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Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
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Via Email September 20, 2010

Consultation on a Canada-wide Approach for the Management of Wastewater Biosolids

Dear Sir/Madame:

In July 2008 CCME formed a Biosolids Task Group (BTG) composed of members from provincial, territorial and federal governments to develop a Canada-wide approach for the management of municipal wastewater biosolids. To inform their work, BTG conducted a review of existing legislation, developed a greenhouse gas calculator tool, and undertook a research study to investigate the efficacy of various treatment methods to reduce emerging substances of concern and concentrations of these substances in Canadian biosolids that are applied to land. BTG also developed a draft policy statement and principles for beneficial use of biosolids.

The attached background document provides information about the work to date, the draft policy statement and principles, and a draft table of contents for a guidance document on beneficial use of biosolids.

To support effective dialogue on the proposed approach, BTG invites your comment on the attached document. This is the first phase of consultation on the proposed approach. A second phase of consultation is planned for early 2011, which will include a draft guidance document on beneficial use of biosolids. This second phase will engage a broader audience and also allow for additional comments for those consulted in phase one.

Comments can be submitted using the attached comment form until October 29, 2010. For more information, contact Liz Dykman, CCME Secretariat at (204) 948-2281 or your jurisdiction's BTG representative. A list of BTG members is provided on the next page. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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