

## A Message About the Annual EPA Biosolids Reports

In accordance CFR Part 503, biosolids pollutant monitoring and management information is summarized in the EPA Biosolids Annual Report and submitted by facilities each year to the EPA. Facilities **must** use EPA's NPDES Electronic Reporting Tool for Biosolids - NeT-Biosolids to annually submit these reports. You can no longer mail your reports in. The reports are due February 19 for biosolids data from the previous year.

Here's some guidance for reporting. The #1 error facilities make on the report is incorrectly reporting the Management Practice. Many facilities list the Management Practice as Other Management Practice when they actually send their biosolids to an Incinerator and the Management Practice should be reported as Incineration. The EPA has updated the reporting software and you no longer have to include the third part handlers testing data to submit the report. The #2 most frequent error is facilities using a third party handler such as an incinerator not listing the Off-Site Permit Number.

Here's an example of an incorrectly filed report;

The facility reports the Management Practice as Other Management Practice but then indicates that the Other Management Practice Detail Description is Incineration. It also lists the third party handlers address as Synagro Waterbury which is an incinerator.

| <b>Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier 001</b>   |   |
|--|---|
| Management Practice                          | Other Management Practice                       |
| Other Management Practice Detail             | Other   |
| Other Management Practice Detail Description | incineration                                    |
| Handler, Preparer, or Applier                | Off-Site Third-Party Handler or Applier         |
| Off-Site Permit Number                       | --  |
| Off-Site Permit Facility Information         | synagro, 199 Municipal Rd., Waterbury, CT 06708 |

**Offsite Permit Number must be included –  
CTL100625 for Waterbury**

Here's a list of incinerator Permit Numbers for the local incinerators. If your biosolids goes to one of these facilities, you must list the Off-Site Permit Number.

| Incineration Facilities Off-Site Permit #'s |           |
|---|-----------|
| Cranston                                    | RIL100013 |
| UBCW  | MAL102369 |
| Woonsocket                                  | RIL000003 |
| Waterbury                                   | CTL100625 |
| Mattabasset                                 | CTL100307 |
| Naugatuck                                   | CTL100641 |
| Lynn  | MAL100552 |
| Hartford                                    | CTL000004 |

Below is an example of a correctly filed report. Notice that the Management Practice is Incineration and the Off-Site Permit Number for the Naugatuck facility is listed.

| <b>Sewage Sludge Unique Identifier 001</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Management Practice                        | Incineration  |
| Handler, Preparer, or Applier              | Off-Site Third-Party Preparer                             |
| Off-Site Permit Number                     | <a href="#">CTL100641</a>                                 |
| Off-Site Permit Facility Information       | NAUGATUCK WPCF, 500 CHERRY STREET,<br>NAUGATUCK, CT 06770 |
| Amount (dry metric tons)                   | 962   |

If you have any questions about the report and how to fill it out there are several EPA contacts to use.

First use the NeT-Biosolids Tech support – Phone: (877)227-8965 (9:00am-8:00pm ET)  
Email: NPDESeReporting@epa.gov

If you have additional questions or comments

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There will also be online training from the EPA and MAWEA will update all members when it's scheduled. There is increased scrutiny of these reports because the information is very important for planning and policy decisions. The EPA has listed incorrect reporting as the most frequent non-compliance event. Let's work to make Massachusetts the most compliant State by reporting correctly. I will follow up this email with other reporting issues as we get closer to reporting.

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