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Goals & Objectives**Definitions**

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Biosolids Management Program – a comprehensive program covering all aspects of the organization’s biosolids activities throughout the biosolids value chain, including management processes for all critical control points in order to mitigate environmental impacts, meet legal and other requirements, and execute action plans to achieve biosolids program goals and objectives.

Biosolids Program Goal(s) – performance improvement goals that are consistent with an organization’s biosolids management policy to assure biosolids activities comply with applicable laws and regulations, meet quality and public acceptance requirements, and prevent other unregulated adverse environmental and public health impacts by effectively managing all critical control points. Biosolids program goals include, but are not limited to, compliance with specific regulatory requirements, improving biosolids quality and public acceptance, and reducing or eliminating direct/indirect negative environmental impacts.

Biosolids Program Objective(s) – a detailed performance improvement requirement, quantified wherever possible, based on a biosolids program goal. One or more objectives must usually be met in order for the underlying goal to be achieved.

Biosolids Public Acceptance Requirements – biosolids physical, chemical, biological and aesthetic characteristics and management methods that must be met consistently and reliably in order to achieve public acceptance of the organization’s selected biosolids management methods.

Biosolids Quality Requirements – biosolids physical, chemical, biological and aesthetic characteristics that must be met consistently and reliably in order to apply the organization’s selected biosolids management method(s).

Critical Control Points – those locations, unit processes, events, activities and other requirements in the chain of activities from pretreatment/collection to final biosolids disposition under the organization’s direct control or influence that require effective policies, programs, procedures, practices, monitoring, and measurement to assure that biosolids meet the applicable legal, quality and public acceptance requirements for the selected management method. Critical control points include unit treatment processes and all biosolids management activities that are covered under applicable legal and other requirements.

Biosolids Value Chain – sequence of activities from wastewater pretreatment, discharge and collection through wastewater treatment, solids treatment, stabilization, conditioning, handling, storage, transportation, and final disposition of biosolids that are

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covered by legal requirements and impact the quality of biosolids and their suitability for the intended use or method of disposal.

Interested Parties – individuals, groups or other public/private organizations interested in, involved with or otherwise affected by the organization’s biosolids management activities, including customers, farmers, regulators and other local/state governmental officials, community residents, the media, environmental and public interest groups, university professors and the general public.