WEF Residuals & Biosolids Committee
Agriculture & Industrial Byproducts Subcommittee
WEFTEC 2011
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA
Monday, October 17, 2011
2:00 - 3:00 pm
LACC, Room 501B, West

Lynne Moss, *Chair*
Ben Davis, *Vice-Chair*

AGENDA

A. Introductions & Welcome — Lynne Moss
B. Membership
- Attendance sheet (name, company, email)
- Young Professional Involvement

C. Minutes — Ben Davis
- RBC 2011 Specialty Conference – Sacramento, CA

D. Upcoming Conferences — Sam Hadeed
- RBC 2012 Specialty Conference
  – Raleigh, NC: March 25-28
  - Pre-conference workshop and NC State support
- Additional conferences of interest – updated list — Lynne Moss

E. Old Business — Lynne Moss
- Synergies with other WEF Committees
- 2012 RBC Workshop Proposal

F. New Business:
- Legislative update and 2012 Farm Bill — Lynne Moss
- Potential Revision of Committee Scope — Lynne Moss
- 2012 Webinar Planning — Lynne Moss

G. Adjourn

Agricultural & Industrial Residuals Subcommittee

MISSION:

- To promote the beneficial reuse of Animal, Municipal, and Industrial residuals through scientific and environmentally sound management.
- To promote mutually beneficial relationships between agricultural, industrial, and municipal residuals generators to solve mutual problems without increased use of resources.
- To promote cooperation between government agencies, associations, corporations and the public to improve professional education and the management of agricultural, industrial, and municipal residuals.

GOALS:

1. To identify stakeholders key to the beneficial reuse of residuals.
2. To identify common needs, expectations, and opportunities between stakeholders.
3. To identify existing association meetings, conferences, seminars sharing information on the beneficial reuse of residuals.
4. To facilitate workshops and conferences to promote beneficial use of residuals.
5. To identify financial resources to facilitate beneficial reuse of residuals

WEF Residuals & Biosolids Committee
Agriculture & Industrial Byproducts Subcommittee
Residuals & Biosolids Conference 2011
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA
Monday, May 22, 2011
7:30 – 8:30 am
Room 317-318

Lynne Moss, *Chair*
Ben Davis, *Vice-Chair*

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lynne Moss, Bob Reimers, Ben Davis, Jim Cox, Drew Kolosky, Chris Peot, Mike Moore, Sam Hadeed, Megan Woo, Todd Williams

A. Introductions & Welcome

- Lynne lead introductions of attendees

B. Membership

- Young Professional involvement is relatively strong with participation of Megan Woo and Ben Davis

C. Minutes

- RBC 2010 WEFTEC Conference – New Orleans, CA – Minutes were reviewed and approved

D. Upcoming Conferences

- RBC 2011 WEFTEC Conference - Los Angeles, CA: October 15-19.
- A list of other conferences of interest (through the end of the year) is available on the WEF website.

E. Old Business

- Review Mission Statement and Committee Goals
    i. Lynne suggested that we consider more action-oriented goals. Sam noted that the goals might further emphasis synergies with

other sub-committees, webcasts and other educational activities, surveys about the state of the industry, etc.

To develop the goals, a survey will be conducted to determine what specific needs should be addressed by the subcommittee. The survey should incorporate global views and perspectives. Chris Peot suggested that the survey could also be used to query members on their perceptions of agricultural and industrial byproduct benefits and their value (qualitative and quantitative).

ACTION ITEM: Lynne will develop a survey for committee review. Once suggested changes have been made, Sam will distribute the survey to the RBC membership via Zoomarang.

ACTION ITEM: Lynne will set up conference call with the subcommittee in August with an update on survey findings, as well as preliminary goals for discussion. The intent is to adopt new goals at WEFTEC.

- Book Development

  ii. The Value Added Products book is no longer slated for publishing. Those interested in the book's contents can contact Kari Fitzmorris-Brisola.

F. New Business

- 2012 RBC Workshop Proposal

  i. Rather than the potential webinar on manure pathogens that had been under consideration, Lynne suggested that the subcommittee work to develop a workshop for the 2012 RBC specialty conference. The proximity to North Carolina State educational programs and facilities provides an ideal opportunity to maximize synergies with the agricultural sector.

     ACTION ITEM: Lynne will contact Bob Rubin to explore workshop development options.

- Legislative/Litigative Update

  i. CAFO rule litigation – In *National Pork Producers Council et al. vs. USEPA*, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the EPA cannot impose a "duty to apply" for a permit on CAFOs that only have the potential to discharge.

  ii. In a separate case, Michigan Court went against the 5th Circuit Court, saying that CAFOs with the potential to discharge can be required to have permits. The decision was based on the state's right have more stringent requirements than federal rules, on the broad authority of Michigan law, and on a history showing a propensity of spills.

iii. A court in Missouri recently awarded 16 residents surrounding a CAFO $11.5 million in damages because of CAFO odor impacts.

iv. Farm Bill is currently in flux, still too early to define content with certainty, other than to note that proposed funding level continues to be cut. Regardless, conservation funding makes up only a fraction (6% as of January of this year) of the total Farm Bill funding.

v. Results of the National Air Emissions Monitoring Study (NAEMS), a two-year evaluation of CAFO emissions, were recently released. The study showed that air quality in CAFOs may exceed limits for worker exposure and that 11 of 24 facilities studied emitted ammonia and hydrogen sulfide in excess of reporting limits of 100 ppd. This data may form the basis of future regulatory efforts.

- External Synergies: Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center (LPELC)

  i. Lynne discussed needing better information in order to create more interest between the two parties, but would like to use the proposed RBC workshop as a mechanism to promote synergies.

- Liaison Update

  i. Chris Peot is going to attend Outreach and Education as well as Biofuels subcommittees

  ii. Bob Reimers is going to attend the Specialty Conference subcommittee

  iii. Megan Woo is going to attend all of the subcommittee meetings

- WEF Biosolids Position Statement Revisions

  i. Sam Hadeed reported that there is still some work that needs to be done. He is hopeful that it will be completed by April of 2012.

G. Adjourn