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Summary Texas Administration Code 30 TAC 312

To protect public health and environment, 30 TAC 312 sets the framework for sewage sludge (biosolids) regulations. It requires proper treatment, use and disposal of sewage sludge.

Sewage sludges are created for a good reason - they are the byproduct of processes that clean our sewage before the clean water is discharged into stream. New treatment processes hold promise for significantly reducing sludge production. There are currently limited options: landfilling, incineration or application to the land.

The US EPA adopted regulations in 1993 (40 CFR Part 503, known as Part 503; US EPA, 1993; US EPA, 1994) that establish minimum standards that must be met if sludges are to be landapplied. 30 TAC 312 is the Texas legislative adopted version of Part 503. The regulations include concentration limits for nine metals and for pathogens. The regulations establish Class A sludges, which have been treated to essentially eliminate pathogens and Class B in which pathogens are reduced but still present.

Mystery Bug Of The Month

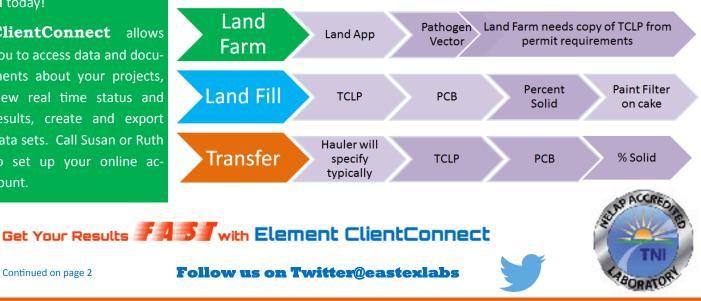


Can you guess what this is? Hint: Indicator of older sludge high MLSS, low F/M ratio or high MCRT.

Sludge Disposal

- Dewater the cake and send to landfill
- Wet haul your digester to a land farm beneficial use
- ٠ Move sludge to a transfer station for further processing
- Other options are incineration

Wastewater Permits detail sludge analysis, frequency and reporting in the Sludge Provisions section of your permit



Disposal Site Testing Analysis

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Testing or Treatment Class A & B

Class A	Class B	Brian Sewen	950-02
Vector	Vector	Wendy Willson	936-82
Sour <1.5 High %Solid > 75%	Sour <1.5 High %Solid > 75%	Rico Valley	936-82
8 Further Treatment Options	8 Further Treatment Options	Christopher Guinn	936-82
Pathogen – Fecal <1000 or Salmonella	Pathogen	Shawn Arnold	936-82
<3mpn/4g plus enteric virus and helminth ova	 Fecal <2,000,000 or Additional Treatment 	Mark Bourgeois	936-82
<1PFU/4g or 1 of 6 Additional treatment options		Lulia Galusha	936-82

Nutrients are used by Land Farm to calculate agronomic loading rates Metals have ceiling concentrations set in Permit

What is Class A

Cleaner than Class B More Commercial Pathogen has lower limit Do additional bacteria tests and or treatment processes

What is Class B

Higher Pathogen Limits Lower Analytical Cost Less treatment needed than Class A

ALL facilities have to report sludge activity to TCEQ by Sep 30th-specified in permit, sludge provisions (older permits may be Sep 1st).

Collection of sludge analysis has to be done by end of July (watch turnaround time if sampling at the end of July)

TCLP required in life of permit or as directed by hauler, permit or land fill.

Annual Sludge Report must include

- PCB mg/kg, metals
- TCLP pass or fail
- Dry Ton Calculations and amount of biosolids moved
- Also supplemental report will list Hauler ID, dates and locations of disposal, date of TCLP analysis. Most information comes from your haulers manifest and your lab reports largely dependent on your disposal option
- Reports may be filled out by a contractor



Thanksgiving schedule coming soon!

Call if you have questions about operation TG2015



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questions, call Eastex Lab and speak to Daniel Bowen.

If you like Eastex Lab to send

you reminders of

when your TCLP, LandApp, P&V are due, please let us know.

Answer to **Bug Of The Month:** Nematode