

## **Fla. city opens facility to gasify wastewater sludge**

June 1 -- A Florida city has opened a biosolids treatment facility that uses a new gasification technology to convert wastewater sludge into energy.

Sanford, Fla., has signed a 20-year contract with MaxWest Environmental Systems to operate the system at the city's South Water Resources Center. The technology will gasify treated biosolids to create renewable thermal energy to help power the center's sludge dryer, replacing natural gas.

The system will save the city millions of dollars in natural gas costs over the 20-year contract period and provide Sanford with a wastewater sludge disposal solution, said Bill Baker, vice president of marketing for MaxWest.

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