



## CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

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The Virginia Biosolids Council's Code of Good Practice establishes guidelines for responsibly producing and managing exceptional quality Class A and high quality Class B biosolids for beneficial use and recycling in the Commonwealth of Virginia that is protective of public health and the environment. The Virginia Biosolids Council and its members have established measurable performance objectives to support the following goals:

- compliance with all applicable regulations for the safe production, transportation, staging and beneficial use of biosolids;
- manage instances of adverse social impact associated with the production, transportation, staging and management and beneficial use of biosolids on agricultural and forest lands of Virginia;
- effective communication to the public, farmers and government officials regarding the value and benefits of biosolids recycling in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
- commit to research of high-priority trace organics that support development of good policy and regulations that are protective of public health and the environment.

Specifically, the Code aims to contribute to the continuous improvement of its members through the following guidance:

### **Product Quality:**

The generation and management of biosolids for beneficial uses will comply with all regulatory requirements. The Council and its members support best management practices to minimize odors and ensure quality products that minimize social impacts and protect the environment. The Council and its members share technologies and processes demonstrated to improve operational practices and product quality.

### **Communications:**

Information provided to local and state officials, farmers and the public will be clear, accurate and timely. The Council encourages members to engage with diverse communities, citizens, interested stakeholders and government officials.

### **Continual Improvement:**

The Council promotes continual improvement in the area of product quality, communications and best management practices. Members participate and review research, case studies and regulations to identify opportunities and to improve performance and quality. The Council provides resources and guidance to members to support sustained best management practices in the production, staging, transportation and beneficial uses of biosolids.

### **Safety and Research:**

The Council and its members are committed to protecting the health and safety of its employees and the public. The Council promotes the development and implementation of spill prevention and incident and emergency response plans; and to advance biosolids knowledge by collaborating with research institutions.

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