2014 Biosolids Management Program Performance Report

This year’s annual brochure (ocsewers.com/bmpp) is now available and features our performance in 2014, as well as a look at our future.

2014 Annual Compliance Report Available

The annual compliance report is submitted to regulators in February of each year and made available on our website via ocsewers.com/503. A summary article is available here: bit.ly/2014-Compliance503.

October Audit Results

The results from the October 2014 audit of OCSD’s biosolids management system (BMS) have been finalized. The auditor from LA City Bureau of Sanitation identified:
Four strengths,
One minor non-conformance to be corrected,
Four optional opportunities for improvement, and
Seven positive outcomes the BMS has produced over the past year.

More information is summarized in this article: bit.ly/2014-audit-article.

Final reports are available through the BMS Documents page or upon request to Rachel Van Exel: rvanexel@ocsd.com.

Centrifuge Installation & Truck Loading Rehab

For the last two years OCSD staff and their contractor have been working on the new centrifuge thickening and dewatering facility at Plant No. 1. The facility is due to come online in 2017 and includes rehabilitation of the biosolids truck loading facility.

The truck loading facility rehabilitation is underway and will take place in four phases over the next 600 days. Plant No. 1 recently switched to seven-day per week truck loading because two of the four loading facility storage silos were taken out of service for rehabilitation, which reduces the daily loading capacity.

Thank you to all our contractors and drivers for their support and patience during this important work!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leyla Perez: lperez@ocsd.com, 714.593.7471.

New Agreement for OCSD's Biosolids to Compost

In May, OCSD staff will be recommending that our Board of Directors approve an interagency agreement with the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority to haul an average of two trucks per day to the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility Recycling Center.

OCSD staff believes this is a valuable addition to our portfolio because our biosolids policy supports diversity in OCSD's biosolids management option locations, contractors, and facilities, as well as those options that are local (in-county, in-basin, closer to Orange County).

The Board package will be packaged posted here.

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

The Plant No. 2 digester cleaning contractor started in March.

The contractor is recycling the digester cleanings (grit-like material routinely removed from the bottom of digesters) at Nursery Products.

Nursery Products is a compost facility near Barstow, CA that has been operating since 2012.

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.

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