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#### CHECK IT OUT...

- **Marketplace on NPR** covered the new DC Water digesters and resource recovery program. [Listen](#). (Thanks to Lisa McFadden, WEF, for...)

#### The 2015 Legislative Season

Local control - that's the theme of several bills under consideration by state legislatures.

Most important to NEBRA are proposed bills in New York. North Carolina also has a local control initiative. In Maine, odors and microbeads are being legislated.



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*NEBRA members:* a spreadsheet of current legislative & regulatory issues being tracked by your Reg/Leg Committee (and other working documents) are available on the "For Members Only" webpage of the new [www.nebiosolids.org](http://www.nebiosolids.org) or from [the NEBRA office](#).

sharing.) DC Water also has a [new video](#) about their improved biosolids program.

- **Treatment Plant Operator** has recently provided some excellent coverage of biosolids issues. Examples: a [recent story highlighted the lessons learned by quasar energy group](#) in their efforts to recover resources from wastewater and other organics in western New York (related story, right). And this [editorial highlights the value of hearing farmers' opinions](#) of biosolids.
- **What's the National Biosolids Partnership been up to?** [See 2014 annual report.](#)



### Check out the NEBRA Events page:

Biosolids & recycling conferences, Wasted Food to Energy webinars, trainings, NEBRA presentations...

**Keep learning!**

### Basics of Biosolids

#### NEBRA Training

March 31 • Franklin NH

NEBRA is once again teaming with [NHWPCA](#) and [NH-DES](#) on a biosolids basics workshop.

This course is open to anyone, in or out of New Hampshire: operators, superintendents, engineers, etc. [Details.](#) NEBRA is developing additional trainings on Communications & Public Outreach and current technologies; look for [details](#) soon.



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### What's Happening With Biosolids at U. S. EPA?

Thanks for an update from Rick Stevens at EPA (forwarded by Greg Kester of [CASA](#))

In recent years, U. S. EPA has reduced its biosolids program staffing considerably. Biosolids reporting has been consolidated to the Region 7 office, limited research on biosolids occurs at the labs in Cincinnati, and staff at headquarters in Washington have thinned to just a few, mostly part-time on biosolids. Rick Stevens, who continues the Part 503 review and risk assessment program, recently outlined the work for 2015.

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- **Odor issue:** In January, the village of Carlisle, Ohio experienced malodors when a local farm brought in heat-dried biosolids fertilizer produced in Massachusetts...
- **Great NEW VIDEO / Biosolids communications done right:** The Waterloo Region of Ontario learned how not to propose a biosolids recycling program and is now embarking on an innovative public consultation process. [Read more - and be sure to watch the video](#)
- **There's gold in them thar... wastewater:** An [article in Science](#) and [publicity from the Arizona State University](#) sparked a flurry of media coverage this month...

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- **Professional Composter Certification Coming Soon:** The U. S. Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF) has received a \$75,000 grant to develop a certification program for professional composters....
- **Kern County, CA update:** The legal battle over Kern County's "Measure E" citizen ban on use of out-of-county biosolids continue with a good chance of resolution later this year...

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