



2010 Pacific Southwest Organic Residuals Symposium

Energy and New Uses of Organic Residuals
Overcoming Cross-media Challenges

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Sacramento Convention Center

This is our fifth annual Pacific Southwest Organic Residuals Symposium, where organic residuals industry professionals, municipalities, regulators, researchers and other stakeholders come together to work out the optimal management options for manures, biosolids, food wastes, green wastes, and other organic residuals. Our special focus this year is improving regulatory coordination among air, water, and resource recovery agencies, to promote those projects with the greatest overall environmental and social benefits. We are holding the symposium in downtown Sacramento this year to encourage dialog with legislators, agency leaders, and others involved in environmental decision-making.

A challenge to realizing many organic residuals projects comes when actions taken by one agency conflict with the objectives of other agencies, or even other divisions of the same agency. Should stringent stationary source emissions limits be enforced when they result in organics having to be hauled to other counties, states, or countries, with the associated mobile source emissions and fuel consumption? Should projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions be pursued even when they result in increased NOx emissions? How can our regulatory structure be arranged so as to weigh in all the impacts of an option and promote those with the most overall benefits?

There is a consensus that we need new technologies to address these issues, and this year we will also look at technologies under development, the mechanisms for moving these projects along, and how these projects address emerging pollutants and pathogens of concern.

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Registration: To register, go to: http://extension.ucdavis.edu/renewable_energy and open "Energy and New Uses of Organic Residuals Conference". Registration is \$150 prior to July 31, and \$195 after July 31 (full-time high school and college students please contact us for special rates), and includes lunch and refreshment breaks, a Tuesday evening reception at the Citizen Hotel in downtown Sacramento, and a field trip to an organic residuals processing site.

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