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Distilled biosolids and residuals news for New England and eastern Canada

June 21, 2016

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- **Sep. 21: "Make the Best Biosolids"** - an Atlantic Canada biosolids [workshop](#), Moncton, NB
- **Oct. 12 & 13: The Annual NE Residuals & Biosolids Conference**, Cromwell, CT. [Call for abstracts!!!](#)
- **Nov. 2: Managing Phosphorus in Organic Residuals Applied to Soil** - a [symposium](#) by UMass Extension, Marlborough, MA

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CHECK IT OUT...

NEBRA is featured heavily in the Spring 2016 *Clearwaters*, a NYWEA publication. [Read articles](#)

The Annual North East Residuals & Biosolids Conference



Connecticut Biosolids: Still Revolutionary



Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association
Dedicated to the pursuit of pure water...



October 12 & 13 (a week earlier than formerly announced)

Cromwell, Connecticut

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – Deadline Friday, June 24th

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online on NY biosolids trends, digestion, town actions regarding biosolids, the Casella Organics alkaline stabilization facility, and a Rensselaer's shift from incineration to biosolids recycling.

Two NEBRA members were featured in the May Treatment Plant Operator:

See [InSinkErator coverage](#);
See the [Franklin, NH story](#).

Thanks to *TPO* for continued focus on biosolids management and energy!

Use of biosolids and other residuals - especially composts - in ornamental horticulture is the focus of a [new report](#) (in French) from Recyc-Quebec.

New York City DEP has hired Pam Elardo, an experienced biosolids management leader from King County (Seattle), as its new Deputy Commissioner for Wastewater. [Details...](#)

DC Water is promoting its new biosolids product under the brand name "[Bloom](#)," and there's been good [media coverage](#).

Lands disturbed by nickel mining in Sudbury, Ontario are being revegetated with biosolids, according to this [CBC presentation](#).

A [Water & Jobs report](#) from UNESCO.

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Biosolids Down & Up in Western New York

On May 6, 2016, a lower court in Niagara Falls, NY upheld the Town of Wheatfield's ban on use of biosolids. Sustainable BioElectric LLC, a quasar energy group company, had petitioned the court to annul the ordinance.

But, one month later, on June 9th, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) ordered Wheatfield not to enforce its ordinance in agricultural districts, because it unreasonably restricts a local farm's operation in violation of the state's "right-to-farm" law. NYSDAM stated that "the Town has not demonstrated that the public health or safety is threatened by the farm operation's land application of Equate biosolids on land used for crop production."

Nate Carr, NY Manager for quasar (photo above) notes that quasar is pleased with the NYSDAM ruling and is considering next steps regarding the court's decision.

Wheatfield has until July 9th to confirm with NYSDAM that the local ban on biosolids use "will not be imposed on the farm operation." However, the town has hired a law firm to consider contesting NYSDAM's order. [More...](#)

Success: VT Water Quality Day

The Friday before Memorial Day weekend, Vermonters celebrated Water Quality Day. In a proclamation, Governor Peter Shumlin noted that "the stormwater, wastewater and drinking water systems and the staff that operate them 24/7, 365 days a year are public servants dedicated to protecting public health and the environment and deserve the understanding and support of the Vermont citizenry." Therefore, on that Friday, May 27th, water, wastewater, biosolids, and stormwater treatment facilities around the state hosted open houses and offered tours "so that Vermonters can learn about this vital, but hidden infrastructure." [More...](#)



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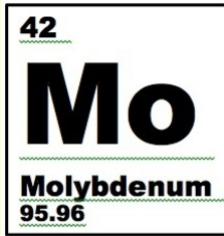
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MassDEP: New Standard for Mo in Biosolids

Public comment period closes July 13th

Public hearing in Boston June 27th

A revised standard for molybdenum in biosolids applied to soils in Massachusetts (MA) will likely take effect later this year.

On June 3rd, the MA Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced the proposed change to the "sludge

and septage" regulations (310 CMR 32.00).

A public hearing on this and other MassDEP regulatory changes proposed under Governor Charlie Baker's regulatory reform initiative (Executive Order 562) will be held Monday, June 27th, 10 am - Noon, at the MassDEP offices in Boston. Comments are due by July 13, 2016.

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Report from the Canadian Biosolids Conference

As notorious fires burned northward in Alberta's oil patch, about 100 leading Canadian biosolids professionals gathered in the provincial capital, Edmonton, for the [2016 Canadian Biosolids and Residuals Conference](#). [More...](#)



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- **Managing Phosphorus (P) in Organic Residuals Applied to Soils - UMass Extension symposium November 2nd...**
- **Montreal, QC recycling plan... Biosolids are included....**
- **Region of Waterloo public consultation process on biosolids management...**
- **EPA banned fracking wastewater from disposal at WRRFs...**
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