

Group to Fund New Biosolid Research

October 1, 2007 -- The Water Environment Research Foundation is supporting research to improve assessing the risk of pathogens in biosolids, specifically during land application, and is accepting grant proposals.

The group will fund \$250,000 to \$500,000 for the first year of research and up to \$1 million over a several-year period. WERF wants the research to make biosolids pathogens risk assessment methodologies available to all potential users at the local, state and national level.

WERF will accept grant applications until Nov. 16. The research will help utilities, regulators and end-users assess the risks associated with land applying biosolids.

"Meeting regulatory requirements for land application practices may no longer be enough to ensure the continued beneficial use of biosolids," said Dan Woltering, director of research for WERF.