2012 Biosolids Management Program Performance Report

The wait is over! And this year’s annual brochure is worth the wait!

- Be sure to forward to friends and colleagues so they can be entered onto our interested party list and into our raffle for movie tickets! They can also text "OCSEWERS" to 22828 to get started.

- Use the QR codes or click-through friendly links to learn even more about our program with special website articles.

2012 Annual Compliance Report Available

The annual compliance report is submitted to regulators in February of each year and made available on our website via www.ocsewers.com/503.

The annual report includes compliance information as well as conformance with our goals and information on management system.

QUARTERLY MOVIE RAFFLE WINNER

In celebration of our 10th year of having a certified biosolids program and to grow our stakeholder list, we are raffling off movie tickets each quarter. Everyone on our current stakeholder list is entered to win!

Congratulations to this quarter’s winner:
Tell your friends to sign-up!

Revisiting our Biosolids Policy

In February 2013, OCSD’s Board of Directors approved the updated policy that added several new commitments.

In spring of 2013, OCSD staff voted on whether and how to update the official policy statement to better reflect our new commitments. It was kept very much the same, with the revision of one word: “our.” We feel this is a testament to how robust our policy statement is.

OCSD strives to recycle our biosolids using sustainable options while protecting public health and the environment.

2013 Re-certification Third-Party Audit Scheduled

OCSD is celebrating 10 years of certification through the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) (www.biosolids.org).

We are kicking-off our third 5-year cycle with a re-certification audit that examines our entire program, including our contractors’ facilities and interested party feedback. The independent, third-party auditor measures OCSD’s biosolids program performance against the national standard (NBP requirements and expectations) for continual improvement.

The audit is scheduled to take place September 30 - October 4, 2013.

The audit scope and observation opportunity notice will be sent in advance of these dates.

You can review our Biosolids Management System manual at www.ocsewers.com/bms, or contact Rachel Van Exel (rvanexel@ocsd.com or 714.593.7407) if you would like more information.

New Hauler Bid Update

OCSD recently released a bid for haulers to take biosolids to our local landfill and potentially other locations.

The bid has closed and OCSD is in the process of awarding the contract. Check the July Board meeting agenda for more details. Agendas are usually posted to www.ocsewers.com/board one week prior to the meeting.

Biosolids Budget

OCSD has some of the lowest sewer rates in the state, in part, because of our effective management of biosolids and finances. The Fiscal Year 2012-13 biosolids hauling budget was slashed by $3 million mid-year, and we were able to stay under that revised budget. Read more about how we did it: www.ocsewers.com/biosolidsbudget.
Thank you for your interest in Orange County Sanitation District's Biosolids Program. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions on any aspect of our biosolids program, including what you would like to see in these periodic updates.

Thank you,
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