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Western Carolina held Statewide Biosolids Training Workshop

The Water Environment Association of South Carolina held its Annual Biosolids Training School Wednesday and Thursday, September 13-14th, at Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority's Mauldin Road Facility. Twenty-one participants, including plant operators, environmental managers, consultants, regulators, engineers, and laboratory professionals, attended the two-day workshop.

This workshop was designed to train environmental professionals on the benefits and sound science of establishing a biosolids management program at their facilities. Topics to be presented include biosolids characterization, surface water protection, land application site selection, management practices and sampling techniques. Classroom presentations will be followed by a half-day field demonstration at Western Carolina's state-of-the art Durbin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Fountain Inn. Featured speakers at the workshop will include:

- Dr. Virgil Quisenberry, Clemson University
- Mr. Bob Branch, Branch Residuals & Soils
- Ms. Jean Creech, Synagro
- Ms. Brenda Green, SCDHEC
- Mr. John Lindak, SCDHEC
- Ms. Jan Cook, SCDHEC
- Mr. Roy Whitaker, EMA Resources, Inc.
- Mr. Joey Collins, Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority

Recognizing the importance of biosolids recycling efforts, Western Carolina, in cooperation with the Water Environment Association of South Carolina and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, produce this workshop to encourage other environmental professionals to implement sound programs in their areas.

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority celebrates 75 years of environmental stewardship. The organization provides wastewater treatment services to over 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg and Laurens Counties. WCRSA operates and maintains 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 11 major wastewater treatment facilities. For more information about Western Carolina, please visit www.wcrsa.org.

