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Distilled biosolids and residuals news for New England and eastern Canada

January 16, 2015

We wish our U. S. members all the best in completing their annual biosolids reports for Feb. 19!

CHECK IT OUT...

- **Sally Brown, PhD, Univ. of Washington** - was highlighted in a [recent UW alumni article](#). Dr. Brown provides NEBRA members with current research updates on biosolids and other residuals.
- **Where did the Canadian compost quality standards come from?** Marc Hébert of the Quebec environment ministry has published a [short history of the BNQ & CCME standards](#). Updates to the standards are currently under development.
- **International Biosolids Workshop presentations** are [available](#). This workshop

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Biosolids & other organic residuals are resources in widespread use solving environmental challenges & providing economic benefits. See the new [Member Highlights](#) section for examples. And if you're skeptical, that's fine; we have plenty of [resources](#) related to the research & safety of biosolids recycling. And we're adding to these pages all the time with the most current, scientific information. Check back often. [And let us know what you think!](#)

was held last September in Ontario in conjunction with the ISO TC 275 meetings.

- **Walker Industries, owner of N-Viro Systems Canada,** was featured in a [recent business article about biosolids processing.](#)
- **Food waste-to-energy case studies** have been [published](#) by U. S. EPA Region 3.

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Triple Bottom Line (TBL) For Biosolids Management

The Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) has published

"[Triple Bottom Line](#)

[Evaluation of Biosolids Management Options](#)," providing guidance on bringing environmental and social criteria into decision-making regarding biosolids management options. A NEBRA team played a large role in this project.

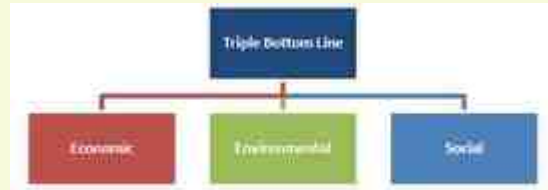


Figure ES-1. Components of the Triple Bottom Line.

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EPA NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule Update

Revised proposed rule released in December

[Webinar January 20th](#)

[Comments due January 30th](#)

In 2013, U. S. EPA proposed a new rule requiring electronic reporting of NPDES information and reports, which include biosolids reports....

How would the updated proposed rule affect biosolids management? EPA proposes only to change *the method* by which information is provided to the agency - not the content....

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In Brief / en bref...

- **Vermont still plagued by indecision about biosolids.** As evident in this [article in VT Digger](#), the leadership at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation remains skeptical about biosolids use on soils, despite abundant information provided at a [workshop convened by DEC](#), comprehensive evaluations of the scientific research by DEC staff, the fact that almost all U. S. states support biosolids use on soils and have active biosolids recycling programs and DEC's own agency documents encourage recycling to soils with a stated goal of 75% recycling. (Thanks to Harry Shephard at Stov for forwarding the *Digger* article.

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- Marlborough, MA and WeCare are in conflict...
- Spent foundry sand: another residual (inorganic) available for

soil use...

- Developing solutions for developing communities...
- The quasar energy group continues its efforts for biosolids la application in western New York state...
- Kern County, CA takes quiet steps to restrict biosolids land application...
- Annual U. S. Biosolids Reports...

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