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Massachusetts Regulatory Listening Sessions

This week (MassDEP) & next week (MDAR)

The Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) are offering "listening sessions" regarding regulations they have been reviewing – including the state "sludge" regulations (MassDEP) and new nutrient management regulations (MDAR). These sessions are part of the regulatory review process created by Executive Order by the state's new Governor, Charlie Baker.

[MassDEP listening sessions](#) are this week. [MDAR listening sessions](#) are next week. NEBRA members and friends are encouraged to attend and provide comments; contact

John Donovan of CDM Smith, biosolids leader and former NEBRA Board member, talks energy in *Treatment Plant Operator*. [Read it.](#)

Going solar: RMI, biosolids management company in Holderness, NH, has gone solar, with a roof-full of panels to power the business, as [highlighted in the *Union Leader*](#).

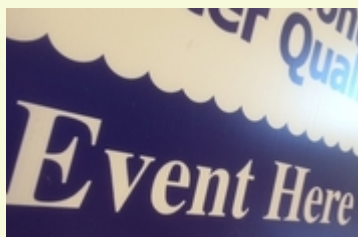
NEBRA guest blogs for the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC): ["Introducing Biosolids."](#)

EPA recently completed a new technical report on thermo-oxidation to produce Class A biosolids. [Read it.](#)

WERF Biosolids Research summarized... See all the Water Environment Research Foundation's. work on biosolids [here](#).

Microbeads were reported in *Newsweek*. [Read.](#)

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the NEBRA office for details. In particular, Mass DEP's "sludge" regulations (310 CM 32.00) are woefully out of date. And the new MDAR nutrient management regulations are likely to significantly impede the use of organic residuals, including biosolids, diverted from landfills - just when MassDEP is requiring diversion of organics (see [prior NEBRA news](#)).

NY Dept. of Agriculture & Markets Enforces Right to Farm... ...Biosolids Use in Western NY Town Upheld - Again

On August 26th, the New York State agriculture department (DAM) enforced the state "right-to-farm" provisions by telling the Town of Bennington not to enforce its ban on land application of biosolids (treated sewage sludge). The request for DAM review was instigated when Travco Farms was denied by the Town its right to use biosolids from nearby quasar energy group anaerobic digestion facilities. Bennington's Local Law No. 1, created in 2014, "prohibits the disposal of any sludge, sewage sludge, or septage from sources outside of the Town of Bennington." The local law is, essentially, illegal.

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In Brief / en bref...

Newport, NH is considering restrictions on septage land application. The local Planning Board is proposing a zoning amendment in response to concerns expressed by neighbors of a local proposed septage land application site. NEBRA is tracking the local discussion and submitted a letter to the Board urging consideration of the extensive research and experience underlying land application. Michael Rainey of the state Dept. of Environmental Services provided extensive information at a hearing this summer; [see the video of that excellent presentation](#).

Vermont DEC recently released a draft comprehensive review of biosolids recycling research and experience. The document is intended to provide background for discussions on biosolids management required by the Legislature in the major water quality legislation passed in the spring. [Get the new draft report](#).

A substitute for peat in horticulture mixes.... U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) researchers have found that **dried digestate** from digestion of potato processing waste can match the quality and efficacy of peat. Prince Edward Island potato processors are leaders in anaerobic digestion of their wastes, and it was their digestate used in the USDA trials. See [BioCycle article](#).

Septic Smart Week was last week. And even though we're late in mentioning it, you can still learn & educate about caring for septic systems, on which 1/5 of the U.S. population depends. [Learn more at this special EPA webpage](#).

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