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CHECK IT OUT...

- **NPR looks at YUCK factor and reused water...** Some of the same applies to biosolids. (Thanks to Jim Goodreau for sharing this.)
- **Vermont water video: "What’s Your Watermark?"** heightens awareness of infrastructure needs and public actions for water.
- **NEW! WEF Fact Sheet on Air Permitting for Combined Heat & Power (CHP)**
- **Wasted** - a new Yale360 video about wasted food & Washington, DC programs that try to address this national issue.
- **NEBRA posts job opportunities** now & then...

**Northeast Residuals & Biosolids Symposium**
part of REFOR15,
Oct. 19 - 22, Danvers, MA.

**CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE JULY 15.**

**DETAILS.**

NEBRA & NEWEA offer our day-long Northeast Residuals & Biosolids Symposium Oct. 19 and collaborate on sessions & tours throughout the larger conference. Exhibits are available now, first-come - first-served - for the Monday Symposium. Contact Janice Moran at NEWEA for details (jmoran at newea.org).

**Massachusetts Plant Nutrient Regulations**
- in effect June 5th - biosolids affected...

According to UMass Extension, turf and landscape practitioners and fertilizer retailers in Massachusetts are advised to keep informed about changing plant nutrient management regulations. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) recently finalized statewide plant nutrient regulations that went into effect on June 5, 2015. New regulations for agricultural production will take effect on December 5, 2015.

The new regulations do not appear to be significantly different from the original draft regulations proposed in 2014, despite NEBRA's comments and those of others...
NH Starts Formal Biosolids Rulemaking
Comments Due by July 10th
On June 30th, the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) held a public hearing on new proposed state biosolids regulations. NEBRA’s Reg/Leg Committee has reviewed the proposed rules and is submitting comments. The rules provide some streamlining of permits and testing requirements, but still contain stipulations that hamper biosolids recycling. NEBRA’s comments will soon be published on the NEBRA Members’ page.

Mattabassett District Celebrates Completion of Incinerator Upgrades
On June 24th, NEWEA’s Plant Operations Committee in conjunction with the Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association conducted a facility tour and technical presentation at The Mattabassett District Water Pollution Control Facility. A technical presentation highlighted the recent upgrades at the Facility, including:

Molybdenum-in-Biosolids Workshop
NEBRA brought together experts to discuss current understanding and risk assessment regarding molybdenum in biosolids and the environment. All of the workshop presentations and associated documents are available from the NEBRA website.

Biosolids Debate in Western New York....
Here are recent developments...

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Resources:
MDAR information about the regulations (the ‘Fact Sheet for Turf and Lawns’ on this page provides a good summary of the new requirements)
UMass Extension turf nutrient best management practices (BMPs)

For more information or questions about the regulations, contact Hotze Wijnja at MDAR, hotze.wijnja@state.ma.us or 617-626-1771.

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