

Engineering & Planning Subcommittee
High Level Meeting Notes
June 1, 2023

Definitions

- Class A biosolids are nearly pathogen free
- Class B biosolids are 95-99% pathogen free and require a state permit for use

Erika Kinno provided information about a proposed ordinance related to Class A biosolids. King County is proposing a pilot project to produce Class A biosolids in response to losing its previous partner for production and sales of that product, Growco. Class B biosolids are currently produced by King County and have limited use requiring special state permits for usage in commercial forestry and agriculture. Class A biosolids would be virtually pathogen free and would be available for public use without permits. The ordinance would clean up KC code to better align with state law. A Class A pilot facility is under construction at the Renton WWTP. The pilot will demonstrate proof of concept and inform the business case for a larger permanent offsite facility. WTD will return with more information as the study continues for the pilot project with a report out to MWPAAC.

Kamuron Gurol hosted a conversation about the draft NPDES West Point Permit that is out for public comment right now. KC has reviewed the draft and has some questions and concerns, including a significant overall increase in costs and permit conditions. They are sharing them with Ecology. King County intends to provide comments on the permit and individual agencies may also comment on Ecology's comment portal, by July 7.

Steve Hitch is on point to organize the drafting of a comment letter from MWPAAC that will be presented at the June General Membership meeting, in time to be included in the comment record for the permit.

Steve Hitch, Chair
Ben Marre, Vice Chair