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Distilled biosolids and residuals news for New England and eastern Canada

August 31, 2014



October 22 & 23, 2014
Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, South Portland, ME

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- Biosolids seminars in Florida, North Carolina, Washington...
- Maine Compost School...
- and more...

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"Feed the Soil!" Compost - Sept. 22 - 24

Don't miss the stellar Compost Council of Canada conference in Halifax. [Details.](#)



NEBRA is presenting a biosolids-focused session and helping put on tour. See you there!

NEBRA On the Road... Continuing a year of presentations!

NEBRA Executive Director Ned Beecher is also speaking this fall at...

- the [ISO/TC275 international biosolids workshop](#) Sept. 8 in Burlington, ON
- the [Maine WEA annual fall convention](#) Sept. 19 at Sunday River, Newry, ME
- ["Microconstituents: Sources, Sinks, and Sustainability"](#) on Oct. 29 in Waltham MA, sponsored by the NEWEA Microconstituents Committee
- the [Northeast Recycling Council \(NERC\) fall conference](#) Nov. 7 in Amherst, MA

and helping organize a [JETCC workshop on biosolids dewatering](#) on Dec. 2.

CHECK IT OUT...

- **NEBRA is on Twitter!**
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- **Our friends at the Rich Earth Institute in Brattleboro, VT and their urine diversion project** were [highlighted](#) on *The Salt*, on NPR.
- **The Soil in the City Conference**, produced by the leading biosolids research scientists of the USDA W-2170 group, wrapped up July 2nd. Here's a [summary](#), thanks to the NW Biosolids Management Association (NBMA).
- **Biogas to Transportation Fuel at WRRFs** - a WEF webinar presented in June - can be [viewed online](#). Green sources of vehicle fuel is a "Holy Grail" of fighting climate change - and biosolids biogas is part of the answer!
- **In the next decade, New York City and other communities will have renewable energy from biogas powering their WRRFs and vehicle fleets**, predicts Kendall Christiansen (NEBRA member) in this recent [Sallan Foundation article](#).
- **Biosolids are a key part of community gardening in Tacoma, WA**. See this urban gardening [video](#) about people connecting through gardening, with Mayor Strickland noting the importance of Tagro, the local biosolids product.
- **The Golf Course Superintendents of America published this**

They're Here: Food Waste Disposal Bans

VT Began July 1; MA Begins Oct. 1

Support by environmental groups echoes arguments for biosolids recycling.

Vermont passed [Act 148](#) in 2012, and the state Agency of Natural Resources' resulting "[Materials Management Plan](#)" became effective in June. The Act required generators more than 104 tons/year of food scraps to divert them from landfills beginning July 1st if an appropriate organics recycling facility exists within 20 miles. By July 1st of 2015, 2016, and 2017, the size of generation affected will be reduced to 52, 26, and 18 tons per year, respectively. By 2020, all food scraps must be diverted.

October 1st marks the beginning of enforcement of the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) ban on landfill disposal of food waste generated at institutions and other sites at a rate of 1 ton or more per week.

"In 2011, Connecticut mandated that large generators of food waste separate organic materials from other solid waste and ensure that such source-separated organic materials are recycled at a permitted composting facility not more than 20 miles away. The law was designed to spur construction of in-state infrastructure to manage food waste" (American Farmland Trust et al., 2014. [New England Food Policy: Building a Sustainable Food System](#), March 2014).

This year, Rhode Island followed the other states' lead, passing [H7033 SubA as amended](#) in June....

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Summer 2014: Biosolids Programs Under Seige

Every year, during peak agricultural activity across the continent, as biosolids are land applied like other fertilizers, there are scattered odor complaints and conflicts with neighbors that make it into the media. But this summer seemed to have more biosolids controversy than in recent years - including, for the first time in several years, some controversies close to home in our NEBRA region....

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In Brief / en bref....

Farewell to Elizabeth Cutone,...

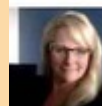
Another farm-based digester system has started up in western Massachusetts....

Quebec has new groundwater protection regulations...

Dalhousie University in Halifax is leading a research project on the fate of alkaline-stabilized biosolids microconstituents...



the value of water at



[article about using biosolids to fertilize golf course roughs.](#)

- *Modern Farmer* covered biosolids in a [recent article](#), as did the [Chicago Sun-Times](#).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

BIOFerm Energy Systems, Madison, WI
(Contact: Steven Sell)

Ecoverse, Avon, OH (Contact: Jim Coyne)

Michael Smith, Waterbury, VT

Mary Monahan, Holyoke, MA

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MaxWest, the most promising developer of a viable biosolids gasification system, has filed for bankruptcy...

Three U. S. federal agencies published a "Biogas Roadmap"...

U. S. EPA has proposed new limits on greenhouse gas emissions from landfills...

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