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MassDEP Plans to Change Biosolids Mo Limit

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Deadline for submittals: Dec. 11.

[Details...](#)

Phosphorus & its pivotal role in water, energy, & food security:

[Read this excellent summary!](#)

U. S. EPA is upgrading its

website! See the new upbeat look & organization on the [biosolids pages...](#)

The Value of Water - a new campaign in the U.S. to increase awareness of how essential water is and how water infrastructure is at risk, which puts the nation at risk:

<http://thevalueofwater.org>.

Follow the WERF research work on "High Quality Biosolids."

An international biosolids standard is currently being developed under the ISO process. Led by France, with superb involvement by Canada, the standard will advance best practices for anaerobic digestion, land application, and other aspects of "sludge" management. Here's a [fun video about how an ISO standard is developed](#).

Small-scale anaerobic digestion is a worthy goal. See one idea in development: [the HORSE...](#)



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At regulatory review listening sessions held by the Massachusetts Dept. Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in late September, Assistant Commissioner Ann Lowery reviewed the Department's recommendations coming out of a 6-month review of state environmental regulations.

Included in the list of "streamlined" regulatory changes proposed by the Department is a change to the long-outdated numerical standard in the "sludge" regulations (310 CMR 32.00) for molybdenum in biosolids applied to land. Ms. Lowery said the change in the Mo limit is one effort by the Department to bring state regulation in step with current risk assessment and EPA regulations. She noted that formal posting of the regulatory change would happen this fall, followed by a public comment period, with the potential for the change to be in place by March, 2016.

The regulatory reviews being conducted by MassDEP and other state agencies were initiated by an executive order given by Governor Charlie Baker in March. See details at this [MassDEP webpage](#).

Electronic Reporting Required by U. S. EPA

Covers all NPDES permit information - including biosolids

On September 24th, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy signed the new NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, which requires electronic submission of wastewater treatment facility reports, including biosolids reporting under 40 CFR Part 503 (the federal U. S. biosolids rule). [More...](#)

In Brief / en bref...

- Vermont releases draft White Paper on biosolids management
- Western New York biosolids debate
- Energy projects at wastewater & water facilities are focus of research projects
- Plastic microbeads are banned in California
- Vitriolic biosolids debate in British Columbia begins to see constructive dialogue
- Capturing and moving phosphorus out of distressed watersheds...

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