
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION'S BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

WSSC'S MISSION STATEMENT

We are entrusted by our community to provide safe and reliable water, life's most precious resource, and return clean water to our environment, all in a financially responsible manner.

WSSC'S BIOSOLIDS MISSION STATEMENT

As biosolids professionals, we are dedicated to protecting public health and to protecting and enhancing the environment, its water, land and air resources. The mission of our biosolids management program is (i) to produce biosolids that are compatible with environmental considerations, and which meet or surpass the applicable standards for their intended use, and (ii) to participate in and provide support for advancing environmentally sound biosolids management practices.

WSSC'S BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT POLICY – OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

COMPLIANCE: We commit to compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements regarding production at our wastewater treatment facilities, and management, transportation, storage and management of biosolids away from these facilities.

PRODUCT: We will provide biosolids that meet the applicable standards for their intended use.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: We will develop an environmental management system for our biosolids that includes a method of independent third-party verification to ensure effective ongoing biosolids operations.

QUALITY MONITORING AND PRACTICES: We will enhance the monitoring of biosolids production and management practices and we will require good housekeeping practices for biosolids production, processing, transport, and storage and during final use.

CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS: We will develop response plans for unanticipated events such as inclement weather, spills and equipment malfunctions.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND OPERATIONS: We will enhance the environment by committing to sustainable, environmentally acceptable biosolids management practices and operations through an environmental management system.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: We will follow our preventive maintenance program on equipment used to manage biosolids and wastewater solids.

CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT: We will seek continual improvements in all aspects of biosolids management.

COMMUNICATIONS: We will communicate effectively with gatekeepers, stakeholders, and interested citizens regarding the key element of each environmental management system, including information relative to system performance.



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