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April 29, 2019

Subject: Biosolids

Mr. Monk,

Thank you for your email to the Board of County Commissioners dated April 24, 2019.

Our current biosolids management practices, in full compliance with all Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulations, provide for three options:

1. Proprietary chemical treatment to eliminate pathogens, dewatering, land application (Class AA - Exceptional Quality)
2. Dewatering, haul to FDEP permitted composting facility, land application (Class AA)
3. Dewatering, haul to landfill

Notwithstanding, we share some of your concerns. On June 8, 2018 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Indian River Lagoon National Estuaries Program sponsored a "Regional Biosolids Symposium" at the Indian River State College in Stuart, FL. An executive summary of the event is included with the TCRPC Memorandum (Agenda Item 6) and Resolution #18-03 adopted by the Council.

Additionally, on August 23, 2018, Martin County adopted Resolution No. 18-8.15 which reads in part...*to increase awareness of biosolids management issues, prioritize the reduction and eventual elimination of the land application of human wastewater biosolids...*

We will continue to monitor emerging technologies that may become available that would allow us to eventually eliminate the land application of human wastewater biosolids.

Sincerely,

Samuel T. Amerson, PE
Utilities & Solid Waste Director

C: Don Donaldson, PE, Deputy County Administrator