
ELEMENT 6
Public Participation in Planning**Definitions**

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Environmental Impacts – any change to the environment (positive or negative) including public health, public nuisance and odor problems, that wholly or partially result directly or indirectly from the organization’s activities, products or services, including those activities that alter (positively or negatively) the acceptable disposal/use method or create public nuisance and public health risks.

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 (near treatment facility or land application site), the media, environmental and public interest groups, university professors and the general public.

NBP – National Biosolids Partnership

POTW – an acronym for publicly owned treatment works, which is a sewage or municipal wastewater treatment facility.

Public Participation – Refers to seeking public input and feedback on biosolids EMS and general biosolids program.

Public Outreach – Refers to communicating current and future biosolids plans and operations.