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Please contact local officials regarding biosolids and PFAS

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Hello Everyone,

Vermont Rural Water and the Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA) are recommending that wastewater facilities be in contact with state and local officials regarding issues concerning biosolids disposal and PFAS. While there has not yet been action by the EPA and/or the Vermont legislature to restrict methods of biosolids disposal due to PFAS contamination, this is an imminent issue. Action by either organization could greatly impact wastewater treatment processes and the cost to local communities.

We have drafted a template letter and a graphic to help you start this conversation with your town manager, selectboard, city council, and/or state legislators. You should replace the italicized text in the letter with the appropriate names. Feel free to modify the letter to suit your system and your community. The graphic can be used to educate those who may not be familiar with the wastewater treatment process.

At this point, the goal of these efforts is to make cities and towns aware of these issues and that the cost of biosolids disposal may increase in the near future. We also hope to encourage state legislators to contact wastewater operators before passing any bill that relates to biosolids. We need legislators to understand the cost to communities and the impact to wastewater treatment facilities.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to Janine Burke-Wells, (603) 323-7654 x1 or janine@nebiosolids.org from the GMWEA Government Affairs Committee.

Thank you,

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