



Biosolids and Agriculture

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- Biosolids Reporting:
 - Fate of nutrients not accounted for directly in Bay jurisdictions with exception of Virginia.
 - Virginia has reported application of nutrients on agricultural land uses from 1985 to 2010.
 - Virginia continues to utilize 2010 data to represent application of nutrients annually.
 - Virginia data currently maintained at 243,427.8 dry tons of biosolids per year.

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- Biosolids Modeling:
 - Reported nutrients are applied across available agricultural land uses- e.g. row crops, hay, and pasture.
 - The fate of non-reported nutrients are not represented past the reduction of WWTP discharges.
 - Phase 5.3.2 indirectly represents biosolid applications through the use of inorganic nutrients- e.g. fertilizers.

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- Modeled Nutrient Concentrations:

<u>Nutrient Species</u>	<u>Concentration lbs./lb.</u>
– Mineralizable N	0.0096
– Mineralizable P	0.0125
– Organic N	0.0224
– Organic P	0.0125
– NO ₃	0.0005
– Ammonia	0.0065

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- Phase 6.0 Modeling:
 - AgWG investigating new data sources for annual applications of inorganic fertilizer on agricultural land uses.
 - Indirect representation of non-reported biosolid applications on agricultural land uses may no longer be available.
 - Should a different approach be taken in the future for biosolid reporting?



Questions?