

## **HRSD'S BIOSOLIDS POLICY STATEMENT**

HRSD is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability. We pledge to consistently deliver a high level of public service to our customers and the community by optimizing both the environmental and business performance of our biosolids management program. We commit to following the principles as set forth in the National Biosolids Partnership Code of Good Practice.

We believe that adhering to these principles will help us fulfill our mission of protecting the environment for today and tomorrow.

### **OUR COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS PARTNERSHIP CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE**

The “Code of Good Practice”, adopted from the National Biosolids Partnership, is a broad framework of goals and commitments to guide the production, management, transportation, storage, and end-use of biosolids, a comprehensive environmental management plan. EMS has adopted this code and to that end, our environmental management system for our biosolids includes the following:

#### **Principles of Conduct**

**Compliance:** To commit to compliance with all applicable federal, state and local requirements regarding the production at the wastewater treatment facility, and management, transportation, storage, and use or disposal of biosolids away from the facility.

**Product:** To provide biosolids that meet the applicable standards for their intended use or disposal.

**Environmental Management System:** To develop an environmental management system for biosolids that includes a method of independent third-party verification to ensure effective ongoing biosolids operations.

**Quality Monitoring:** To enhance the monitoring of biosolids production and management practices.

**Quality Practices:** To require good housekeeping practices for biosolids production, processing, transport and storage, and during final use or disposal operations.

**Contingency and Emergency Response Plans:** To develop response plans for unanticipated events such as inclement weather, spills, and equipment malfunctions.

**Sustainable Management Practices and Operations:** To enhance the environment by committing to sustainable, environmentally acceptable biosolids management practices and operations through an environmental management system.

**Preventive Maintenance:** To prepare and implement a plan for preventive maintenance for equipment used to manage biosolids and wastewater solids.

**Continual Improvement:** To seek continual improvement in all aspects of biosolids management.

**Communications:** To provide methods of effective communication with gatekeepers, stakeholders, and interested citizens regarding the key elements of each environmental management system, including information relative to system performance.