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Ski Day – Attitash – Mar. 24th

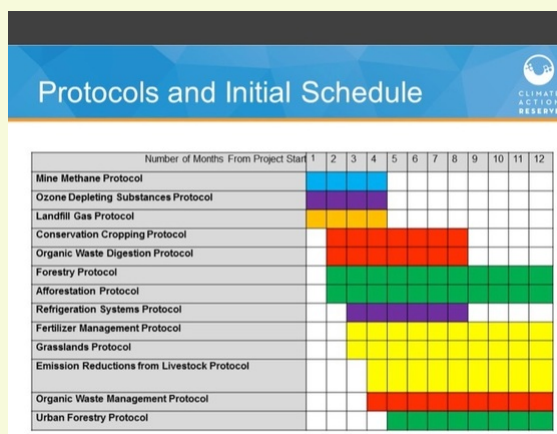
This year's MEWEA/NHWPCA annual Ski Day is Friday, March 24th, at Attitash, Bartlett, NH - not far from NEBRA's world headquarters! Come join the fun & support organizations that support NEBRA. \$55 for lift ticket, lunch, & après ski. [Details & registration](#). Stop by the NEBRA office on your way! [RSVP](#).

CHECK IT OUT...

Electronic Reporting: Biosolids? See [NEBRA's coverage & links....](#)

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Quebec and Ontario Start GHG Cap & Trade

Offsets program will produce value for landfill diversion and AD

To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, Quebec and Ontario are

instituting cap & trade systems beginning January 1, 2017.

A key component of cap & trade is the use of offsets – reductions of GHG emissions realized by entities other than the regulated (capped) emitters. [Climate Action Reserve](#) (CAR), a long-standing California-based organization, has a contract with QC and ON to adapt existing offset protocols for use in the two provinces. [Details...](#)

Halifax: excellent [flushable wipes video](#).

Ontario [biosolids products boost agricultural soils](#).

Hamilton, ON [moving ahead with biosolids dryer project](#).

[Local biosolids concerns arise in northeastern NY...](#)
...and Kingston is still in [legal battle over biosolids dryer...](#)
...and Ogdensburg is [sending solids to merchant facility](#).

Rich Earth Institute of Brattleboro, VT expands urine diversion work: [New toilet at Univ. of Michigan](#). And Dr. Sally Brown (Univ. of WA) provides [some urine use fun facts & suggestions](#) (sprinkled with political humor) at *Huffington Post*.

#MyWaterLegacy - Have you seen the heartwarming video? #Biosolids management is part of the legacy. [Check it out](#). Thanks to NEWEA (& WEF) for showing it at the Annual Conference.

WEF unveils new biosolids information portal: <http://biosolidsresources.org/OE/>

The U. S. Water Alliance ("one water, one future") has released its first annual report (2016): <http://uswateralliance.org/>

Florida struggles with algae; [biosolids accused](#).

[Further With Food](#) is a new, broad coalition focused on

Another Victory for Biosolids

Virginia Court Upholds State Biosolids Regulations

In December, there was another major legal victory for biosolids recycling. The Richmond, Virginia, Circuit Court upheld the new VA Department of Environmental Quality Biosolids Regulations against a legal challenge brought by the Potomac and Shenandoah Riverkeeper organizations. This decision comes shortly after a [court in California struck down the Kern County voter initiated ban](#) on biosolids use. [More...](#)

U. S. EPA: Struvite Products May Be Regulated by Part 503...



...but case-by-case exemptions are possible.

(Thanks to [NACWA](#) for this information & work on this issue.)

U.S. EPA has decided that struvite fertilizers and other products made for land application are, by default, "derived from sewage sludge" and, thus subject to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 503. However, the Agency "is willing to consider on an individual case-by-case basis whether a particular product recovered from sewage sludge is beyond the scope of Part 503."

[More...](#)



Trace Chemicals / Microconstituents Update: Biosolids and POPs & PFASs

NEBRA has just released an *Information Update* on perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFASs) in biosolids.... Bill Toffey of the Mid-Atlantic Biosolids Association (MABA), a sister non-profit to NEBRA, provides an update.... And researchers at AZ State University are focused on analyzing wastewater solids to understand city community health.

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- **Update on WERF's High-Quality Biosolids Research Project.** new fact sheet & recorded webinar describe progress on this Water Environment & Reuse Foundation project led by Material Matters. Click to the [WERF biosolids page](#) and scroll down to "Products & Tools."
 - **EPA has finalized Dental Effluent Pretreatment guidelines** and is preparing them for publication in the Federal Register. The rule requires dental offices to use separators to remove mercury from amalgam prior to discharging into publicly owned wastewater treatment plants known as publicly owned treatment works [Learn more...](#)
 - **Bob Bastian, U. S. EPA Office of Water & Biosolids Expert Extraordinaire is retiring.** [Read this TPO interview...](#)
 - **"Poop-powered cars"** caught media & public attention in recent months, as pilot projects on hydrothermal liquifaction get going in Central Contra Costa, CA and Vancouver, BC. The U. S. Department of Energy is investing in the research and demonstration, which involves the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WERF). See coverage by [TPO](#) and [CBC news](#).
 - **WIFIA funding available:** On Jan. 10, 2017, U.S. EPA issued in the *Federal Register* a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the new Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. Organizations interested in applying for low-interest loans and loan guarantees have until April 10, 2017, to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the EPA. The NOFA is available [here](#). Additional resources are available at the EPA's WIFIA website: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>
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