



WEF Residuals and Biosolids Conference 2022: Reconnecting with Residuals and Biosolids

May 24-27, 2022
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio, USA

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 2, 2021

This conference is organized by the Water Environment Federation in cooperation with the Ohio Water Environment Association.

Residuals and Biosolids Managers continually face uncertainty and new challenges: maintaining positive public perception, regulatory changes, striving for utility sustainability, and the ever-increasing need for resiliency. The 2022 WEF Residuals and Biosolids conference will share new technologies, successful innovations, and current best practices to allow industry professionals to achieve long-term success designing and managing biosolids programs. You are invited to share creative approaches in biosolids and residuals management with focus on proving flexibility, increasing resiliency, technology advances, and new product marketing approaches.

The conference will include oral presentations, interactive discussions, posters, pre-conference workshops, exhibits, mobile sessions, opportunities for networking in dynamic settings, as well as virtual components. Potential speakers are invited to submit an abstract for podium presentation, poster, workshop, virtual presentation, or mobile exhibitor floor session. It is requested that the abstract be submitted to the topic that best represents the main focus of the proposed paper. Conference topics being considered include the following:

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| A. Research & Innovations | I. Regulatory and Other Program Drivers |
| B. Troubleshooting & Optimization | J. Economics and Project Delivery |
| C. Case Studies/Lessons Learned | K. Land Application and Biosolids Markets |
| D. Emerging Issues (PFAS, Covid, etc.) | L. Sustainability |
| E. Thickening & Dewatering | M. Managing Biosolids in Ohio |
| F. Thermal Processes | |
| G. Digestion & Stabilization | |
| H. Whole Plant and Community Considerations | |

Abstracts must be submitted online no later than midnight Eastern time on November 2, 2021.
To submit, go to: www.wef.org/ResidualsBiosolids

If you would like more information on submitting an abstract, please see our Speaker Information page:
www.wef.org/sc-speaker-information

The Selection Criteria and Contact Info are on the Following Page

Abstracts will be evaluated and ranked for selection based on their total score using criteria in the following table:

Abstract Evaluation Criteria					
Scoring Level	Originality	Status of Project	Technical Content	Benefits & Significance	Quality
1	Nothing new	Just an idea with no plan or results to evaluate	Just a concept	Of no interest to audience	Minimal text, limited discussion of project
2	Chance of small improvement	Idea with well-developed plan but no results	Well defined concept and clear objectives and approach	Modest benefit to focused audience	Clear relevant text but no tables or figures
3	Modest improvement	Interesting results but much work remaining	Well defined concept, clear objectives and methods	Modest benefit to broad audience	Clear text and minimal supporting data, tables or figures
4	Significant incremental improvement	Preliminary results demonstrating good potential for success	Clear objectives and methods. Outcomes suggested but not fully described	High interest and benefit to focused audience	Clear text with data, figures and/or tables but presentation or logic could be improved
5	Potential breakthrough	Idea fully developed, plan completed and well documented results	Clear objectives, methods described, and conclusions outlined, lessons learned	Broad benefits to broad audience	Well written logical text well supported by data, with high quality figures and tables

Abstract Preparation and Submittal

Abstracts must be submitted prior to midnight eastern time on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 via WEF's online submittal portal at www.wef.org/ResidualsBiosolids.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 9000 characters (approx. 1000 words) with the option to upload figures and tables separately, which is encouraged. Selected abstract authors will be notified in December and will need to complete a final manuscript. Manuscripts will be subject to revision or rejection if lacking in quality. In accordance with policy, accepted authors who do not submit a manuscript by the required deadline will be removed from the program.

Presenters are expected to register for the Conference and pay the appropriate registration fee. No travel or assistance funds are available for speakers.

For Questions or Additional Information Please Contact:

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