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**ELEMENT 5**  
**Goals & Objectives****Objective**

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To continually improve the environmental performance of the EWA's biosolids management program, the EWA will establish and periodically review measurable biosolids program goals and objectives for its biosolids activities. The EWA's goals and objectives will reflect identified priorities for improving the environmental performance of biosolids management activities based on identified critical control points (see [Element 3](#) & [Element 10](#)), identified potential environmental impacts (see [Element 10](#)), legal and other requirements (see [Element 4](#)) and applicable best management practices as defined in the NBP's *National Manual of Good Practice* and various authoritative information sources on biosolids management (e.g., Water Environment Federation Manuals of Practice).

The biosolids program goals and objectives must be integrated with other Elements of the EWA's EMS and biosolids management activities, developed and documented using SMART criteria (i.e., be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bounded), and updated on a regular basis.

The EWA must establish an action plan that describes the improvement activities it is pursuing to achieve the biosolids program goals and objectives. The action plan must designate schedules, milestones, resources, and responsibilities for achieving the biosolids program goals and objectives.