

Jacob,

I hope the statement below helps address some of the mayor's concerns. I intend on reaching out to Mayor Ridley directly and sharing this with him too.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) section 405(d) requires the U.S. EPA to establish numeric limits and management practices that protect public health and the environment from the reasonably anticipated adverse effects of chemical and microbial pollutants during the use or disposal of sewage sludge (biosolids). To do this, the EPA issued the regulations found in 40 CFR Part 503. It includes pollutant limits, requirements for pathogen and vector attraction reduction, management practices, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting, among other requirements. For more information and updates about biosolids laws and regulations, and additional information about biosolids visit the [EPA biosolids website](#). **In Tennessee**, state rules establish standards for the land application of biosolids including general requirements, contaminant limits, management practices, and operational standards for the land application of biosolids in Rule 0400-40-15. The Department of Environment and Conservation ("Department") issued a general Biosolids State Operating Permit to implement the Rules. This permit authorizes the land application of biosolids within Tennessee provided that the permittee complies with all permit conditions. The generator of the biosolids must obtain permit coverage, and the land application site must submit a notice of intent to the Department in advance of applying biosolids.

Best,

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