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CHECK IT OUT...

- Marketplace on NPR covered the new DC Water digesters and resource recovery program. Listen, (Thanks to Lisa McFadden, WEF, for sharing.) DC Water also

The 2015 Legislative Season

Local control - that's the theme of several bills under consideration by state legislatures.

Most important to NEBRA are proposed bills in New York. North Carolina also has a local control initiative. In Maine, odors and microbeads are being legislated.

More...

NEBRA members: a spreadsheet of current legislative & regulatory issues being tracked by your Reg/Leg Committee (and other working documents) are available on the "For Members Only" webpage of the new www.nebiosolids.org or from the NEBRA office.

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DC Water also has a new video about their improved biosolids program.

- **Treatment Plant Operator** has recently provided some excellent coverage of biosolids issues. Examples: a recent story highlighted the lessons learned by quasar energy group in their efforts to recover resources from wastewater and other organics in western New York (related story, right). And this editorial highlights the value of hearing farmers' opinions of biosolids.

- What's the National Biosolids Partnership been up to? See 2014 annual report.

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**Basics of Biosolids NEBRA Training**
March 31 - Franklin NH

NEBRA is once again teaming with NHWPCA and NH-DES on a biosolids basics workshop. This course is open to anyone, in or out of New Hampshire: operators, superintendents, engineers, etc. Details. NEBRA is developing additional trainings on Communications & Public Outreach and current technologies; look for details soon.

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**What’s Happening With Biosolids at U. S. EPA?**

Thanks for an update from Rick Stevens at EPA (forwarded by Greg Kester of CASA).

In recent years, U. S. EPA has reduced its biosolids program staffing considerably. Biosolids reporting has been consolidated to the Region 7 office, limited research on biosolids occurs at the labs in Cinnatti, and staff at headquarters in Washington have thinned to just a few, mostly part-time on biosolids. Rick Stevens, who continues the Part 503 review and risk assessment program, recently outlined the work for 2015.

**More...**

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**In Brief / en bref...**

Read all these stories' details...

- **Odor issue**: In January, the village of Carlisle, Ohio experienced malodors when a local farm brought in heat-dried biosolids fertilizer produced in Massachusetts...

- **Great NEW VIDEO / Biosolids communications done right**: The Waterloo Region of Ontario learned how not to propose a biosolids recycling program and is now embarking on an innovative public consultation process. Read more - and be sure to watch the video.

- **There's gold in them thar... wastewater**: An article in Science and publicity from the Arizona State University sparked a flurry of media coverage this month...
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- Professional Composter Certification Coming Soon: The U. S. Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF) has received a $75,000 grant to develop a certification program for professional composters....

- Kern County, CA update: The legal battle over Kern County's "Measure E" citizen ban on use of out-of-county biosolids continue with a good chance of resolution later this year...

Read all these stories' details...