

Biosolids Management Policy

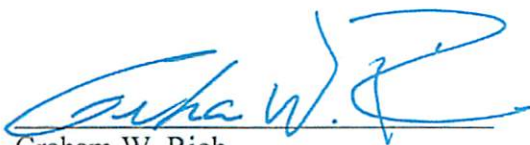
Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) will endeavor to beneficially reuse biosolids generated by our water resource recovery facilities. We will manage all residuals and biosolids in accordance with current best management practices, focusing on protection of the environment and benefit to the community. Our program will include, and will operate in accordance with, the National Biosolids Partnership's [NBP's] "Code of Good Practices."

Biosolids Mission Statement

ReWa's mission in the biosolids arena is to produce and coordinate the beneficial reuse or other disposition of biosolids in a safe and environmentally sound manner. This mission will be carried out in accordance with the NBP's Code of Good Practices, to the extent feasible under regulatory restrictions and economic best management practices.

Long-term Vision for Biosolids

1. ReWa will manage its biosolids in a manner that balances beneficial reuse with cost-effective use of resources.
2. ReWa will develop a long-term program consistent with providing maximum feasible flexibility in the management of biosolids.
3. ReWa will demonstrate excellence in the reuse and proper management of biosolids so as to educate others and enhance public acceptance of biosolids.
4. ReWa will ensure sustainability of the biosolids reuse program by identifying and developing diversified options, to the extent practical, for end-uses of its biosolids.



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Code of Good Practice

The “Code of Good Practice” (the Code) is a broad framework of goals and commitments that guide the production, management, transportation, storage, monitoring and disposal of biosolids. Those who embrace the Code are committed to “do the right thing”. Specifically, Code subscribers pledge to uphold the following principles of conduct:

Compliance: To commit to compliance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements regarding production, management, transportation, storage and use or disposal of biosolids.

Product: To provide biosolids that meets the applicable standards for their intended use or disposal.

Environmental Management System (EMS): To develop an environmental management system for biosolids that includes a method of independent third party verification.

Quality Monitoring: To monitor biosolids production and management practices.

Quality Practices: To require good housekeeping practices for biosolids production, processing, transport and storage and during final use or disposal malfunctions.

Contingency and Emergency Practices and Operations: To develop and implement response plans for unanticipated events such as inclement weather, spills and equipment malfunctions.

Sustainable Management Practices and Operations: To enhance the environment by committing to sustainable, environmental acceptable biosolids management practices and operations.

Preventive Maintenance: To prepare and implement a plan for preventative maintenance of equipment used to manage biosolids.

Continual Improvement: To seek continual improvement in all aspects of biosolids management.

Communication: To provide methods of effective communication with gatekeepers, stakeholders and interested citizens regarding the key elements of each environmental management system, including information relative to system performance.