

Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies

# 2001 Summer Conference The Biosolids Challenge. . . Ensuring Success July 17-20, 2001

The Pfister Hotel Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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10:30 - 11:30 Strategic Planning Committee 11:45 - 1:15 Budget & Audit Committee

#### Afternoon

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1:00 - 2:00	Air Quality Committee
2:15 - 3:15	Pretreatment & Hazardous Waste Committee
3:30 - 5:00	Wet Weather Issues Committee
3:30 - 4:30	Biosolids Management Committee

#### Evening

6:00 - 7:30 Welcoming Reception

#### Wednesday, July 18

#### Morning

7:45 - 8:45 Water Quality Committee

7:45 - 8:45 Management & Operations Committee

9:00 - 12:00 *GENERAL SESSION I* 

Welcoming Remarks

#### Keynote Address

AMSA has invited U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Christine Todd Whitman to provide the opening Keynote Address for its 2001 Summer Conference.

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# Panel Discussion – BIOSOLIDS ISSUES IN THE FOREFRONT

Key EPA officials and AMSA members will provide conference attendees with a comprehensive overview of current regulatory developments in the biosolids arena. Receiving attention by the panel will be Part 503 regulatory revisions, dioxin, radioactivity, odor, incineration, and NIOSH Hazard ID 10. Attendees will be provided with a clear understanding of the state of play on these

issues as a foundation for the rest of the conference.

## Roundtable Discussion – BIOSOLIDS UNDER SCRUTINY

In a discussion moderated by an AMSA member agency representative, conference attendees will hear a range of perspectives on biosolids issues from the academic community, industry, and other stakeholders. This provocative roundtable will bring to light the divergent opinions fueling the biosolids debate.

# Closing Remarks/Announcements

#### Afternoon

12:00 - 1:15

Legislative Policy Committee

1:30 - 4:00

Risk Communication Workshop –

**BIOSOLIDS & BEYOND:** 

TALKING TO COMMUNITIES - DOING IT BETTER

Nationally known risk communication expert Dr. Peter Sandman will present a full afternoon of communication training focusing specifically on the challenges POTWs face in effectively managing their biosolids programs and important steps to take to ensure success.

Evening

6:00 - 7:30

Reception

Thursday, July 19

Morning

7:45 - 8:45

Legal Affairs Steering Committee

9:00 - 12:00

GENERAL SESSION II

**Opening Remarks** 

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Keynote Address – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: AN ALTERNATIVE TO COMMAND & CONTROL

EPA officials will discuss how the effective implementation of environmental management systems (EMS) can offer an alternative to the traditional command and control dynamic that has existed between EPA and the regulated community –

thus enhancing relationships and improving environmental quality and compliance.

Panel Discussion – THE EMS ELEMENTS: PRACTITIONERS' PERSPECTIVES

Officials from National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) EMS charter communities will provide important insights based on their experience implementing an EMS for biosolids. Panelists will discuss each of the key elements of a successful EMS and highlight some of the challenges they encountered while developing and implementing their programs.

Afternoon

12:30 - 4:30 Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Facility Tour — Jones Island

Wastewater Treatment Plant and Milorganite® Production Facility

12:30 - 5:30 15th Annual AMSA Open at The Bog

Evening

6:30 - 8:00 Reception

Friday, July 20

Morning

7:30 - 8:45

Regulatory Policy Committee

9:00 - 11:00

GENERAL SESSION III

**Opening Remarks** 

Keynote Address – EMS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This address will highlight the private sector's experience in implementing environmental management systems and illustrate how a comprehensive system can reduce regulatory compliance burdens and improve environmental performance.

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Panel Discussion – THE BUSINESS OF BIOSOLIDS: WHY IT'S WORTH IT

Through an informative panel discussion, AMSA member agencies will provide their real world perspectives on how turning biosolids into a business can help your agency's bottom line.

Closing Remarks/Announcements

11:00 - 1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

More information is headed your way, so don't forget to check your mail or click on AMSA's web site, www.amsa-cleanwater.org, for the most up-to-date information on the 2001

Summer Conference, The Biosolids Challenge...Ensuring Success.

Make your reservation at The Pfister Hotel TODAY!