

## The Code of Good Practice

This Code of Good Practice (the Code) was developed by the National Biosolids Partnership, an alliance between the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, Water Environment Federation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It is a broad framework of goals and commitments to guide the production, management, transportation, storage, and beneficial use or disposal of biosolids. The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District embraces this Code and pledges to uphold the following principles of conduct:

**Compliance:** To commit to compliance with all applicable federal, State, and local requirements regarding biosolids production at the wastewater treatment facility, and management, transportation, storage, and use or disposal of biosolids away from the facility.

**Product:** To provide biosolids that meet the applicable standards for their intended use or disposal.

**Environmental Management System:** To develop an environmental management system for biosolids that includes a method of independent third-party verification to ensure effective ongoing biosolids operations.

**Quality Monitoring:** To enhance the monitoring of biosolids production and management practices.

**Quality Practices:** To require good housekeeping practices for biosolids production, processing, transport and storage, and final use or disposal operations.

**Contingency and Emergency Response Plans:** To develop response plans for unanticipated events such as inclement weather, spills, and equipment malfunctions.

**Sustainable Management Practices and Operations:** To enhance the environment by committing to sustainable, environmentally acceptable biosolids management practices and operations through an environmental management system.

**Preventive Maintenance:** To prepare and implement a plan for preventive maintenance on equipment used to manage wastewater solids and biosolids.

**Continual Improvement:** To seek continual improvement in all aspects of biosolids management.

**Communication:** To provide methods of effective communication with gatekeepers, stakeholders, and interested citizens regarding the key elements of each environmental management system, including information relative to system performance.

