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Distilled biosolids and residuals news for New England and eastern Canada

December 15, 2016

Holiday Greetings!

*May your days be merry & bright...
...into the New Year.*



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CHECK IT OUT...

**Phosphorus Symposium -
Managing P in Organic Residuals
Applied to Soils** - produced by
UMass Extension (with NEBRA
support) - [presentations & details
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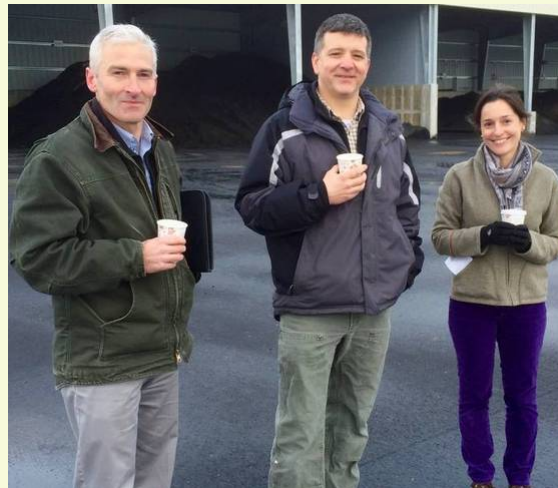
**Vermont is gearing up organics
diversion....** [New short video...](#)

**NY City's goal: access to organics
diversion for all by 2018;** [see video](#).

[Diverting organics in the](#)

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Sanford, Maine Composts Biosolids

**New \$1.8 facility starts
production, holds open
house.**

As the first snowfall graced the
landscape in December, Anne
Brousseau, Superintendent of
the Sanford, Maine Sewerage
District (a NEBRA member,
center), welcomed visitors to
New England's newest
biosolids composting facility.

Attending were consulting engineers (including Ed Leonard & Lindsey Shields, Wright
Pierce compost facility designers, see photo), local public officials, other treatment
facility leaders and operators, and the media. Wastewater solids had been landfilled
onsite for many years. With landfill space running out, Sanford elected to recycle the
nutrients and organic matter by making a Class A biosolids compost. The first batch
was ready to be showcased at the December 8th open house. [More...](#)

Biosolids Ban Struck Down in Kern County

[Northeast is not free!](#)

as emphasized at [NERC's](#) fall conference.

[Big picture view](#) of "poo" management by the BBC.

New bioenergy fact sheets from WEF: [Biogas to Renewable Natural Gas \(RNG\)](#) and [Renewable Identification Numbers \(RINS\)](#).

Liquid fuel from wastewater solids: [Hydrothermal liquifaction being developed](#) in the Northwest.

Cook County, IL (Chicago area) has the [largest drug take-back program in the U.S.](#).... = further protecting biosolids quality.

The [Virginia Biosolids Council](#) has great stories of biosolids use.

NW Biosolids has a [new website!](#)

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After a decade of legal battles, the City of Los Angeles and other biosolids generators southern California have won a major victory for biosolids in Kern County.

On December 5th, Tulare County Superior Court Judge Lloyd Hicks issued his decision ruling in favor of the biosolids management plaintiffs who had argued that the Kern County ban on biosolids was illegal. He wrote that so-called "Measure E" "is invalid a void for all purposes, for the dual reasons that it exceeds Kern's police power authority and is preempted by state law."

Greg Kester of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), said "The decision is well written. The Judge really understood and articulated well the issues..

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Electronic Reporting Begins

Biosolids reports due to U. S. EPA by February 19, 2017 must be submitted online.

State reporting remains unchanged.

The NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule goes into effect on December 21st, 2016. As of that date, all wastewater treatment facilities in New England and New York (and all around the U. S.) are supposed to begin submitting their Discharge Monitoring Report (DMRs) and other required reports electronically. Biosolids reports are just one of several kinds of reports covered by this regulation.

None of the New England states and New York are delegated for the biosolids program. Therefore, all biosolids programs in this region of the U. S. must submit the next biosolids program report electronically to U. S. EPA as part of the "Phase 1" implementation of the new regulation. Biosolids reports are required to be submitted annually by February 19th by the 40 CFR Part 503 regulations.

EPA has developed an online electronic reporting tool.... [More...](#)

In Brief / en bref...

- Congratulations Jeff McBurnie, also Lise LeBlanc
- Phosphorus advice from UMass...
- New regional biosolids drying facility planned for PA...
- Diverting organics in the Northeast is not free!...
- U. S. EPA new biosolids sampling survey on hold...
- Lockport, NY extends biosolids moratorium...

- Synagro Northeast
- Resource Mgmt, Inc.
- NEFCO
- Casella Organics
- Northern Tilt
- Stantec
- Maritime Provinces WWA
- Lystek
- CDM Smith
- Agresource

THANK YOU!

- Greening mines with biosolids... and how long is it effective?
- Soil health getting more attention from the White House...
- New bioenergy fact sheets from WEF...
- Recognizing Milorganite's 90th...
- NW Biosolids unveils new website...

[Details...](#)

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