice D	Detail *	
Land Application	Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Prep	oarer 🔽	Agricultural Land Appl	icaton	~
Land Application includes the distribution and marketing (sale or give away) of Class A EQ.					
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class *	Volume Amount (dr	y metric tons) *		
	\checkmark				
Pollutant Concentrations:					

If the sewage sludge is managed through land application using another method (see below), the POTW will identify the land application method using the third selector ('Management Practice Detail').

SSUID Section Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSU	ID): 001	
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *	
Land Application	Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Preparer	Agricultural Land Application
Land Application includes the distribution	and marketing (sale or give away) of Class A EQ.	Distribution and Marketing - Other
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class * Volume Amou	mount (dry Heat Dried Biosolids Distribution & Marketing
Bulk 💌	Class A	Advanced Aikaline Stabilized Biosolids Distribution & Marketing Other

Scenario #3 – A POTW Treats its Sewage Sludge and Distributes and Markets its Biosolids

In this scenario, the POTW treats all of its sewage sludge and then distributes and markets its biosolids.

The POTW will choose 'Land Application' from the first selector (Management Practice Type) and will then select 'Owner or Operator' from the second selector (Handler or Preparer Type). The POTW can chose from one of the distribution and marking options in the third selector ('Management Practice Detail').

SSUID Section Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSUID): 001					
Manage	ment Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *		Management Practice Detail *	
Land A	pplication 🗸	Owner or Operator	~	Distribution and Marketing - Composit	· ·
Land Ap	Land Application includes the distribution and marketing (sale or give away) of Class A EQ.				
Bulk or E	Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class *	Volume Amount (dry metric tons) *		
Bulk	~	Class A EQ (sale/give away)	1		

Below is a listing of the distribution and marketing options in the third selector ('Management Practice Detail').

SUID Section				
Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier (SSU	ID): 001			
Management Practice Type *	Handler or Preparer Type *	Agricultural Land Application		
Land Application	Owner or Operator	Distribution and Marketing - Compost		
Land Application includes the distribution	and marketing (sale or give away) of Class A EQ.	Heat Dried Biosolids Distribution & Marketing Advanced Alkaline Stabilized Biosolids Distribution & Marketing		
Bulk or Bag/Container *	Pathogen Class * Volume Amou	t (dr) Other		
Bulk	Class A EQ (sale/give away)			

Appendix C: Guidance on How to Input Biosolids Pollutant Monitoring Data

The following is guidance on how to complete the Biosolids pollutant monitoring data in the annual report, as referenced in Section 6.2.8.

Scenario #1 - Facilities that generate less than 290 dry metric tons per year

These facilities are required to monitor one time per year.

Analyzes one time per year; the results are used to verify compliance with both Table 1 to 40 CFR 503.13 (maximum or ceiling pollutant concentrations) and Table 3 to 40 CFR 503.13 (monthly pollutant averages).

Scenario #2 - Facilities that generate more than 290 but less than 1,500 dry metric tons per year

These facilities are required to monitor four times per year. The facility will analyze four times per year and the results are used to verify compliance with both Table 1 to 40 CFR 503.13 (maximum or ceiling pollutant concentrations) and Table 3 to 40 CFR 503.13 (monthly pollutant averages).

Scenario #3 - Facilities that generate more than 1,500 but less than 15,000 dry metric tons per year

These facilities are required to monitor six times per year. The facility will analyze six times per year and the results are used to verify compliance with both Table 1 to 40 CFR 503.13 (maximum or ceiling pollutant concentrations) and Table 3 to 40 CFR 503.13 (monthly pollutant averages).

Scenario #4 - Facilities that generate more than 15,000 dry metric tons per year

These facilities are required to monitor twelve times per year. The facility will analyze twelve times per year and the results are used to verify compliance with both Table 1 to 40 CFR 503.13 (maximum or ceiling pollutant concentrations) and Table 3 to 40 CFR 503.13 (monthly pollutant averages).