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Dear Mr. Kuefler:

Subject: 2012 Reporting Requirements Under the United States Environmental Protection Agency Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Part 503

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) herein submits the 2012 records required under the United States Environmental Protection Agency Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Part 503 (Part 503) at Section 503.18, entitled "Annual Biosolids Management Report for 2012."

We believe this report satisfies the reporting requirements under Part 503.

Certification Statement Required for Record Keeping

"I certify under penalty of law, that the information that will be used to determine compliance with the Class A pathogen requirements, Class B pathogen requirements, vector attraction reduction requirements, management practices, site restrictions, and requirements to obtain information as described in Sections 503.32a5, 503.32a6, 503.32a8, 503.32b2, 503.32b3, 503.33b1, 503.33b9, 503.33b10, 503.13, 503.14, and 503.16 for the District's land application sites was prepared under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

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DISCLAIMER

Mention of proprietary equipment and chemicals in this report does not constitute endorsement by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District).

FOREWORD

The data and information in this report fulfill the frequency of monitoring and the reporting requirements for 2012 for Biosolids Management by the District, as specified in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 503 (Part 503).

INTRODUCTION

The District herein reports the 2012 records required under Part 503 at Section 503.18.

The District has four Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permitted biosolids management programs that must comply with Part 503. These programs are as follows:

- 1. Fulton County Dedicated Biosolids Application to Land Site (IEPA Permit No. 2009-SC-2921).
- 2. Hanover Park Fischer Farm Biosolids Application to Land Site (IEPA Permit No. 2012-SC-2255).
- 3. Controlled Solids Distribution Program (Biosolids Application to Land in the Chicago Area under IEPA Permit No. 2010-SC-0200).
- 4. Application to Farmland (Application of Biosolids from Calumet, Stickney, and John E. Egan (Egan) Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) to Farmland under IEPA Permit Nos. 2009-SC-2056 and 2009-SC-2056-1).

In the following sections, we have prepared a short description of the sludge processing and biosolids management operations at the District's seven water reclamation plants (WRPs). The Lemont, James C. Kirie (Kirie), and Terrence J. O'Brien (O'Brien) (formerly North Side) WRPs do not produce a final biosolids product, while the Calumet, Stickney, Egan, and Hanover Park WRPs produced final biosolids products that were used beneficially in 2012. In addition, we discuss the uses for these biosolids, outline the data reporting requirements under Part 503, and present the required monitoring data in summary tables. The 2012 production and final disposition of sludges and biosolids generated by the District are summarized in Table 1. It should be noted that the total biosolids production in any given year may not equal the amount of the final biosolids product distributed, since biosolids may be distributed from production inventory from a previous year, or biosolids produced in a given year may be stored or aged for distribution at a later time.

TABLE 1: 2012 PRODUCTION AND USES OF SLUDGE AND BIOSOLIDS

	Water Reclamation Plants									
Production and Use	Stickney ¹	Calumet ¹	O'Brien	Egan ^{1,2}	Hanover Park ¹	Kirie	Lemont			
				Dry Tons						
Production ³	100,447	19,962	37,234	6,133	776	5,591	319			
Land Application	115,904	13,934	•	6,130	1,241	-	-			
Agricultural land	109,007	9,776	-	6,130	, -	-	_			
Urban land	6,897	4,158	-	-	-	-	-			
Surface Disposal	-	-	-	~	-	-	-			
Landfill (Total)	1,603	5,230	-	-	-	-	-			
Co-disposal	874	215	-	-	-	-	-			
Final Cover	729	5,015	· _	-	-	-	-			
ncinerated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Γο Other WRPs ⁴	-	-	37,234	406	-	5,591	319			
Temporary storage	-	-	-	381	-	-	-			
Other ⁵	36,955						٠			

Differences between biosolids production and total use or disposal in 2012 were due to a net withdrawal or storage in lagoons or drying areas, and processing of biosolids imported from other WRPs.

²Difference between amount produced and amount shipped was due to sampling anomalies.

³Stickney, Calumet, Egan, and Hanover Park produce biosolids while O'Brien, Kirie, and Lemont produce undigested sludge. Figures represent total solids generated at the end of each plant's processing train plus those imported from other plants for further processing.

⁴For further processing.

⁵Sent to pelletizing facility owned and operated by Metropolitan Biosolids Management, LLC, Stickney, Illinois, under Contract No. 98-RFP-10.

LEMONT WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

The Lemont WRP, located in Lemont, Illinois, has a design average flow of 3.4 million gallons per day (MGD). Wastewater reclamation processes include both primary (primary settling) and secondary (activated sludge process) treatment. In 2012, the Lemont WRP produced 319 dry tons of solids (<u>Table 1</u>), which were gravity concentrated and transported to the Stickney WRP for further processing.

No final biosolids product is produced at this WRP.

JAMES C. KIRIE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

The Kirie WRP, located in Des Plaines, Illinois, has a design average flow of 72 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes include grit tanks, secondary (activated sludge process), and tertiary (sand filtration) treatment. In 2012, the Kirie WRP produced 5,591 dry tons of solids (<u>Table 1</u>), which were sent via force main to the Egan WRP for further processing.

No final biosolids product is produced at this WRP.

TERRENCE J. O'BRIEN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

The O'Brien WRP, located in Skokie, Illinois, has a design average flow of 333 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes at the O'Brien WRP include primary (primary settling) and secondary (activated sludge process) treatment. In 2012, the O'Brien WRP produced 37,234 dry tons of solids (<u>Table 1</u>), which were sent via pipeline to the Stickney WRP for further treatment. This total includes solids generated from water reclamation at the O'Brien WRP and biosolids conveyed from the Egan WRP to the O'Brien WRP via sewer, which is described in detail in the next section.

No final biosolids product is produced at this WRP.

JOHN E. EGAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Treatment Plant and Biosolids Process Train Description

The Egan WRP, located in Schaumburg, Illinois, has a design average flow of 30 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes include primary (primary settling), secondary (activated sludge process), and tertiary (sand filtration) treatment. All solids managed at the Egan WRP are anaerobically digested. During some winters or when the centrifuges are not operating, liquid digested biosolids are sent via sewers to the O'Brien WRP. Centrifuge centrate containing biosolids are also sent via sewers to the O'Brien WRP.

In 2012, the total biosolids production at the Egan WRP was 6,133 dry tons (<u>Table 1</u>). This total includes biosolids generated from the processing of sludge originating at the Egan WRP as well as the sludge that was imported from the Kirie WRP for further processing. The measured amount of biosolids shipped out during the year was greater than the measured production due to sampling anomalies.

Summary of Biosolids Use and Disposal at Landfills

In 2012, none of the biosolids generated at the Egan WRP was sent to landfill.

Biosolids Conveyed to Other Water Reclamation Plants for Further Processing

In 2012, a total of 406 dry tons of biosolids was pumped as centrifuge centrate to the O'Brien WRP. In addition, 1,698 dry tons of centrifuge cake biosolids were trucked to the Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area, of which 381 dry tons have been temporarily stored until the 2013 land application season.

Land Application of Class B Centrifuge Cake Biosolids

In 2012, through a contract with Stewart Spreading, Inc., the Egan WRP applied a total of 6,130 dry tons of centrifuge cake biosolids to agricultural land under IEPA Permit Nos. 2009-SC-2056 and 2009-SC-2056-1. This total consisted of 4,124 dry tons hauled directly from the Egan WRP and 2,006 dry tons that were temporarily stored in 2011 (688 dry tons) and 2012 (1,318 dry tons) at the Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area before application. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is six times per year.

All Egan WRP centrifuge cake biosolids land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 2</u>), the anaerobic digestion time and temperature requirements of the Class B pathogen standard of Section 503.32b3 (<u>Table 3</u>), and

TABLE 2: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN CENTRIFUGE CAKE BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE JOHN E. EGAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/dry kg						
04/07/12	37,905	8,352	10	4	711	0.66	11	68	37	<5	768
04/14/12	21,447	5,939	9	4	713	NA^1	11	63	37	<5	761
04/21/12	41,939	8,783	10	4	737	NA	11	61	38	<5	769
04/28/12	38,529	8,091	10	4	732	NA	11	59	40	<5	780
05/19/12	52,201	9,671	9	3	708	0.98	10	55	38	<5	797
06/09/12	45,354	8,249	10	3	716	1.0	11	57	30	<5	770
07/07/12	38,821	4,603	9	. 3	700	0.57	15	66	35	<5	832
08/11/12	43,681	6,815	8	3	693	1.6	18	58	31	<5	860
09/08/12	39,185	4,600	9	3	688	0.97	14	61	32	<5	858
10/13/12	33,117	4,800	11	3	716	1.5	15	57	30	<5	854
11/10/12	20,560	4,456	11	3	711	1.2	15	65	34	<5	851
12/08/12	41,066	6,331	12	4	758	0.89	14	66	32	<5	847
Minimum	20,560	4,456	8	3	688	0.57	10	55	30	<5	761
Mean ²	37,817	6,724	10	3	715	1.0	13	61	35	<5	812
Maximum 503 Limit	52,201 NL ³	9,671 NL	12 41	4 39	758 1,500	1.6 17	18 75	68 420	40 300	<5 100	860 2,800

¹Not analyzed.
²In calculating each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.
³No limit.

TABLE 3: DIGESTER¹ TEMPERATURES AND DETENTION TIMES DURING PROCESSING OF BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE JOHN E. EGAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Month	Average Temperature	Average Detention Time	Meets Part 503 Class B Requirements	Minimum Detention Time Required by 503.32b3 ²
	°F	days		days
January	97.4	30.2	yes	15.0
February	96.8	30.8	yes	15.0
March	97.4	30.4	yes	15.0
April	97.1	27.4	yes	15.0
May	97.2	27.3	yes	15.0
June	97.8	38.3	yes	15.0
July	97.3	22.1	yes	15.0
August	97.4	22.7	yes	15.0
September	97.2	26.8	yes	15.0
October	97.1	27.0	yes	15.0
November	98.0	29.4	yes	15.0
December	97.2	28.7	yes	15.0

¹Data are for primary Digesters A and C, and do not reflect additional digestion achieved in secondary Digesters B and D. ²For anaerobic digestion at average temperature achieved.

the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b10. <u>Table 2</u> also shows the biosolids nitrogen concentrations that were used to compute the agronomic loading rates to farmland.

The Egan WRP had no additional requirement for reporting under Part 503 in 2012.

HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Treatment Plant and Biosolids Process Train Description

The Hanover Park WRP, located in Hanover Park, Illinois, has a design average flow of 12 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes at this WRP include primary (primary settling), secondary (activated sludge process), and tertiary (sand filtration) treatment. All solids produced at the Hanover Park WRP are anaerobically digested and stored in lagoons. The digested biosolids stored in the lagoons are then applied by injection at the on-site Fischer Farm. All of the biosolids produced by the Hanover Park WRP are land applied at the on-site farm.

In 2012, the total biosolids production at this WRP was 776 dry tons (<u>Table 1</u>).

Land Application of Class B Liquid Biosolids

In 2012, the Hanover Park WRP land applied a total of 1,241 dry tons of biosolids at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm site under the IEPA Permit No. 2012-SC-2255. This included liquid biosolids and supernatant stored in a lagoon. The quantity of land applied biosolids was higher than the quantity of biosolids produced in 2012 due to the net removal of biosolids that were stored in a lagoon. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is once per year.

All Hanover Park WRP lagoon biosolids land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 4</u>), the anaerobic digestion time and temperature requirements of the Class B pathogen standard of Section 503.32b3 (<u>Table 5</u>), and the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b1 (<u>Table 6</u>). Management practices at this land application site complied with Section 503.14 as previously described in a letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) dated January 28, 1994 (<u>Appendix I</u>).

TABLE 4: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN BIOSOLIDS¹ GENERATED AT THE HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO THE FISCHER FARM SITE IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
				n	ng/dry kg						
07/28/12	140,261	105,500	22	<1	27	0.09	4	15	9	15	42
09/01/12	332,111	206,917	28	<1	54	0.11	6	18	11	20	69
10/20/12	315,278	218,944	28	<1	50	0.11	6	19	11	16	77
11/03/12	76,316	29,949	15	2	473	0.80	7	31	22	<5	500
11/10/12	67,935	24,979	15	1	982	1.6	14	41	33	<5	915
11/17/12	67,907	26,539	15	2	1,127	2.3	15	36	30	8	1035
Minimum	67,907	24,979	15	<1	27	0.09	4	15	9	<5	42
Mean ²	166,635	102,138	20	1	452	0.84	9	27	19	12	440
Maximum	332,111	218,944	28	2	1,127	2.3	15	41	33	20	1,035
503 Limit	NL^3	NL	41	39	1,500	17	75	420	300	100	2,800

¹Biosolids applied as supernatant from 7/28/12 to 10/20/12.

²In computing each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.

³No limit.

TABLE 5: DIGESTER TEMPERATURES AND DETENTION TIMES DURING PROCESSING OF BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO THE FISCHER FARM SITE IN 2012

Month	Average Temperature	Average Detention Time	Meets Part 503 Class B Requirements	Minimum Detention Time Required by 503.32b3 ¹
	°F	days		days
January	94.9	32.7	yes	15.1
February	95.0	31.6	yes	15.0
March	95.0	29.9	yes	15.0
April	95.0	31.8	yes	15.0
May	95.3	38.3	yes	15.0
June	95.4	32.2	yes	15.0
July	95.6	35.0	yes	15.0
August	95.6	32.9	yes	15.0
September	95.4	33.1	yes	15.0
October	94.6	35.9	yes	15.6
November	94.2	31.8	yes	16.4
December	94.0	30.2	yes	16.7

¹For anaerobic digestion at average temperature achieved.

TABLE 6: VOLATILE SOLIDS REDUCTION IN BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE HANOVER PARK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO THE FISCHER FARM SITE IN 2012

Month	Digester Feed	Digester Draw	Lagoon Biosolids ¹	Volatile Solids Reduction ²
		% Total Volatile So	lids	%
July	84.1	74.6	62.4	68.6
September	84.8	74.2	59.4	73.8
October	85.3	74.9	60.1	74.1
November	85.8	74.8	60.7	74.4

¹Biosolids applied as supernatant during July through October.
²Volatile solids reduction computed using total volatile solids of digester feed and lagoon biosolids data.

CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Treatment Plant and Biosolids Process Train Description

The Calumet WRP, located in Chicago, Illinois, has a design average flow of 354 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes at this WRP include primary (primary settling) and secondary (activated sludge process) treatment. All solids produced at the Calumet WRP are anaerobically digested. Calumet WRP biosolids are then:

- 1. Placed in lagoons for dewatering, aging and stabilization, and then transported to paved cells and air-dried prior to:
 - a) Application to land as Exceptional Quality (EQ) biosolids under the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Permit.
 - b) Use at local municipal solid waste landfills as final landfill cover.
 - c) Disposal in local municipal solid waste landfills.
- 2. Placed in lagoons for dewatering to semi-dried and then applied to farmland by a private contractor as a Class B biosolids or used as daily landfill cover.

In 2012, the total biosolids production at the Calumet WRP was 19,962 dry tons (<u>Table 1</u>). The quantity of biosolids used (19,164 dry tons) was less than the total 2012 production for the Calumet WRP. A total of 798 dry tons was stored in lagoons or the drying cells.

Summary of Biosolids Use and Disposal at Landfills

In 2012, a total of 215 dry tons of biosolids generated at the Calumet WRP was codisposed with municipal solid wastes in landfills. A total of 5,015 dry tons were used as final cover, and no biosolids were used as landfill daily cover.

Land Application of Class B Biosolids

In 2012, the Calumet WRP land applied 9,776 dry tons of semi-dried Class B biosolids to farmland under IEPA Permit Nos. 2009-SC-2056 and 2009-SC-2056-1 through a contract with Synagro Midwest, Inc. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is six times per year.

All Calumet WRP semi-dried Class B biosolids land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 7</u>), the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b10, and the anaerobic digestion time and temperature requirements of the Class B pathogen standard of Section 503.32b3 (<u>Table 8</u>). <u>Table 7</u> also contains the biosolids nitrogen concentrations that were used to compute the agronomic loading rates to farmland.

TABLE 7: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN SEMI-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Мо	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/	dry kg					
04/19/2012	28,260	2,499	6	2	340	0.95	8	24	78	<5	864
04/19/2012	27,080	2,950	5	2	374	0.88	9	24	74	<5	914
04/20/2012	24,526	4,015	6	2	369	0.64	8	25	78	<5	915
04/24/2012	41,887	8,140	6	2	402	0.69	10	25	72	<5	1,015
04/23/2012	23,545	3,622	6	2	382	0.76	10	26	74	<5	942
05/22/2012	22,396	1,601	6	2	333	0.69	9	23	78	<5	895
07/18/2012	28,170	9,404	7	2	433	0.90	10	27	80	<5	1,075
07/26/2012	20,341	3,233	7	2	391	1.0	8	27	90	<5	1,024
07/26/2012	18,009	2,362	<5	2	417	0.78	7	26	75	<5	1,004
09/27/2012	32,003	5,004	7	2	354	0.64	10	26	86	<5	1,084
10/04/2012	29,318	5,011	7	2	398	0.75	11	27	85	<5	1,120
10/15/2012	28,177	4,109	6	2	328	0.80	9	24	82	<5	974
10/17/2012	29,376	4,342	10	2	363	0.93	6	26	81	<5	1,077
11/02/2012	28,295	4,696	<5	2	359	0.87	10	27	88	<5	1,061
11/08/2012	28,016	3,459	<5	2	331	0.89	9	24	79	<5	964
11/08/2012	17,635	4,926	<5	2	368	0.78	13	25	89	<5	936
Minimum	17,635	1,601	<5 7	. 2	328	0.64	6	23	72	<5	864
Mean ¹ Maximum	26,690 41,887	4,336 9,404	7 10	2 2	371 433	0.81 1.0	9 13	25 27	81 90	<5 <5	992 1,120
503 Limit	NL ²	NL	41	39	1,500	17	75	420	300	100	2,800

¹In calculating each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.
²No Limit.

TABLE 8: DIGESTER¹ TEMPERATURES AND DETENTION TIMES DURING PROCESSING OF BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Month	Average Temperature	Average Detention Time	Meets Part 503 Class B Requirements	Minimum Detention Time Required by 503.32b3 ²
	°F	days		days
January	96.6	69.6	yes	15.0
February	96.6	46.1	yes	15.0
March	96.8	48.1	yes	15.0
April	97.4	49.6	yes	15.0
May	96.9	39.7	yes	15.0
June	97.5	36.9	yes	15.0
July	97.3	39.0	yes	15.0
August	97.6	52.6	yes	15.0
September	97.1	56.1	yes	15.0
October	96.6	41.4	yes	15.0
November	97.1	68.6	yes	15.0
December	97.1	64.1	yes	15.0

¹Temperatures and detention times are for primary digesters 1 through 12 at the Calumet WRP. ²For anaerobic digestion at average temperature achieved.

Land Application of Exceptional Quality, Air-Dried Biosolids

In 2012, the Calumet WRP land applied a total of 4,158 dry tons of air-dried EQ biosolids through the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Program under IEPA Permit No. 2010-SC-0200 for maintenance of golf courses, recreation fields, landscaping, and for the construction of new recreation fields. The sites that utilized these biosolids under the Controlled Solids Distribution Program and how they were used are listed in <u>Table 9</u>. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is four times per year.

All Calumet WRP EQ biosolids that were land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 10</u>), the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b1 (<u>Table 9</u>), and the Class A pathogen limits of Section 503.32a8 (<u>Table 11</u>) according to the District's site-specific Process to Further Reduce Pathogens (PFRP). Management practices complied with Section 503.14 as previously described in a letter to the USEPA dated January 28, 1994 (Appendix 1)

Site-Specific Process to Further Reduce Pathogens.

The USEPA Region 5 designated, on a site-specific basis for the Calumet and Stickney WRPs, two of the District's biosolids processing trains as equivalent to a PFRP. The PFRP equivalency commenced on August 1, 2002 (Appendix II). The current renewable certification of the PFRP designation is from August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2017 and requires that every year during this period, six samples be analyzed for helminth ova and virus. The analytical data for four samples (August 31, 2011 – April 4, 2012) reported in Table 12 are for PFRP-compliant biosolids utilized in 2012. These pathogen analytical results were generated for samples collected during August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012, according to the PFRP certification for the Calumet WRP, as specified in the July 30, 2012 renewal letter and the September 14, 2012 clarification letter (Appendix II). Other biosolids utilized as Class A in 2012 were non-PFRP compliant due to a shorter (less than the required 18 months) lagoon-aging period for operational efficiency. The fecal coliform analysis of all Calumet WRP Class A biosolids prior to utilization on urban land is presented in Table 12.

TABLE 9: SITES THAT UTILIZED CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS UNDER THE CONTROLLED SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN 2012

User	Use/Location
Alsip Park District, Alsip	Athletic fields - Sears Park
Chicago Park District, Chicago	Athletic fields - Durkin, Hayes, Grand Crossing Parks
Chicago Park District, Chicago	Athletic fields - Minuteman, Union, Warren, Westlawn Parks
Cinder Ridge Golf Course, Cinder Ridge	Golf course
De La Salle High School, Chicago	Athletic fields
Downers Grove South High School, Downers Grove	Athletic fields
Evanston High School, Evanston	Athletic fields
Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park	Landscaping
Evergreen Park Park District, Evergreen Park	Athletic fields - Yurich Park
Frankfort Park District, Frankfort	Athletic fields - Commissioners Park, Main Park
Frankfort Square Park District, Frankfort	Athletic fields - Square Links Park
Glendale Heights Park District, Glendale Heights	Athletic fields - Nazos Park
Glenwoodie Golf Course, Glenwood	Golf course
Hillcrest High School, Country Club Hills	Athletic fields
Hinsdale Park District, Hinsdale	Athletic fields - Robbins Park, Veeck Park
Irene H King Elementary School, Romeoville	Athletic fields
Lemont Park District, Lemont	Athletic fields - Bambrick Park
Luther South High School, Chicago	Athletic fields
Markham Park District, Markham	Athletic fields - Markham Park

TABLE 9 (Continued): SITES THAT UTILIZED CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS UNDER THE CONTROLLED SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN 2012

User	Use/Location
McNulty Farm, Lemont	Soil amendment
Midlothian Park District, Midlothian	Athletic fields - Memorial Park
Oak Lawn Park District, Oak Lawn	Athletic fields - Centennial, Central, Lawn Manor, Sullivan and Worthbrook Parks, Pacetti Field, Stony Creek Golf Club
D. D. I. Division	Landscaping - Oak View Center
Posen Park District, Posen	Athletic fields - Commissioners Park, Memorial Park
Reavis High School, Burbank	Athletic fields
River Trails Park District, Mt. Prospect	Athletic fields - Main Park, Willow Trails Park
Romeoville High School, Romeoville	Athletic fields
St. Xavier University, Orland Park	Athletic fields
Ted's Greenhouse Inc., Tinley Park	Nutrient source
Thornton Fractional North High School, Calumet City	Athletic fields
Tinley Park Park District	Athletic fields - Bristol Park, McCarthey Park
Twin Orchard Country Club, Long Grove	Golf course
West Chicago Park District	Athletic fields - Pioneer Park, Reed-Kepler Park
York Center Park District, Lombard	Athletic fields - Knolls Park

TABLE 10: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS AND VOLATILE SOLIDS REDUCTION IN AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO LAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH₃-N	TVS	TVS ¹ Reduction	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Мо	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
	mg/dry kg							mg/dry k	g				
04/09/12	24,100	3,115	42.9	72.3	5	2	372	0.70	10	26	80	<5	970
04/11-12/12	28,294	2,437	43.2	71.9	5	2	372	0.93	11	25	79	<5	944
05/15/12	29,665	2,356	44.2	70.8	5	1	372	0.89	7	24	70	<5	91
05/29/12	23,664	2,124	43.6	71.5	<5	2	379	0.69	8	23	69	<5	93
05/30/12	26,165	1,762	42.5	72.7	6	2	358	0.59	9	25	82	<5	93:
06/05/12	24,388	2,058	39.7	75.7	5	2	365	0.99	7	25	84	<5	94
06/21/12	22,233	3,036	39.1	76.3	6	2	384	0.79	9	26	86	<5	99
07/02/12	20,284	2,153	39.6	75.8	7	2	375	0.74	9	27	90	<5	1,052
07/11/12	32,294	3,748	47.1	54.9	6	2	437	0.64	9	29	70	<5	1,15
07/16/12	24,296	5,244	46.6	55.8	7	2	403	0.75	8	26	69	<5	1,03
08/02/12	27,637	3,380	43.9	60.4	6	2	425	0.86	9	27	73	<5	1,06
08/10/12	26,064	3,521	43.6	60.8	7	2	390	0.70	8	27	74	<5	1,03
09/06/12	18,730	3,866	41.5	64.1	8	2	402	0.68	9	27	81	<5	1,07
09/11/12	25,158	3,644	42.5	62.6	5	2	399	0.90	8	25	72	<5	1,019
10/12/12	19,075	3,040	42.0	63.4	9	2	432	1.1	4	28	77	<5	1,127
10/30/12	26,591	2,997	37.1	70.1	<5	2	407	0.94	9	28	76	·<5	1,060
1 1/05/12	19,871	3,171	41.6	63.9	<5	2	437	0.93	10	28	79	<5	1,10
Minimum	18,730	1,762	37.1	55	<5	1	358	0.59	4	23	69	<5	914
Mean ²	24,618	3,038	42.4	67 5 6	6	2	395	0.81	8	26	77	<5	1,021
Maximum 503 Limit	32,294 NL ³	5,244 NL	47.1 NL	76 38	9 41	2 39	437 1,500	1.1 17	11 75	29 420	90 300	<5 100	1,159 2,800

¹Total volatile solids for digester feed processed during 2/18/09 – 1/31/12 were used to calculate TVS reductions.

²In calculating each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.

³No limit.

TABLE 11: MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF CLASS A BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND SAMPLED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT TO URBAN LAND IN 2012

Sample Date	Lagoon Source	Total Solids	Fecal Coliform		
		%	MPN ¹ /g		
03/28/12	6	79.9	120		
04/11/12	6	89.2	320		
04/11/12	6	75.1	51		
04/11/12	6	70.9	210		
04/18/12	6	81.7	61		
04/18/12	17	68.2	19		
04/18/12	17	73.9	5		
05/10/12	17	57.9	870		
05/10/12	17	71.5	70		
05/10/12	17	65.5	58		
05/23/12	6	73.3	690		
05/31/12	6	71.2	53		
05/31/12	6	80.3	47		
06/27/12	7	90.2	320		
07/11/12	7	89.3	56		
07/11/12	7	90.4	210		
08/28/12	7	69.3	55		
09/05/12	7	66.3	6		
09/12/12	18	75.6	100		
09/12/12	18	67.8	150		
09/12/12	18	67.1	170		
10/03/12	7	75.6	9		
10/17/12	18	75.4	5		
10/17/12	18	61.1	62		

¹Most Probable Number.

TABLE 12: MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF BIOSOLIDS¹ GENERATED BY COMPLIANT AND NON-COMPLIANT PROCESS TO FURTHER REDUCE PATHOGENS-EQUIVALENT CODIFIED PROCESSING TRAINS AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT DURING AUGUST 2011 THROUGH JULY 2012

Sample Date ²	Lagoon Source	Total Solids	Fecal Coliform	Sample Date ³	Helminth Ova	Enteric Virus
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		%	MPN ⁴ /g		No./4g	PFU ⁵ /4g
08/31/11	19	83.3	820	08/24/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
09/14/11	19	77.8	150	09/14/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
11/02/11	19	73.4	52	11/02/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
04/04/12	19	61.9	5	03/21/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
04/11/12	6	75.1	51	11/30/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
04/11/12	6	89.2	320	02/23/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
04/18/12	17	73.91	5	02/23/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
05/10/12	17	71.5	70	04/26/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
05/10/12	17	65.5	58	04/26/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
07/11/12	7	89.3	56	05/10/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000

¹All biosolids satisfied Part 503 Class A requirements.

²Biosolids sampled 4/11 - 7/11/2012 were non-PFRP compliant with respect to the lagoon-aging period.

³Samples for HO and V analyses for each batch of non-PFRP biosolids were collected before the material was dried and used in 2012.

⁴Most probable number. ⁵Plaque-forming unit.

STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Treatment Plant and Biosolids Process Train Description

The Stickney WRP, located in Stickney, Illinois, has a design average flow of 1,200 MGD. Wastewater reclamation processes include primary (Imhoff and primary settling) and secondary (activated sludge process) treatment. All solids produced at this WRP and from the O'Brien and Lemont WRPs are anaerobically digested. Stickney WRP biosolids are then:

- 1. Placed in lagoons for dewatering, aging, and stabilization, and then transported to paved cells and air-dried prior to:
 - a. Application to land as EQ biosolids under the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Permit.
 - b. Use at local municipal solid waste landfills as final landfill cover
 - c. Disposal in local municipal solid waste landfills.
- 2. Centrifuge dewatered to approximately 25 percent solids content and then applied to land by a private contractor as Class B biosolids.
- 3. Centrifuge dewatered to approximately 25 percent solids content, transported to paved cells, and air-dried prior to use as daily landfill cover.
- 4. Centrifuge dewatered to approximately 25 percent solids content and conveyed to Metropolitan Biosolids Management, LLC under Contract 98-RFP-10 for further processing.
- 5. Centrifuge dewatered to approximately 25 percent solids content, placed in lagoons for aging and stabilization, and transported to paved cells and airdried prior to:
 - a. Application to land as EQ biosolids under the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Permit.
 - b. Application to farmland as semi-dried Class B biosolids
 - c. Use at local municipal solid waste landfills as final landfill cover.
 - d. Disposal in local municipal solid waste landfills.

In 2012, the total biosolids production at the Stickney WRP was 100,447 dry tons (<u>Table 1</u>). This total includes biosolids generated from processing of sludge originating at the Stickney WRP as well as the sludge that was imported from the O'Brien and Lemont WRPs for

further processing. The quantity of biosolids used (154,462 dry tons) was higher than the total 2012 production for the Stickney WRP due to the utilization of biosolids stored in lagoons and on drying cells.

Summary of Biosolids Use and Disposal at Landfills

In 2012, a total of 874 dry tons of biosolids generated at the Stickney WRP was codisposed with municipal solid wastes in landfills. A total of 729 dry tons were used as final cover, and no biosolids were used as landfill daily cover.

Land Application of Class B Biosolids

In 2012, the Stickney WRP applied a total of 109,007 dry tons of centrifuge cake and semi-dried biosolids to agricultural land under IEPA Permit Nos. 2009-SC-2056 and 2009-SC-2056-1. These quantities were utilized through contracts with Synagro Midwest, Inc. and Stewart Spreading, Inc. The total does not include the centrifuge cake biosolids transported from the Egan WRP to the Harlem Avenue Solids Management Area prior to being applied to farmland by Synagro Midwest, Inc. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is 12 times per year.

All Stickney WRP centrifuge cake and semi-dried biosolids land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 13</u>), the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b10, and the anaerobic digestion time and temperature requirements of the Class B pathogen standard of Section 503.32b3 (<u>Table 14</u>). <u>Table 13</u> also contains the biosolids nitrogen concentrations that were used to compute the agronomic loading rates to farmland.

Land Application of Exceptional Quality, Air-Dried Biosolids

In 2012, the Stickney WRP applied a total of 6,897 dry tons of air-dried EQ biosolids through the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Program under IEPA Permit No. 2010-SC-0200, for the construction and maintenance of golf courses and recreation fields. The sites that utilized these biosolids under the program and how they were used are listed in <u>Table 15</u>. In accordance with Table 1 of Section 503.16, the frequency of monitoring for this biosolids product is six times per year.

The air-dried biosolids at the Stickney WRP were not generated by the codified PFRP-equivalent processing train. Therefore, the biosolids were tested for Class A compliance in accordance with Section 503.32a5.

All Stickney EQ biosolids land applied in 2012 met the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 of Section 503.13 (<u>Table 16</u>), the vector attraction reduction requirements of Section 503.33b1 (<u>Table 16</u>), and the Class A pathogen limits of Section 503.32a5 (<u>Tables 17</u> and <u>18</u>). Management practices complied with Section 503.14 as previously described in a letter to the USEPA dated January 28, 1994 (<u>Appendix I</u>).

TABLE 13: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN CENTRIFUGE CAKE AND SEMI-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/dry	kg					
01/10/12	52,886	4,101	6	3	373	1.1	8	36	102	<5	744
01/11/12	35,520	5,044	7	4	391	1.2	9	39	115	<5	768
01/11/12	26,708	5,186	9	3	410	0.88	7	38	112	<5	816
01/31/12	34,991	6,535	7	4	385	0.83	10	41	118	<5	795
01/31/12	30,497	2,990	9	3	415	0.91	11	41	124	<5	830
02/07/12	38,944	4,235	6	3	359	0.77	13	35	83	<5	658
02/23/12	37,109	6,844	7	3	410	0.67	11	41	87	<5	752
02/23/12	56,759	11,297	<5	3	629	1.0	7	64	30	<5	738
03/07/12	50,439	6,786	5	3	363	0.67	12	39	77	<5	652
03/07/12	34,790	5,843	8	4	399	1.3	10	40	114	<5	801
03/19-22/12	30,528	6,263	6	4	379	1.2	11	39	124	<5	799
03/27-30/12	34,645	7,514	6	4	391	0.87	11	40	116	<5	805
03/31/12	35,099	9,472	8	4	373	0.98	9	38	116	<5	738
04/02-07/12	37,986	10,050	8	4	385	1.0	10	39	115	<5	750
04/03/12	35,276	6,585	5	3	390	0.74	11	38	89	<5	741
04/03/12	29,364	4,496	7	3	364	0.71	9	37	97	<5	753
04/04/12	43,330	4,859	<5	3	374	0.63	13	41	86	<5	737
04/09-12/12	33,523	9,296	6	4	371	1.1	10	38	103	<5	761
04/10/12	22,161	1,599	9	3	422	1.2	11	39	121	<5	793
04/10/12	27,010	3,950	10	3	429	0.75	9	39	113	<5	819

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn		
	mg/dry kg												
04/12-13/12	26,185	9,522	7	4	399	0.98	12	41	119	<5	791		
04/16/12	20,586	676	<5	3	289	0.49	7	30	79	<5	584		
04/16-21/12	35,921	10,487	<5	3	367	0.66	13	39	85	<5	666		
04/18/12	26,356	3,366	6	3	432	0.85	9	38	94	<5	829		
04/18/12	29,013	3,017	6	3	380	1.1	7	36	105	<5	773		
04/23-24/12	33,739	8,626	<5	3	354	0.54	11	39	94	<5	693		
04/24-27/12	35,900	10,119	7	3	325	2.2	9	48	121	<5	678		
04/24-27/12	52,586	14,391	<5	2	577	0.56	9	67	37	<5	751		
05/01/12	27,574	4,437	7	3	410	0.74	11	40	99	<5	783		
05/01/12	28,422	5,235	7	3	428	0.69	11	40	101	<5	807		
05/0812	42,878	6,464	7	2	323	0.87	9	36	92	<5	674		
05/10/12	29,331	8,606	5	2	355	1.1	12	35	91	<5	687		
05/10/12	30,490	9,204	5	3	414	1.4	12	42	124	<5	817		
05/14-16/12	27,015	2,503	7	3	421	0.74	9	38	123	<5	804		
05/14-16/12	36,958	9,809	6	3	374	0.95	12	37	94	<5	704		
05/14-17/12	33,336	7,109	5	4	382	1.3	11	40	123	<5	765		
05/14-18/12	29,996	3,943	6	3	399	1.1	8	37	109	<5	776		
05/15-16/12	51,552	3,304	<5	2	283	0.57	7	29	81	<5	561		
05/16/12	31,697	5,280	8	3	429	0.77	9	38	110	<5	831		
05/16-17/12	22,695	2,829	9	3	431	0.99	9	40	114	<5	825		

TABLE 13 (Continued): CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN CENTRIFUGE CAKE AND SEMI-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn		
	mg/dry kg												
05/16-17/12	41,783	8,662	<5	3	361	1.1	11	37	92	<5	671		
05/18/12	26,611	4,026	5	3	425	1.0	11	40	116	<5	774		
05/18/12	67,939	8,758	6	3	427	0.85	12	40	103	<5	828		
05/21-29/12	35,065	8,914	6	3	358	0.88	9	44	100	<5	708		
05/22/12	32,268	4,807	7	3	429	0.86	12	42	107	<5	838		
05/22/12	30,331	4,955	7	3	415	0.82	12	41	110	<5	803		
05/22-24/12	29,854	4,170	7	3	423	0.85	12	42	109	<5	815		
05/22-24/12	23,077	3,816	7	3	400	0.89	10	38	107	<5	785		
05/22-24/12	28,199	1,260	7	3	433	0.98	9	39	116	<5	807		
05/23-31/12	32,813	8,158	6	3	383	0.77	10	39	97	<5	730		
05/25/12	36,202	9,223	6	3	352	0.71	8	36	94	<5	690		
05/25/12	36,988	5,080	6	3	426	0.84	12	45	104	<5	804		
05/29/12	25,684	3,227	5	3	409	0.74	10	40	90	<5	747		
06/05/12	39,868	4,603	<5	3	341	0.61	9	32	81	<5	655		
06/06/12	39,886	8,703	6	3	366	0.97	9	38	98	<5	713		
06/11-13/12	16,839	2,009	6	4	389	0.69	9	38	97	<5	752		
06/12/12	37,945	7,264	6	3	359	0.72	9	37	96	<5	713		
06/20/12	19,977	4,534	7	4	390	1.3	9	40	121	<5	786		
06/20/12	20,688	4,342	6	3	396	0.95	8	37	107	<5	780		
06/21/12	20,239	5,415	7	3	393	0.91	9	35	91	<5	721		

TABLE 13 (Continued): CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN CENTRIFUGE CAKE AND SEMI-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/dry	kg					
06/29/12	29,773	5,299	7	4	414	0.85	11	44	131	<5	894
07/02/12	28,117	4,422	7	4	410	1.0	10	44	130	<5	917
07/02-03/12	35,693	7,379	7	3	396	0.72	11	41	97	<5	807
07/03/12	22,952	4,111	8	3	430	1.1	9	37	122	<5	1,080
07/03-06/12	41,952	8,551	7	4	386	0.93	9	40	105	<5	805
07/06-07/12	15,293	3,327	8	4	401	0.68	10	42	107	<5	852
07/07/12	33,894	7,669	7	4	435	0.67	12	44	101	< 5	859
07/07/12	17,952	2,598	6	4	443	0.65	11	44	103	<5	876
07/09/12	26,412	7,742	6	3	444	0.87	10	42	98	<5	781
07/09-12/12	16,976	4,586	8	3	377	0.99	10	38	106	<5	778
07/10/12	38,426	3,720	5	3	388	0.95	12	36	95	<5	770
07/10-14/12	37,039	10,726	8	3	352	0.92	10	36	96	<5	707
07/11-12/12	19,006	4,709	5	3	359	0.71	8	30	92	<5	727
07/12-13/12	19,229	4,459	10	3	393	0.91	10	41	111	<5	786
07/13/12	23,863	4,739	7	4	411	1.0	10	40	118	<5	808
07/13/12	23,922	3,996	8	4	405	1.0	11	41	122	<5	827
07/13-14/12	18,179	3,458	9	3	413	0.89	11	40	108	<5	798
07/16-17/12	38,557	10,396	6	3	364	0.69	9	35	87	<5	700
07/18/12	29,758	5,834	6	4	426	1.0	10	42	125	<5	836
07/18/12	29,913	5,116	7	4	417	1.1	10	41	123	<5	822

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Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/dry	kg					
07/19/12	25,427	5,311	7	4	423	0.95	10	42	127	<5	839
07/23/12	20,427	2,639	5	4	449	1.0	10	43	127	<5	886
07/23/12	15,350	4,021	7	4	461	1.1	10	42	129	<5	856
07/23-24/12	12,801	4,000	8	3	441	0.83	9	38	111	<5	826
07/23-26/12	20,884	3,197	6	4	444	1.2	10	42	125	<5	851
07/26/12	19,984	4,336	7	4	460	1.7	-11	42	126	<5	862
07/27/12	32,063	9,292	6	3	378	0.77	9	35	88	<5	717
07/30/12	32,360	10,600	6	3	384	0.89	10	36	91	<5	725
08/01-04/12	35,767	10,161	7	3	372	0.92	11	38	94	<5	756
08/03/12	17,419	2,590	9	3	419	0.93	9	37	113	<5	801
08/03/12	10,950	2,932	7	3	428	1.1	9	38	102	<5	821
08/06-07/12	33,023	11,880	7	3	386	0.95	11	39	95	<5	778
08/07/12	38,666	3,972	<5	3	425	1.0	11	38	115	<5	838
08/20-23/12	40,887	9,984	7	3	398	0.72	12	40	101	<5	717
08/20-21/12	39,178	7,337	9	3	387	0.89	11	41	128	<5	843
08/21-24/12	29,029	3,215	9	3	414	0.82	10	40	122	<5	855
08/22/12	22,030	1,814	9	3	424	0.86	10	40	124	<5	860
08/24/12	26,644	3,732	7	4	419	0.98	12	45	132	<5	885
08/29/12	20,871	4,126	6	4	400	1.1	11	42	126	<5	844
09/06/12	26,535	4,398	6	4	413	1.0	11	42	127	<5	826
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Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
	 .				mg/dry	kg					
09/12/12	28,795	5,094	6	4	409	1.1	10	41	127	<5	823
09/12-13/12	24,255	2,115	8	3	412	0.98	9	37	113	<5	795
09/15/12	28,933	5,834	6	3	400	1.1	11	40	123	<5	811
09/16/12	27,776	5,514	7	4	414	1.1	11	42	132	<5	901
09/19/12	36,459	12,921	6	3	411	0.84	14	42	103	<5	863
09/19/12	26,243	4,972	8	3	411	0.79	11	41	104	<5	869
09/24/12	28,941	4,824	7	4	438	0.77	12	45	137	<5	898
09/24-29/12	43,739	11,163	5	3	448	0.29	13	41	114	<5	878
09/29/12	28,073	4,782	6	3	415	0.55	11	41	102	<5	836
10/01/12	30,717	5,540	7	3	418	0.64	11	41	99	<5	831
10/01-05/12	40,608	9,753	<5	3	429	0.91	13	40	120	<5	892
10/04/12	43,160	3,612	<5	3	431	0.67	13	39	105	<5	840
10/06/12	37,508	8,232	5	3	408	1.0	12	41	121	<5	860
10/08-10/12	36,725	8,511	6	3	445	0.89	10	41	123	<5	928
10/11-12/12	34,332	8,806	8	3	407	1.0	10	40	116	<5	824
10/17/12	32,840	5,697	6	3	402	0.86	11	40	98	<5	850
11/07/12	25,858	6,301	7	3	421	0.94	8	40	117	<5	830
11/08/12	37,511	3,697	<5	2	379	0.92	12	39	95	<5	761
11/08-10/12	13,681	2,800	8	3	418	0.83	10	40	125	<5	850
11/09-10/12	26,659	3,716	8	3	375	0.85	9	36	112	<5	745

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Мо	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
		mg/dry kg									
11/13/12	27,693	4,282	8	3	402	0.93	9	38	122	<5	800
11/14-15/12	22,275	2,396	8	3	414	0.96	9	40	127	<5	832
11/15/12	24,025	4,126	9	3	391	0.88	10	37	117	<5	781
11/16/12	25,641	4,526	8	3	398	0.77	10	38	107	<5	761
11/19/12	28,794	4,710	7	3	402	0.72	10	39	98	<5	792
11/19-23/12	33,075	4,614	7	3	422	1.4	10	43	108	<5	852
11/20-21/12	29,116	4,086	9	3	436	0.92	10	42	123	<5	873
11/20/12	28,806	4,180	9	3	409	0.85	9	40	115	<5	817
11/23/12	32,168	5,198	7	3	419	0.81	10	42	106	<5	839
11/26/12	34,826	5,909	7	3	407	0.83	11	40	95	<5	802
11/26-28/12	27,921	3,461	10	3	394	0.87	9	37	111	<5	802
11/30/12	41,302	6,205	5	3	426	0.95	14	41	114	<5	863
12/01/12	34,854	4,341	<5	2	377	1.0	12	37	96	<5	741
12/03/12	35,729	7,719	5	3	435	0.95	11	39	118	<5	866
12/03/12	29,790	5,504	7	3	414	1.5	11	40	101	<5	816
12/04/12	39,762	3,686	<5	2	388	1.0	12	41	92	<5	743
12/05/12	23,690	4,268	9	3	456	0.95	11	44	125	<5	903
12/05/12	18,872	2,674	8	3	413	0.84	10	40	114	<5	846
12/06/12	17,875	2,753	11	3	392	0.92	9	37	110	<5	788
12/12/12	49,734	7,750	<5	2	620	0.88	8	55	46	<5	735

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TABLE 13 (Continued): CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS IN CENTRIFUGE CAKE AND SEMI-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
					mg/dry	kg					
12/12/12	31,651	4,436	8	3	402	0.74	10	40	98	<5	788
Minimum	10,950	676	<5	2	283	0.29	7	29	30	<5	561
Mean ¹	30,920	5,723	7	3	405	0.91	10	40	107	<5	794
Maximum	67,939	14,391	11	4	629	2.2	14	67	137	<5	1,080
503 Limit	NL^2	NL	41	39	1,500	17	75	420	300	100	2,800

¹In calculating each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.
²No limit.

TABLE 14: DIGESTER TEMPERATURES AND DETENTION TIMES DURING PROCESSING OF BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO FARMLAND IN 2012

Month	Average Temperature	Average Detention Time	Meets Part 503 Class B Requirements	Minimum Detention Time Required by 503.32b3 ¹
	°F	days		days
January	97.2	35.8	yes	15.0
February	97.3	27.4	yes	15.0
March	97.7	25.3	yes	15.0
April	97.7	30.3	yes	15.0
May	97.4	24.4	yes	15.0
June	98.2	26.9	yes	15.0
July	98.8	35.4	yes	15.0
August	98.6	30.2	yes	15.0
September	98.5	54.1	yes	15.0
October	98.2	35.0	yes	15.0
November	97.9	33.6	yes	15.0
December	98.2	43.9	yes	15.0

¹For anaerobic digestion at average temperature achieved.

TABLE 15: SITES THAT UTILIZED STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS UNDER THE CONTROLLED SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN 2012

User	Use/Location
Benet Accademy, Lisle	Athletic fields
Chicago Park District, Chicago	Athletic fields - Horner, Smith, West Lawn Parks
Cinder Ridge Golf Course, Wilmington	Golf course
Coyote Run Golf Course, Flossmoor	Golf course
Downers Grove High School, Downers Grove	Athletic fields
Frankfort Square Park District, Frankfort	Athletic fields - Union Creek Community Park
Franklin Park Park District, Franklin Park	Athletic fields - Birch, Chestnut, North Parks Park
Hanover Park Park District, Hanover Park	Athletic fields - Harbors Park East
Hinsdale Park District, Hinsdale	Athletic fields - KLM, Peirce, Veeck Parks
Hubble Middle School, Warrenville	Athletic fields
Joliet Township High Scool, Joliet	Athletic fields
Lemont Park District, Lemont	Athletic fields - Covington Knolls Park
Lisle Park District, Lisle	Athletic fields - Athletic Community Park
Lombard Park District, Lombard	Athletic fields - Lombard Park
Mid Iron Golf Course, Lemont	Golf course
Midlothian Park District, Midlothian	Athletic fields - Memorial Park
Northfield Park District, Northfield	Athletic fields - Willow Park
Oak Lawn Park District, Oak Lawn	Athletic fields - Centennial Park, Memorial Park
River Trails Park District, Mt. Prospect	Athletic fields, landscaping - Marvin S. Weiss Community Center

TABLE 15 (Continued): SITES THAT UTILIZED STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS UNDER THE CONTROLLED SOLIDS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN 2012

User	Use/Location
River Trails Park District, Prospect Heights	Athletic fields - Willow Trails Park
River Trails Park District, Mt. Prospect	Athletic fields, landscaping - Burning Bush Community Center
Romeoville Park District, Romeoville	Athletic fields - Volunteer Park
St. Charles Park District, St. Charles	Athletic fields - James O. Breen Park
St. Linus School, Oak Lawn	Athletic fields
Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Cicero	Landscaping
Tinley Park Park District, Tinley Park	Athletic fields - Bristol, Centennial, Vogt Wood Parks
Twin Orchard Golf Club, Long Grove	Golf course
Village Greens, Woodridge	Athletic fields
Village of Orland Hills	Athletic fields - Ridgegate Park
Waukegan Park District, Waukegan	Athletic fields - Waukegan Park
West Chicago Park District, West Chicago	Athletic fields - Cornerstone Park
York Center Park District, Lombard	Athletic fields - Lake Yelenich Park

TABLE 16: CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS AND VOLATILE SOLIDS REDUCTION IN AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO LAND IN 2012

				TVS ¹		~.	~			.	D1	a	-
Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	TVS	Reduction	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Мо	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
	mg/dr	y kg		- %				mg/d	ry kg -				
06/05/12	23,991	3,064	43.0	56.2	8	3	420	1.1	13	46	106	<5	802
06/06-08/12	25,402	2,854	43.8	49.0	7	3	397	0.67	10	38	93	<5	730
06/11-15/12	22,071	2,987	43.1	56.0	8	3	429	0.94	11	41	109	<5	82
06/26/12	25,005	3,614	42.9	56.2	8	3	476	0.95	11	45	113	<5	92
06/27-28/12	17,351	2,897	44.4	47.8	7	3	429	0.79	11	43	98	<5	84
07/30-31/12	10,478	2,137	40.3	52.3	8	3	448	1.4	10	40	122	<5	83
08/06/12	21,550	3,012	42.4	48.0	9	3	422	1.0	11	41	125	<5	85
09/12/12	21,452	696	40.2	52.5	7	3	408	0.92	9	38	116	<5	79
09/21/12	18,134	527	36.5	59.4	10	3	404	1.0	9	39	128	<5	86
09/26-28/12	21,152	793	40.9	51.1	10	3	444	0.95	10	40	126	<5	87
10/01-03/12	23,316	576	40.9	51.1	8	3	441	0.72	10	41	125	<5	89
10/03/12	34,070	5,083	46.1	39.7	8	3	434	0.83	12	41	115	<5	84
10/08-11/12	27,798	3,452	42.3	48.3	10	3	443	1.3	9	43	124	<5	87
10/11-12/12	26,576	3,479	42.0	48.9	11	3	421	1.1	8	39	124	<5	82
10/17/12	22,911	2,530	39.8	53.4	8	4	459	1.1	11	44	134	<5	94
11/01-02/12	23,463	3,194	41.7	49.6	7	3	415	1.1	9	39	121	<5	81
11/09/12	20,897	2,987	38.9	55.0	7	3	414	0.99	10	40	128	<5	83
11/13-16/12	22,854	2,753	43.3	46.1	8	3	414	0.93	10	39	125	<5	82
11/20/12	27,274	3,456	43.1	46.5	8	3	423	0.84	11	40	119	<5	83

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TABLE 16 (Continued): CONCENTRATIONS OF NITROGEN AND METALS AND VOLATILE SOLIDS REDUCTION IN AIR-DRIED BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND APPLIED TO LAND IN 2012

Sample Date	TKN	NH ₃ -N	TVS	TVS ¹ Reduction	As	Cd	Cu	Hg	Mo	Ni	Pb	Se	Zn
	mg/d	ry kg		- %				dry	kg				
11/28/12	29,646	3,345	40.9	51.1	10	3	414	1.1	11	39	117	<5	814
Minimum	10,478	527	36	40	7	3	397	0.67	8	38	93	<5	730
Mean ²	23,270	2,672	42	51	8	3	428	0.99	10	41	118	<5	843
Maximum	34,070	5,083	46	59	11	4	476	1.4	13	46	134	<5	948
503 Limit	NL^3	NL	NL	38	41	39	1,500	17	75	420	300	100	2,800

¹Total volatile solids for digester feed processed during 9/9/07 – 11/30/11 were used to calculate TVS reductions.

²In calculating each mean, any value less than the reporting limit was considered the reporting limit.

³No limit.

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TABLE 17: MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF BIOSOLIDS¹ GENERATED BY NON-COMPLIANT PROCESS TO FURTHER REDUCE PATHOGENS-EQUIVALENT CODIFIED PROCESSING TRAINS AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT DURING AUGUST 2011 THROUGH JULY 2012

Sample Date ²	Lagoon Source	Total Solids	Fecal Coliform	Sample Date ³	Helminth Ova	Enteric Virus
		%	MPN ⁴ /g		No./4g	PFU ⁵ /4g
08/17/11	27	76.3	8	08/17/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
08/24/11	25	73.1	80	08/17/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
04/26/12	25	67.1	150	10/19/11	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
05/31/12	29	89.0	2	05/23/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
06/27/12	27	84.8	130	05/09/12	< 0.0800	< 0.8000
07/11/12	27	83.6	81	06/14/12	< 0.0800	<0.8000

¹All biosolids satisfied Part 503 Class A requirements.
²Sample dates apply to FC samples only.
³Samples for HO and V analyses for each batch of non-PFRP biosolids were collected before the material was dried and used in 2012.

⁴Most probable number. ⁵Plaque-forming unit.

TABLE 18: MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF CLASS A BIOSOLIDS GENERATED AT THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND SAMPLED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT TO URBAN LAND IN 2012

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%0	MPN ¹ /g
67.1	150
76.8	650
89.0	2
84.8	130
83.6	81
60.0	840
65.3	100
59.0	9
71.2	40
58.4	5
57.4	66
64.8	44
	58.4 57.4

¹Most probable number.

Site-Specific Process to Further Reduce Pathogens

As previously stated, the USEPA Region 5 designated, on a site-specific basis, two of the Stickney WRP biosolids processing trains as equivalent to a PFRP. All of the Stickney WRP's biosolids generated or utilized in 2012 were not compliant with the criteria in the codified operating parameters of the PFRP-equivalent process trains with respect to the digester holding time. No PFRP-compliant biosolids were available for testing according to the PFRP certification. Therefore, all biosolids generated were tested for pathogens according to Section 503.32a5.

Centrifuge Cake Biosolids to Pelletizing Facility

In 2012, the Stickney WRP sent a total of 36,955 dry tons of centrifuge cake biosolids to the pelletizing facility owned and operated by Metropolitan Biosolids Management, LLC, Stickney, Illinois under Contract No. 98-RFP-10. Metropolitan Biosolids Management is responsible for final utilization, monitoring, and reporting requirements for these biosolids.

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO BIOSOLIDS DISTRIBUTED TO LANDFILLS UNDER 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PARTS 258 AND 261

Biosolids from two of the District's WRPs (Stickney and Calumet) were sent to landfills in 2012 for disposal. Biosolids shipped to these landfills were analyzed as specified in 40 CFR Part 261 to establish the nonhazardous nature of this material for co-disposal. Analytical results, including toxic characteristic leaching procedure constituents, polychlorinated biphenyls, cyanide, sulfide, and paint filter test, are submitted to the landfill company to satisfy the requirements of their IEPA permit. District biosolids have always met the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 258 and 261, and the Illinois nonhazardous waste landfill regulations (Title 35, Subtitle G, Chapter I, Subchapter H, Part 810). In 2012, a total of 1,089 dry tons of District biosolids (874 dry tons from the Stickney Plant and 215 dry tons from the Calumet Plant) was co-disposed with municipal solid wastes at non-hazardous waste landfills.

APPPENDIX I

BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO UNDER 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 503



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January 28, 1994

Mr. Michael J. Mikulka
Chief of Compliance Section
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Mikulka:

Subject: Sludge Management Programs of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Under 40 CFR Part 503

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) has three sludge management programs that employ sewage sludge applications to land under the 40 CFR Part 503 Regulations. These programs are the Fulton County, Illinois land application site, the Hanover Park Fischer Farm at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, and the Controlled Solids Distribution Program. The District feels that it is important to define its interpretation of the 40 CFR Part 503 Regulations with respect to each of these programs.

On July 22, 1993, we sent Mr. John Colletti, then Acting Sludge Coordinator, a letter (copy attached) expressing our concerns regarding compliance monitoring, record keeping and reporting under 40 CFR Part 503 for each of these programs.

The District believes that its existing sludge management programs are conservative, and that monitoring and environmental protection measures far exceed the requirements of the Part 503 Regulations. This letter is designed to inform you of the conservative nature of these sludge management programs, and the fact that they are in complete compliance with the spirit and specific language of the Part 503 Regulations.

Fulton County Illinois Site

The District considers the application of sewage sludge at its Fulton County, Illinois site to be under "Land Application" section (subpart B) of the Part 503 Regulations. Sewage sludge is applied at rates approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for reclamation of disturbed strip-mine spoils. Under the current permit with the IEPA (Permit No. 1993-SC-4294 issued December 3, 1993), sewage sludge is being applied at an agronomic rate to supply nutrients for productive crop yields.

Sewage sludge applied at the site will contain metal concentrations below the pollutant limits established in Table 3 of Part 503.13, subsection b(3) of the regulations. As a result, the Part 503 cumulative pollutant limits in Table 4 of Part 503.13 substation b(4) will not apply to future applications of sewage sludge at the Fulton County site.

Sewage sludge applied at the Fulton County site will far exceed the Class B pathogen requirements by conservatively achieving operating temperature and detention times in excess of the Part 503 anaerobic digester operating requirements (§503.32b3).

The Part 503 vector attraction reduction requirements will be easily met since the District consistently reduces the volatile solids content of the Fulton County sludge far greater than the required 38 percent (§503.33b1).

The Part 503 Regulations do not specify what kind of crop can be grown under land application. Crops typically grown at the site are corn, winter wheat, and hay. Corn and winter wheat grown on sludge application fields are sold for ethanol production, and animal feed. Hay grown on application fields receiving supernatant from on-site lagoons containing sewage sludge is currently harvested three times per year, as specified under the existing IEPA permit. This hay is used as animal feed or mulch for project reclamation activities.

The Class B pathogen requirements for the supernatant application field where hay is grown will be met by ensuring that supernatant application ceases 30 days before hay crop harvesting.

The Part 503 Regulations do not specify what kind of surface water protection system is required for land application. The permitting authority, on a case-by-case basis, may impose more stringent requirements when necessary to protect the public health and the environment. Sewage sludge application fields at the Fulton County site are bermed, and have runoff retention basins designed to capture all runoff.

Waters released from the 65 retention basins at the site must, and do meet standards specified in the existing IEPA discharge permit for pH, total suspended solids, fecal coliforms, and biochemical oxygen demand. Although not required in the Part 503 Regulations, these restrictions show that District operations at the Fulton County site are designed to minimize contamination of surface waters.

Supernatant application fields at the site are not bermed. However, supernatant application in the fields is controlled so that it does not contaminate indigenous ponds and strip-mined reservoirs. Although such restrictions are not required in the Part 503 Regulations, they prevent contamination of waters used by wildlife and water fowl.

The Class B pathogen requirements in the Part 503 Regulations dictate that public access to application fields be limited. The District will comply with the Class B pathogen requirement for restricted public access by a combination of fencing, posted signs, locked gates, and security guards. These measures are conservative and far exceed the public access requirements in the Part 503 Regulations.

The Part 503 Regulations prohibit the adverse modification or destruction of endangered species or their critical habitat. The District has no evidence to indicate that sludge applications have affected the habitat of wildlife species at the site.

The Part 503 Regulations do not specifically prohibit bulk sewage sludge application to flooded, frozen, or snow covered lands. The regulations state, however, that any sludge applied to these lands may not enter surface waters or wet lands. The District does not apply sewage sludge to floodplains, frozen, or snow covered ground at the Fulton County site. The site permit with the IEPA prohibits applying sewage sludge under these conditions.

The Part 503 Regulations state that bulk sewage sludge may not be applied within 10 meters of a surface water body unless authorized by a permit. The District does not apply sewage sludge within 10 meters of the waters of the state. The District's IEPA permit specifies that sludge shall not be applied to land which lies within 200 feet (61 meters) of surface waters.

The Part 503 Regulations require that the land application of bulk sewage sludge may not exceed the agronomic rate for the particular agricultural, forest or public contact site. In some cases the permitting authority may specifically authorize the application of sludge to a reclamation site at an annual rate that exceeds the agronomic rate. The District is currently applying sewage sludge at an application rate of 57 dry tons per acre per year on bermed sludge application fields, and 25 dry tons per acre per year on nonbermed fields. Technical justification for the sludge application rate of 57 dry tons per acre per year is given in the attachment entitled "Fulton County." This application rate is approved under the IEPA permit.

Hanover Park Fischer Farm

The District considers the application of sewage sludge at its Hanover Park Fischer Farm site to fall under the "Land Application" section (subpart B) of the Part 503 Regulations. Sewage sludge is applied at a rate of 20 dry tons per acre per year as specified in the IEPA permit (Permit No. 1992-SC-0942 issued August 18, 1992) for the site.

Sewage sludge applied at the site is far below the pollutant concentration limits established in Table 3 of Part 503.13, subsection b(3) of the regulations for metals.

Sewage sludge applied at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm site conservatively meets the Class B pathogen requirements by either fecal coliform analysis (\$503.32b2), or by meeting the Part 503 anaerobic digester operating temperature and detention time requirements (\$503.32b3).

The District will ensure that the Part 503 vector attraction reduction requirements are met by electing to subsurface inject all sludge applied to the site.

The Part 503 Regulations do not specify what kind of crop can be grown under land application. A straw crop is currently being grown at the site, with the straw removed and the grain left in the field.

The Part 503 Regulations do not state what type of surface and groundwater protection system is required. All fields at the site are bermed and all surface water is collected. The entire site is endowed with an extensive system of drainage tile, which collects all the soil percolate. The runoff and percolate are returned to the water reclamation plant for tertiary treatment.

The District's sludge application to land program at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant far exceed any surface water and groundwater protection requirement specified in the Part 503 Regulations.

The Part 503 Class B pathogen requirements limit public access to the sludge application fields. The District operations at Hanover Park far exceed the Part 503 requirements since the entire site is fenced with locked gates and security guards.

The Part 503 Regulations prohibit the adverse modification or destruction of endangered species or their critical habitat. The District has no evidence that sludge applications have affected the habitat of wildlife species at the site.

The Part 503 Regulations do not prohibit bulk sewage sludge application to flooded, frozen, or snow covered lands.

The regulations state, however, that any sludge applied to these lands may not enter surface waters or wetlands. The District does not apply sewage sludge to floodplains, frozen, or snow covered ground at the Hanover Park Fischer Farm. The site IEPA permit prohibits the application of sewage sludge under these conditions.

The Part 503 Regulations state that bulk sewage sludge may not be applied within 10 meters of a surface water body unless authorized by a permit. The District does not apply sewage sludge within 10 meters of the waters of the state. The site application fields are bermed and surface runoff is collected and returned to the plant for tertiary treatment. This management practice far exceeds the Part 503 requirements.

The Part 503 Regulations require that the land application of bulk sewage sludge may not exceed the agronomic rate for the particular agricultural, forest, or public contact site. The District is applying sewage sludge at an annual application rate of 20 dry tons per acre. Technical justification for this application rate is given in the attachment entitled "Hanover Park," and is approved under the IEPA permit.

Controlled Solids Distribution

The District has a sludge management program called the Controlled Solids Distribution Program. Sewage sludge under this program is given away for beneficial use at selected sites for landscaping and soil enrichment. The application of sewage sludge under this program is covered by IEPA Permit No. 1990-SC-1100.

Through the District's efforts to reduce the metals in the sludge with a vigorous industrial waste control program, the District's sewage sludge will be well below the metal limits specified in Part 503.13, subsection b(3), (Table 3). The anaerobic digesters producing sewage sludge for the District's Controlled Solids Distribution Program have detention times and operating temperatures which easily satisfy the Part 503 Class B pathogen requirements. The sewage sludge

destined for the Controlled Solids Distribution Program receives extensive treatment to reduce its volatile solids content, which far exceed the 38 percent volatile solids reduction requirement of the Part 503 vector attraction reduction requirements.

The Part 503 Regulations for land application of sewage sludge do not specify what kind of vegetation can be grown at sites receiving sludge. The District requires that only nonfood chain vegetation be grown at all sites receiving sludge under the Controlled Solids Distribution Program. This far exceeds the Part 503 requirements.

The Part 503 Regulations under 503.32(b) for Class B pathogen reduction requires that public access be restricted for one year if the site has a high potential for public exposure, and public access be restricted for 30 days at a site with a low potential for public exposure. The District will post signs and/or other means to restrict public access to these sites.

The Part 503 Regulations prohibit the adverse modification or destruction of endangered species or their critical habitat. The District has no evidence that endangered species are present in areas receiving sewage sludge under the Controlled Solids Distribution Program.

The Part 503 Regulations do not prohibit bulk sewage sludge application to flooded, frozen, or snow covered lands. The regulations state, however, that any sludge application to these lands may not enter surface waters or wetlands. The District does not apply sewage sludge to floodplains, frozen, or snow covered ground at sites receiving sludge under its Controlled Solids Distribution Program. The District's IEPA permit prohibits these activities.

The Part 503 Regulations has a specific management practice that bulk sewage sludge may not be applied within 10 meters of a surface water body unless authorized by a permit. The District does not apply sewage sludge within 10 meters of the waters of the state. The District's IEPA permit is more restrictive in that it specifies that sludge cannot be applied to land which lies within 200 feet (61 meters) of surface waters.

The Part 503 Regulations require that the land application of bulk sewage sludge may not exceed the agronomic rate for a particular agricultural, forest, or public contact site. In some instances, the permitting authority for a reclamation site may specifically authorize the application of sludge at an annual rate that exceeds the agronomic rate. At these sites, sewage sludge will either be applied at an agronomic application rate, or a reclamation rate depending upon the needs of the site. The District's current permit with the IEPA allows for a higher application rate related to site needs. Under the Part 503 Regulations, as noted in the attachment entitled "Fulton County," the permitting authority may authorize a variance from the agronomic rate by permit. The District has received this variance from the IEPA in its current permit for the Controlled Solids Distribution Program.

The above mentioned sludge management programs are an important part of the District's coperations and planning requirements for future sludge management activities. As described, the District feels that these programs comply with the requirements described in the Part 503 Regulations.

If you require additional information or have questions, don't hesitate to telephone me at (312) 751-5190.

Very truly yours,

Cécil Lue-Hing, D.Sc.

Director

Research and Development

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APPPENDIX II

DESIGNATION OF SITE-SPECIFIC EQUIVALENCY TO PROCESS TO FURTHER REDUCE PATHOGENS FOR METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO BIOSOLIDS PROCESSING TRAINS



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUN 20 2002

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

WN-16J

Mr. Jack Farnan
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Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District of Greater Chicago
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REF: Mr. Richard Lanyon's November 30, 2001, Letter Request for Site-specific Equivalency Certification for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) Biosolids Processing Trains at the Stickney and Calumet Waste Water Treatment Plants.

Dear Mr. Farnan:

We acknowledge receipt of the referenced letter request along with attachments A through I. This request conforms with the requirements of the Federal rules for the use and disposal of biosolids codified at 40 CFR part 503. These rules designate the Regional permitting authority to be responsible for determining equivalency, and require generators of biosolids to formally seek an equivalency certification of their process to further reduce pathogens (PFRP) from the permitting authority. To be equivalent, a treatment process must be able to consistently reduce pathogens to levels comparable to the other PFRP processes listed in part 503, Appendix B.

The granting of a site-specific equivalency designation by the Regional permitting authority—based on a thorough review of the adequacy of the process trains to consistently reduce pathogens in biosolids as indicated by the pathogen data, and in consultation with the Pathogen equivalency Committee (PEC)—certifies the biosolids generated by using a PFRP equivalent process is Class A with respect to pathogens. The pathogen standards are specified in section 503.32(a)(7)(i). However, the granting of a site-specific equivalency is limited to the set of process and operating conditions in use at the Stickney and Calumet waste water treatment plants at the time of the application for equivalency designation (Appendix B of the November 30, 2001, Letter Request), and as described by MWRDGC in its application for equivalency submitted to the PEC. The PEC is an US Environmental Protection Agency resource to provide technical assistance and recommendations to Regional permitting authorities regarding pathogen reduction equivalency in implementing the part 503 standards for use and disposal of biosolids.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUL 30 2012

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF.

WN-16J

Thomas C. Granato, Ph.D.
Director of Monitoring and Research
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District of Greater Chicago
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Re: June 1, 2012, Request for Renewal of Site-Specific Equivalency Determination for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC)

Biosolids Processing Trains at the Stickney and Calumet Wastewater Treatment Plants

Dear Dr. Granato:

We have received the above-referenced request on June 6, 2012, along with microbiological analyses of biosolids generated by MWRDGC between August 2002 and December 2011. We appreciate your interest in seeking renewal of MWRDGC's equivalency certification. You have also requested that data reporting be reduced and the sampling frequency for enteric viruses and helminth ova be retained at six times per year if your equivalency certification is renewed. The following discussion highlights the regulatory requirements of establishing equivalency, memorializes past Agency decisions, and provides Region 5's decision on your requests.

Biosolids are a product of wastewater treatment and are suitable for beneficial reuse in agriculture and other applications, subject to conformance with the Federal biosolids rules at 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 503 (503 Rules) addressing disease-causing organisms (pathogens) in biosolids. The 503 Rules establish requirements for classifying biosolids as either a Class A or Class B product with respect to pathogens. Class A requirements are met by treating the sewage sludge to reduce pathogens below detection levels, while the Class B requirements rely on a combination of treatment and site restrictions to reduce pathogens and potential exposure to pathogens. The 503 Rules provide a series of options for meeting the specific requirements for the two classes of biosolids.

One of the Class A options is to treat the sewage sludge by a process equivalent to a process listed in the 503 Rules, Appendix B. To be equivalent, a sewage sludge treatment process must be able to consistently reduce pathogens to levels comparable with the processes listed in Appendix B. Under the 503 Rules, the permitting authority (in this case, EPA Region 5) is responsible for determining equivalency.

MWRDGC's sewage sludge processing trains differ from those listed in Appendix B. In March 1998, MWRDGC submitted an equivalency application to EPA's Pathogen Equivalency Committee (PEC) and the Region for approval. The Region and the PEC reviewed MWRDGC's initial request and granted a site-specific and conditional equivalency in June 2002, for a period of 2 years. Subsequently, the Region granted four 2-year extensions, in effect until August 1, 2012.

We have reviewed your most recent renewal request and request for reporting and sampling frequency reduction. Based on the microbiological data provided to us, I am approving your equivalency renewal request for a period of five years, until August 1, 2017. This approval is subject to all conditions that were included in the initial approval and all subsequent extensions except as it relates to reporting. As part of your equivalency approval, you were required to submit semi-annual reports to EPA. Based on your past performance, we agree that annual reporting as required by the Part 503 rules is sufficient and therefore, approve the reduction to annual reporting. Regarding the retention of the reduction in sampling frequency for enteric viruses and helminth ova to six times per year, we would like to provide some clarification. This reduction is only allowed when MWRDGC's sewage sludge processing trains are not meeting the approved conditions for equivalency and you are analyzing the sewage sludge in accordance with 40 CFR 503.32(a)(5)(ii) and (a)(5)(iii) to meet Class A. Monthly sampling for enteric viruses and helminth ova is still required as part of your equivalency approval.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Mr. John Colletti of my staff, at (312) 886-6106.

Sincerely,

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Director, Water Division

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September 14, 2012

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Dear Ms. Hyde:

Subject: Clarification on July 30, 2012, Letter: Renewal of Site-Specific Equivalency to Process to Further Reduce Pathogens Designation of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Biosolids Processing Trains at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants

In a letter dated July 30, 2012 (attached), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) notified the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) that the site-specific equivalency to process to further reduce pathogens (PFRP) designation of the District's low- and high-solids biosolids processing trains at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants was renewed for a period of five years, until August 1, 2017. Based on a discussion with Mr. John Colletti of your staff, the District will operate as specified in this renewal letter and with the following clarifications:

- Sampling for enteric viruses and helminth ova will be done six times per year as part of the PFRP equivalency as approved in the 2010 renewal (attached) of the two-year certification.
- Since the reporting frequency is changed from semi-annual to annual, and monitoring data will be included in the annual USEPA 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 503 Rule (Part 503) report to the USEPA, the annual reporting begins with the 2012 calendar year. As such, no more semi-annual reports will be submitted from now onwards. The monitoring data for the period January through July 2012 of the previous certification period (August 2010 to July 2012) will be reported in the 2012 Part 503 report.

Subject: Clarification on July 30, 2012, Letter: Renewal of Site-Specific Equivalency to Process to Further Reduce Pathogens Designation of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Biosolids Processing Trains at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants

For additional information, please contact Dr. Albert Cox, Supervising Environmental Soil Scientist, at 708.588.4063.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Granato, Ph.D.

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Monitoring and Research

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUL 20 2010

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WN-16J

Mr. Louis Kollias
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Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District of Greater Chicago
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Re: May 17 2010, Request for Renewal of Site-specific Equivalency Determination for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC).

Biosolids Processing Trains at the Stickney and Calumet Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Dear Mr. Kollias:

We have received the above-referenced request on May 20, 2010, along with microbiological analyses of biosolids generated by MWRDGC between August 2002 and December 2009. We appreciate your interest in seeking renewal of MWRDGC's equivalency certification. You have also requested the sampling frequency for enteric viruses and helminth ova be reduced if your equivalency certification is renewed. The following discussion highlights the regulatory requirements of establishing equivalency, memorializes past Agency decisions, and provides Region 5's decision on your requests.

Biosolids are a product of wastewater treatment and are suitable for beneficial reuse in agriculture and other applications, subject to conformance with the Federal biosolids rules at 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 503 (503 Rules) addressing disease-causing organisms (pathogens) in biosolids. The 503 Rules establish requirements for classifying biosolids as either a Class A or Class B product with respect to pathogens. Class A requirements are met by treating the sewage sludge to reduce pathogens below detection levels, while the Class B requirements rely on a combination of treatment and site restrictions to reduce pathogens and potential exposure to pathogens. The 503 Rules provide a series of options for meeting the specific requirements for the two classes of biosolids.

One of the Class A options is to treat the sewage sludge by a process equivalent to a process listed in the 503 Rules, Appendix B. To be equivalent, a sewage sludge treatment process must be able to consistently reduce pathogens to levels comparable with the processes listed in Appendix B. Under the 503 Rules, the permitting authority

(in this case, EPA Region 5) is responsible for determining equivalency. MWRDGC's sewage sludge processing trains differ from those listed in Appendix B. In March 1998, MWRDGC submitted an equivalency application to EPA's Pathogen Equivalency Committee (PEC) and the Region for approval. The Region and the PEC reviewed MWRDGC's initial request and granted a site-specific and conditional equivalency in June 2002, for a period of 2 years. Subsequently, the Region granted three 2-year extensions, in effect until July 31, 2010.

We have reviewed your most recent renewal request and request for sampling frequency reduction. Based on the microbiological data provided to us, I am approving your equivalency renewal request for a period of two years, until August 1, 2012. This approval is subject to all conditions that were included in the initial approval and all subsequent extensions except as it relates to sampling frequency. With this approval, the sampling frequency for enteric viruses and helminth ova is reduced to six times per year.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Mr. John Colletti of my staff, at (312) 886-6106.

Sincerely,

Tinka G. Hyde

Director, Water Division