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
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.