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From: Francesca Vietor [francesca@igc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:40 PM
To: Harrington, Ed
Subject: Re: FW: Biosolids Compost Statement for the SFWater.org homepage

Hi Ed,

Here are a few suggestions:

On the organics portion, I found this on a blog and I think it does a good job of describing the organics dilemma:

"Chemistry allows you to call sewage sludge organic as it contains carbon. Organic farming does not allow you to call sewage sludge Organic.

There is a simple solution to this dilemma.

Organic, used in farming, should always be capitalized since it is a formal name of a federally regulated process of growing and processing Ag products; organic chemistry should use lower case is a adverb describing a type of chemistry."

On the Metals section:

On the toxic content piece, I do not think it is helpful to equate it to a multi-vitamin or store bought manure compost, as all multis/composts are not created equal. I would delete all of that. I think it is better to say that "All the biosolid compost given out at events is tested to meet stringent federal guidelines and we will continue to test our biosolids compost for other toxins that may be of concern."

On Solutions:

~~DELETE: What is the solution? WE are the solution!~~

~~REPLACE: Become part of the solution!~~

San Francisco generates about 82,000 tons of biosolids (not biosolids compost) per year. Almost all of our city's biosolids is trucked out of city limits for reuse as soil amendment or landfill. Only 1% of our annual production is sent to the Merced biosolids composting facility. ~~DELETE: Of this, even less makes it back to San Francisco for our annual biosolids compost giveaways.~~

We always welcome public discussion on how to best reuse our biosolids. This is an issue we may not like to think about, but one that concerns us all. ~~DELETE: Our pilot biosolids compost program is an opportunity to minimize OUR waste exported out of the city and locally reuse a beneficial, tested product.~~

Comments/thoughts welcome. I am also reviewing it.

From: Jue, Tyrone
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Harrington, Ed
Subject: Biosolids Compost Statement for the SFWater.org homepage

Hey Ed,

Here is the biosolids compost statement for posting on the main homepage. Let me know if you have any changes.

Thanks,

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