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"What is the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

- Henry David Thoreau

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PR Watch Pushes Whole Foods' Biosolids Policy

The supermarket chain Whole Foods was targeted by PR Watch over the past year in an organized campaign against biosolids recycling. As a result, Whole Foods added biosolids recycling to its list of prohibited agricultural practices that the supermarket chain requires of all its suppliers of produce and flowers.

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Elizabeth Cutone, Janice Moran, and NEBRA Members Honored

by Maggie Finn

On Tuesday January 28, 6:00 - 7:30 there will be a special reception to honor NEWEA Executive Director Elizabeth Cutone who is retiring in June 2014. Her remarkable contributions during her 23 years at NEWEA will be celebrated at this special tribute. Contact [Linda Austin](#) for more information or to register.

We celebrate the following NEBRA community members who will be officially honored at the Marriott Copley Place during next week's Annual NEWEA Conference. The NEWEA Awards Committee has spent a year selecting the "best of the best" water quality professionals:

Alfred E. Peloquin Award - MA - Janice Moran - NEWEA

Alfred E. Peloquin Award - NH - Shelagh Connelly - Resource Management Inc.

WEF Service Award - Greg Cataldo - Woodard & Curran

WEF Life Membership - Thomas Shultz (retired) - Mechanic Falls

Tickets are required for this lunch and awards ceremony Wednesday, January 29, 11:00

Small Scale Anaerobic Digestion and On-site Composting in London.

- **The Quebec environment ministry has published numerous technical papers** on biosolids and other residuals; abstracts and PDFs are available [here](#).
- **Two up-and-coming technologies** caught our attention this month: [High solids anaerobic digestion](#) starting up in Akron, OH, and "[Dehydriis Twist](#)" [dewatering](#), which has some European installations.

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The Maine WasteWater Control Association (MWWCA) was in the news on January 21, when the Portland Press Herald [reported](#) on a pilot project with INDA (the Association of Nonwoven Fabrics Industry) to educate the public on the flush-ability of baby wipes. This expensive and international problem has been proactively addressed in Maine, where in 2011 they attempted a labeling law delineating the criteria for "flushable". Although the law was not passed this eight week joint effort maybe a model for the country.

Aubrey Strause, MWWCA President, indicated qualitative and quantitative assessment components to the study. Portland has installed screens to trap bulky solids which will be sorted at the beginning and the end of the education campaign. Individual surveys will determine which method of education is most effective. Less baby wipes at the end of the campaign would indicate successful education then the survey will determine which education componet reached the those pushing the lever. For more information check out the MWWCA non-dispersable wipes resources [page](#).



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