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July 10, 2015

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REMINDER...

ABSTRACTS DUE BY JULY 15...

Northeast Residuals & Biosolids Symposium

part of REFOR15,
Oct. 19 - 22, Danvers, MA.

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CHECK IT OUT...

- [A PA & Ohio story](#): Farmers benefit from biosolids, but communities are still learning.
- Organic farmers [don't like](#) the new Whole Foods produce rating system either...

Talking Soils on Maine Public Radio

July 20, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm

...a Maine Public Radio talk show about soils, including organic residuals... celebrating the International Year of Soils.... Tune in on the radio or online... [Details...](#)



Dalhousie University Biosolids Research Symposium

Dalhousie University held a research symposium on June 11th, at which a team of researchers from around eastern Canada - led by Gordon Price, PhD - presented findings regarding multi-year field and laboratory trials of alkaline-

stabilized biosolids. [More...](#)

Update: Legislation & Regulations 2015

Since our [May summary of key developments in legislation and regulation](#) in this region the following has happened:

- [In Western NY](#), we're awaiting a judge's ruling on a case involving local control of biosolids, even as biosolids management programs continue to work with communities on understanding the value and importance of responsible biosolids recycling.
- **Vermont's major water quality legislation became law.** This creates a major program, with many new staff working to reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake Champlain from agriculture especially. The law requires VT DEC to create a report about the current management of biosolids and the science behind



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The Northeast Residuals & Biosolids Symposium
Monday, October 19, 2015
Double Tree Boston North Shore
Boston, MA

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biosolids management options. That report is due to the Legislature by year's end.

- **Maine's odor regulation has not been amended;** the legislation that would have changed it stalled out in committee.
- **Massachusetts DEP is considering updating the molybdenum standard for biosolids.** They and Dept. of Agricultural Resources attended the [NEBRA workshop](#) on the science and risk assessment of molybdenum in biosolids held June 17th. NEBRA followed up with a letter of recommendations, which is available on the [NEBRA members page](#) (look at "Current Committee Work" under "Regulatory & Legislative.")
- **On June 30th, New Hampshire DES held its public hearing for the proposed new biosolids regulations.** Jason Fleury, Chair of the NEBRA Reg/Leg Committee, presented for NEBRA. There were only a half dozen attendees in all, and all spoke in strong support of regulations that support recycling of biosolids to soils while protecting public health and the environment in a way that streamlines requirements based on the decades of experience and testing data that the state has accumulated. NEBRA written comments were submitted by the July 10 deadline (also available from the NEBRA members page).

[Contact the NEBRA office](#) for the latest information.

Prions, TSEs, Alzheimer's, & Biosolids

Recently, there has been online coverage suggesting that biosolids recycling to soils may contribute to prion-related or similar diseases. This coverage is being cited by citizens concerned about biosolids recycling projects, and biosolids managers are once again learning about this bogus claim...

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