

## ATTACHMENT H BIOSOLIDS USE AND DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All biosolids generated by the Discharger shall be reused or disposed of in compliance with the applicable portions of:
  - a. 40 C.F.R. Part 503: for biosolids that are land applied, placed in surface disposal sites (dedicated land disposal sites or monofills), or incinerated; 40 C.F.R. 503 Subpart B (land application) applies to biosolids placed on the land for the purpose of providing nutrients or conditioning the soil for crops or vegetation. 40 C.F.R. 503 Subpart C (surface disposal) applies to biosolids placed on the land for the purpose of disposal.
  - b. 40 C.F.R. Part 258: for biosolids disposed of in Municipal Solid Waste landfills.
  - c. 40 C.F.R. Part 257: for all biosolids disposal practices not covered under 40 C.F.R. Parts 258 or 503.
2. The Discharger is responsible for assuring that all biosolids from its facility are used or disposed of in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 503, whether the Discharger reuses or disposes of the biosolids itself or transfers them to another party for further treatment, reuse, or disposal. The Discharger is responsible for informing subsequent preparers, appliers, or disposers of the requirements they must meet under 40 C.F.R. Part 503.
3. Duty to mitigate: The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize any biosolids use or disposal which may adversely impact human health or the environment.
4. No biosolids shall be allowed to enter wetland or other waters of the United States.
5. Biosolids treatment, storage, and use or disposal shall not contaminate groundwater.
6. Biosolids treatment, storage, and use or disposal shall not create a nuisance such as objectionable odors or flies.
7. The Discharger shall assure that haulers who transport biosolids off-site for further treatment, storage, reuse, or disposal take all necessary measures to keep the biosolids contained.
8. If biosolids are stored for over two years from the time they are generated, the Discharger must ensure compliance with all the requirements for surface disposal under 40 C.F.R. Part 503 Subpart C, or must submit a written request to EPA with the information in Part 503.20-(b), requesting permission for longer temporary storage.

9. Sewage sludge containing more than 50 mg/kg PCB's shall be disposed of in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 761.
10. Any off-site biosolids treatment, storage, use or disposal site operated by the Discharger within Region 4 (Los Angeles Region of RWQCB) that is not subject to its own Waste Discharge Requirements shall have facilities adequate to divert surface runoff from the adjacent area, to protect the site boundaries from erosion, and to prevent any conditions that would cause drainage from the materials in the disposal site to escape from the site. Adequate protection is defined as protected from at least a 100-year storm and from the highest tidal stage that may occur.
11. Inspection and Entry: The Regional Board, USEPA or an authorized representative thereof, upon the presentation of credentials, shall be allowed by the Discharger, directly or through contractual arrangements with their biosolids management contractors, to:
  - a. enter upon all premises where biosolids are produced by the Discharger and all premises where Discharger biosolids are further treated, stored, used, or disposed, either by the Discharger or by another party to whom the Discharger transfers the biosolids for further treatment, storage, use, or disposal;
  - b. have access to and copy any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit or of 40 C.F.R. Part 503, by the Discharger or by another party to whom the Discharger transfers the biosolids for further treatment, storage, use, or disposal; and
  - c. inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations used in the production of biosolids and further treatment, storage, use, or disposal by the Discharger or by another party to whom the Discharger transfers the biosolids for further treatment, storage, use, or disposal.
12. Monitoring shall be conducted as follows:
  - a. Biosolids shall be tested for the metals required in Part 503.16 (for land application) or Part 503.26 (for surface disposal), using the methods in "Test Methods for Evaluating Solids Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods" (SW-846), as required in Part 503.8(b)(4), at the following minimum frequencies:

<u>Volume (dry metric tons/year)</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
0 – 290	once per year
290 – 1500	once per quarter
1500 – 15000	once per 60 days
> 15000	once per month

For accumulated, previously untested biosolids, the Discharger shall develop a

representative sampling plan, which addresses the number and location of sampling points, and collect representative samples.

Test results shall be expressed in mg pollutant per kg biosolids on a 100% dry weight basis.

Biosolids to be land applied shall be tested for Organic-N, ammonium-N, and nitrate-N at the frequencies required above.

- b. Prior to land application, the Discharger shall demonstrate that the biosolids meet Class A or Class B pathogen reduction levels by one of the methods listed in Part 503.32. Prior to disposal in a surface disposal site, the Discharger shall demonstrate that the biosolids meet Class B levels or shall ensure that the site is covered at the end of each operating day.
  - c. For biosolids that are land applied or placed in a surface disposal site, the Discharger shall track and keep records of the operational parameters used to achieve Vector Attraction Reduction requirements in Part 503.33 (b).
  - d. Class 1 facilities (facilities with pretreatment programs or others designated as Class 1 by the Regional Administrator) and Federal facilities with > 5 mgd influent flow shall sample biosolids for pollutants listed under Section 307-(a) of the Clean Water Act (as required in the pretreatment section of the permit for POTWs with pretreatment programs.) Class 1 facilities and Federal facilities with > 5 mgd influent flow shall test dioxins/dibenzofurans using a detection limit of < 1 pg/g during their next sampling period if they have not done so within the past 5 years and once per 5 years thereafter.
  - e. The biosolids shall be tested annually, or more frequently if necessary, to determine hazardousness in accordance with California Law.
  - f. If biosolids are placed in a surface disposal site (dedicated land disposal site or monofill), a qualified groundwater scientist shall develop a groundwater monitoring program for the site, or shall certify that the placement of biosolids on the site will not contaminate an aquifer.
  - g. Biosolids placed in a municipal landfill shall be tested semi-annually by the Paint Filter Test (SW-846, Method 9095) to demonstrate that there are no free liquids.
13. The Discharger either directly or through contractual arrangements with their biosolids management contractors shall comply with the following 40 C.F.R. 503 notification requirements:
- a. A reuse/disposal plan shall be submitted to EPA Region IX Coordinator and, in the absence of other state or regional reporting requirements, to the state permitting

agency, prior to the use or disposal of any biosolids from this facility to a new or previously unreported site. The plan shall be submitted by the land applier of the biosolids and shall include: a description and a topographic map of the proposed site(s) for reuse or disposal, names and addresses of the applier(s) and site owner(s), and a list of any state or local permits which must be obtained. For land application sites, the plan shall include a description of the crops or vegetation to be grown, proposed nitrogen loadings to be used for the crops, and a groundwater monitoring plan if one exists.

- b. If the Discharger biosolids do not meet Part 503.13 Table 3 metals concentration limits, the Discharger must require their land applier to contact the state permitting authority to determine whether bulk biosolids subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in Part 503.12(b)(2) have been applied to the site since July 20, 1993, and, if so, the cumulative amount of pollutants applied to date, and background concentration, if known. The Discharger shall then notify EPA Region IX Coordinator of this information.
  - c. For biosolids that are land applied, the Discharger shall notify the applier in writing of the nitrogen content of the biosolids, and the applier's requirements under Part 503, including the requirements that the applier certify that the requirement to obtain information in Subpart A, and that the management practices, site restrictions, and any applicable vector attraction reduction requirements Subpart D have been met. The Discharger shall require the applier to certify at the end of 38 months following application of Class B biosolids that those harvesting restrictions in effect for up to 38 months have been met.
  - d. If bulk biosolids are shipped to another State or to Indian Lands, the Discharger must send written notice prior to the initial application of bulk biosolids to the permitting authorities in the receiving State or Indian Land (the EPA Regional Office for the area and the State/Indian authorities).
  - e. Notification of Part 503 non-compliance: The Discharger shall require appliers of their biosolids to notify EPA Region IX and their state permitting agency of any noncompliance within 24 hours if the non-compliance may seriously endanger health or the environment. For other instances of non-compliance, the Discharger shall require appliers of their biosolids to notify EPA Region IX and their state permitting agency of the non-compliance in writing within 10 working days of becoming aware of the non-compliance.
14. The Discharger shall submit an annual biosolids report to EPA Region IX Biosolids Coordinator and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board by February 19 of each year for the period covering the previous calendar year. The report shall include:
- a. The amount of biosolids generated that year, in dry metric tons, and the amount

- accumulated from previous years.
- b. Results of all pollutant monitoring required in the Monitoring Section above.
  - c. Descriptions of pathogen reduction methods, and vector attraction reduction methods, as required in Parts 503.17 and 503.27.
  - d. Results of any groundwater monitoring or certification by groundwater scientist that the placement of biosolids in a surface disposal site will not contaminate an aquifer.
  - e. Names and addresses of land appliers and surface disposal site operators, and volumes applied (dry metric tons).
  - f. Names and addresses of persons who received biosolids for storage, further treatment, disposal in a municipal waste landfill, or for other reuse/disposal methods not covered in 14.c, above, and volumes delivered to each.
15. The Discharger shall require all parties contracted to manage their biosolids to submit an annual biosolids report to EPA Region IX Biosolids Coordinator by February 19 of each year for the period covering the previous calendar year. The report shall include:
- a. Names and addresses of land appliers and surface disposal site operators, name, location (latitude/longitude), and size (hectares) of site(s), volumes applied/disposed (dry metric tons) and for land application, biosolids loading rates (metric tons per hectare), nitrogen loading rates (kg/ha), dates of applications, crops grown, dates of seeding and harvesting and certifications that the requirement to obtain information in Part 503.12(e)(2), management practices in Part 503.14 and site restrictions in Part 503.32(b)(5) have been met.