

Code of Good Practice

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The Code of Good Practice, as recommended by the Virginia Biosolids Council, provides voluntary guidance to Council members for responsibly generating and beneficially recycling biosolids in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Virginia Biosolids Council members encourage establishing performance objectives that support the following goals:

- Protecting the environment by using best management practices for the generation and recycling of biosolids;
- Minimizing adverse social impacts through the use of best practices; and
- Promoting education and awareness among the public and government officials about the generation and recycling of biosolids.

Specifically, the Council encourages our members to conduct their operations using the following guidance:

Product Quality

The generation of biosolids or recycling through agricultural application or by composting should be done in a manner that minimizes odor.

Communications

The information provided to local and state officials, farmers and the general public should be clear, accurate and timely.

Quality Practices

Quality practices should be implemented to minimize impacts of biosolids generation, transportation, storage and recycling on neighbors and other stakeholders. These practices include, but are not limited to: minimizing odors, dust, and dirt on roads at application and storage sites; implementing transportation schedules to minimize disturbances to neighbors; and implementing training programs to improve driver safety and emergency response.

Continual Improvement

Continual improvement in the area of product quality, communications and information and quality practices should be realized to improve operations.

Contingency Planning

Emergency response plans should be developed and implemented to account for unpredictable events with potential consequences, such as storms, traffic accidents, and equipment malfunctions.



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