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MassDEP Plans to Change Biosolids Mo Limit
At regulatory review listening sessions held by the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in late September, Assistant Commissioner Ann Lowery reviewed the Department's recommendations coming out of a 6-month review of state environmental regulations.

Included in the list of "streamlined" regulatory changes proposed by the Department is a change to the long-outdated numerical standard in the "sludge" regulations (310 CMR 32.00) for molybdenum in biosolids applied to land. Ms. Lowery said the change in the Mo limit is one effort by the Department to bring state regulation in step with current risk assessment and EPA regulations. She noted that formal posting of the regulatory change would happen this fall, followed by a public comment period, with the potential for the change to be in place by March, 2016.

The regulatory reviews being conducted by MassDEP and other state agencies were initiated by an executive order given by Governor Charlie Baker in March. See details at this MassDEP webpage.

**Electronic Reporting Required by U. S. EPA**

**Covers all NPDES permit information - including biosolids**

On September 24th, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy signed the new NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, which requires electronic submission of wastewater treatment facility reports, including biosolids reporting under 40 CFR Part 503 (the federal U. S. biosolids rule). [More...](#)

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- Western New York biosolids debate
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