

# RMWEA BIOSOLIDS COMMITTEE

## May 21, 2008

*Attendees: Nikki Stefonick, MWRD; Kenan Diker, CDPHE; Angel Foster, MWRD; Deanne Kelly, Tri Country Health; Dennis Schump, City of Greeley; Michael Ford, Bobcat of the Rockies; Robert Brobst, USEPA.*

### 1. November 13<sup>th</sup> Seminar

- The location has been secured. The seminar will be held at the Double Tree on I-70 & Quebec (Stapleton).
- Bob Brobst has been working on the agenda and will send a tentative schedule to Nikki in a few weeks. The agenda so far:

Morning:

- 1 hour- General WWTP and PCPP issues, background information, how European Union dealing with the issues.
- 1 hour- EPA Headquarters presentation
- 1 hour- How to look for and find PCPP.

Lunch: may want to have a presentation (WERF?) to ensure time requirements for CEU credit.

Afternoon:

- 1 hour- Antibiotics and related information.
- 1 hour- Mechanisms for destruction.
- 1 hour- What happens when you land apply.

Bob has a commitment from all the speakers for the above 1 hour topics.

- A title for the seminar is needed. Send suggestions to Nikki.

### 2. Salinity Analysis of Biosolids: Project Update - Diker

- Kenan reported the MWRD lab is currently analyzing samples from Littleton Englewood WWTP & Boulder WWTP's biosolids products. Anticipated completion date is the first week of June. Analysis of MWRD samples has been completed.
- This information will be presented at the State & EPA coordinators meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. (Bob Brobst noted that this is a large audience with 40 or more states being represented.)

### 3. Biosolids Delegation "Roadmap" from CDPHE

- Kenan updated the "roadmap" of the biosolids delegation process.
    - Worst case scenario: fees per dry ton will be around \$4-\$6/dt.
    - They will be asking for an additional 3 FTE.
- There was discussion concerning the justification for the additional personnel to the Wastewater Utility Council. Some of the issues:
- Review of annual reports

- Expanded inspection program
- Database maintenance
- Statewide over site to handle public concerns (especially important with biosolids in the media forefront and the continuing controversy).
- If Septage is included in the delegation additional personnel may be needed.
- Once delegation is complete, EPA (Bob Brobst) will no longer be involved in the program and the permitting of biosolids.

#### **4. Biosolids Research Letter to NBP**

- NBP requested “positive” biosolids research articles to document the safety of biosolids. Nikki and Bob Brobst have responded to the request with a multitude of articles.

#### **5. Other**

- There was discussion of the two AP reporters being disciplined over the Baltimore “sludge” story, judges with agendas and lawsuits over biosolids. Bob Brobst advice to all is “trust the science”.
- There will be a public informational hearing at the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission on **July 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.** for the triennial review of Biosolids Regulation #64.
  - Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment  
Florence Sabin Conference Room  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO

#### **Changes to Meeting Minutes**

Please submit all comments you have to the attached minutes to Derya Dursun or Pat Dowell by May 30, 2008 via email.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am, June 18, 2008 at the Metro District in the **BOARD ROOM.**

\*\*\*If you want to attend the next meeting via telephone, please notify either Nikki or Dennis June 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 so arrangements can be made for your connection.

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