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USET Resolution No. 2012:050

TRIBAL BIO-SOLIDS COMPLIANCE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) published the National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance dated April 30, 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** said NPM Guidance applies to OECA, all EPA regional enforcement programs, and states and federally recognized Tribes implementing EPA approved inspection and enforcement programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the NPM Guidance states on Page 40 that all states now have their own safety programs for bio-solids, there are third party verification programs that support compliance in this area, and EPA expects to reduce investment in this area to support other high priority enforcement work; and
- WHEREAS,** to monitor this area, EPA will rely on straightforward performance standards, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements that will provide for increased transparency and accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes are not subject to state jurisdiction or third party verification programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests that Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance maintain an enforcement and compliance capacity for bio-solids for Indian Tribes who request assistance with compliance issues.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Brian Patterson, President
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