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**September 30, 2013**

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer."

- Helen Hunt Jackson

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**October 29 & 30, 2013**

**Grappone Center,  
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## Court Requires EPA Review of Incineration MACT Standards

In late August, a federal court ordered U. S. EPA to review its methodology for the air emissions standards promulgated in February, 2011 in new sewage sludge incineration (SSI) rules under the Clean Air Act. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and Sierra Club had brought the court action for different reasons. According to a [news report](#), the court found that EPA's process of setting the new Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) numerical standards - extrapolating from a sample of just nine sewage sludge incinerators and applying other assumptions - was flawed. However, the court left the current standards in effect, even as EPA reviews them. For additional background, see [past NEBRA news](#).

## Member Highlight: Changing of the Guard at Mechanic Falls

by Maggie Finn

**There is something in the wastewater in Maine!** Tom Schultz has just retired from 43 years in the wastewater field, with 30 and 1/2 at Mechanic Falls. Recently, Tom and I met his successor, Nick Konstantoulakis, in Tom's former office at the Mechanic Falls plant. Nick, the new *Director of Wastewater Operations*, dove out of the seat of honor, in Barney Fief fashion, to make way for Tom. Their comraderie is the result of the 8 years Nick was apprenticed to Tom. That is how it works, ideally. Superintendents have an understanding of their plants and their idiosyncracies that is shared over time with their successors. With big personalities, the plants and their caretakers dance through the

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Biosolids Conference - Mike Van Ham and his company Sylvis - were recently honored for an [outstanding project in Nanaimo, BC](#).

- **NEW!** - NBMA's "**Building a Successful Biosolids Management Program in the Northwest**" - released in August, a superb compendium of best management practices. Download it from [here](#).

over a misbehaving pump or malfunctioning electrical connection. [More...](#)

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### MA WPCA Trade Show - What do you do with your biosolids?

by Maggie Finn

NEBRA attended the 2013 Massachusetts WPCA Trade Show, held September 18th, at Wachusett Mountain Resort in Princeton, MA. With a perfect venue and perfect weather, it was exciting to meet the 160 attendees and 50 vendors. This trade show is so well run that each vendor gets a few minutes of time with each and every attendee. It is a mad, hectic rush of handshakes, and, at the NEBRA booth, questioning: "What do you do with your biosolids?" [More....](#)

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by the BC Water & Waste Association. Abstracts are due November 29, 2013. [Details and abstract submittal](#). (Merci à Marc Hébert, Québec MDDEFP, pour cette information.)

**Congratulations to NEFCO!** The company has been chosen to build and operate a new Class A biosolids production (drying) facility for Detroit. See [news](#) release.

**Recycled "waste" wallboard and wood fiber are being used successfully as dairy cow bedding**, reports LP Consulting of Nova Scotia, a leading nutrient management and biosolids consulting firm in central Nova Scotia. For a copy of LP's report, contact the NEBRA office.

**Virginia's new biosolids regulations became effective September 1.** Details at the [VBC website](#).

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