

Metro Wastewater Reclamation District  
Environmental Management System for Biosolids

**Element 2: Biosolids Management Policy**

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The following policy, referred to as the *Biosolids Reuse Policy*, was implemented by the Board of Directors with the adoption of Resolution No. 0704-6.f on July 20, 2004:

*It shall be the policy of the Metro District to beneficially reuse biosolids generated from the treatment of wastewater, except when necessary to meet operational or emergency situation. In all cases, the District will take steps necessary to protect the public health and environment, as well as comply with applicable regulatory requirements, be sensitive and responsive to public concerns, and strive for continual improvement in management its biosolids program.*

The Board of Directors also adopted a Resolution on July 16, 2002, pledging its commitment to the *Code of Good Practice (Code)* developed by the National Biosolids Partnership. The *Code* is a broad framework of goals and commitments to guide the production, management, transportation, storage, and use or disposal of biosolids. The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District embraces this *Code* and pledges to uphold its principles of conduct.

This *Biosolids Reuse Policy* and the *Code* are communicated to all employees, stakeholders, and other interested parties via various methods of dissemination. These include but are not limited to:

- Brochures
- Internet and Intranet Sites
- Bulletin board postings
- District EMS training

Contractors are limited to construction-related activities for the District's infrastructure, Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility (RWHTF) and the METROGRO Farm facilities, and therefore are not included in notification of the EMS for Biosolids Program of the *Biosolids Reuse Policy*.

To minimize any negative impacts to the high quality of biosolids produced by the District, the Project Impact Checklist procedure followed by project initiators and Department Project Managers includes a review and signoff by the EMS Coordinator. Engineering Project Managers will be responsible for overseeing construction activities to ensure the environmental issues are followed through.

The *Biosolids Reuse Policy* and the *Code of Good Practice* are both framed and displayed in various locations throughout the RWHTF and the METROGRO Farm.