Wastewater Treatment

BIOSOLIDS PRODUCTION REPORT

Capital Regional District | May 2023

Summary of Biosolids Production & End Use

1. Amount of Biosolids Produced

Due to equipment failure at Lafarge, no Class A Biosolids produced at the Residuals Treatment Facility (RTF) were provided to Lafarge per the Definitive Plan. A total of 233 tonnes (t) were deposited in Hartland landfill.

Information on the CRD's biosolids beneficial use strategy can be found here. The Definitive Plan can be found here and the Contingency Plan can be found here.

Biosolids production and end use data for May 2023 is as follows:

Biosolids Type	Produced		End Use			
			Definitive Plan [b]	Contingency Plan: BGM [c]	Contingency Plan: Biocover [c]	Hartland Landfill [d]
Dried [a] Class A	This month	233 t	0 t	0 t	0 t	233 t
	Year to date	1,313 t	0 t	0 t	0 t	1,313 t
Non-Class A	This month	0 t				0 t
	Year to date	0 t				0 t

[a] Greater than 90% solids

[b] Used as an alternative fuel at the Lafarge cement manufacturing facility in Richmond, BC

[c] Land applied within the leachate containment area of Hartland Landfill

[d] Class A Biosolids are rendered inert by mixing with soil and landfilled within leachate containment areas, and Non-Class A Biosolids are landfilled as a controlled waste

2. Compliance Monitoring

The CRD's contractor, Hartland Resource Management Group (HRMG), tests biosolids produced at the RTF to ensure the biosolids are Class A, as defined by the British Columbia Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR). Testing is performed by CARO Analytical Services. OMRR specifies that for Class A biosolids, metals concentrations must not exceed "those specified in Trade Memorandum T-4-93 (September 1997), Standards for Metals in Fertilizers and Supplements, as amended from time to time." The latest version of OMRR can be found here and the latest version of Trade Memorandum T-4-93 can be found here. In June 2022, The Ministry of Environment

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and Climate Change Strategy announced the intention to amend OMRR, including new standards for Class A biosolids. Regulatory amendments are targeted for 2023. The proposed OMRR Standards have been included in the table for reference.

Class A biosolids compliance data for May 2023 is as follows:

Substance	OMRR Standard [a] (mg/kg dry weight)	Proposed OMRR Standard [b] (mg/kg dry weight)	Biosolids (mg/kg dry weight)		
			Average	Minimum	Maximum
Metals					
Arsenic (As)	666	41	1.70	1.61	1.81
Cadmium (Cd)	177	15	1.39	1.25	1.61
Chromium (Cr)	9,333	1000	39.1	34.4	42.9
Cobalt (Co)	1,333	150	2.64	2.45	2.77
Copper (Cu)	6,666	1500	406	370	439
Mercury (Hg)	44	4	0.542	0.509	0.559
Molybdenum (Mo)	177	20	6.96	6.89	7.12
Nickel (Ni)	1,600	180	16.8	15.1	17.9
Lead (Pb)	4,444	300	24.8	22.4	26.3
Selenium (Se)	124	25	4.31	3.91	4.85
Thallium (Tl)	44	ns	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Vanadium (V)	5,777	ns	13.1	11.8	13.6
Zinc (Zn)	16,444	1820	736	663	810
Fecal Coliforms					
MPN	1,000	1000	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0

[a] For metals, the maximum allowable concentrations for Class A biosolids are calculated based on a 500 kg/ha annual application rate; for fecal coliforms, the maximum allowable concentration is a fixed value

[b] Proposed OMRR standards are tabled for reference - standards subject to change once final OMRR amendment is published.

ns – no standard