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Biosolids Technology Hub: New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission Announces PFAS Information Clearinghouse



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The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission ("NEIWPCC") has announced the development of what is referred to as a Biosolids Technology Hub ("BioHub").

The BioHub is stated to have been created to serve as an online information clearinghouse on research and funding for piloting, planning, and permitting treatment of PFAS in municipal biosolids or sludge.

The rationale for the BioHub is stated to include:

...Novel technologies are being developed to treat PFAS in municipal wastewater and sludge. However, to understand whether these treatments destroy or remove PFAS, further study is needed to track what is in the air, water, and solid phases once the treatment is complete. Presently, wastewater facilities have limited treatment options as scientists and researchers work to develop these processes.

NEIWPCC in partnership with the North East Biosolids and Residuals Association has facilitated discussion among stakeholders from Northeast states' health and environment departments, wastewater treatment facilities, environmental consulting and law firms, universities, and national environmental organizations.

The BioHub webpage is stated to include downloadable summaries of crowd-sourced information intended to help regulators and Clean Water practitioners find solutions for municipal management and disposal.

The summaries focus on the information addressing the removal or destruction of PFAS in wastewaters, biosolids, or sludge and include:

- Published literature.
- Treatment projects.
- Technology vendors.

A link to the BioHub can be found here.