



City of Pataskala Utility Department
Chris Sharrock, Utility Director

➤ **Utility Department Updates**

• **Resolutions**

- 2019-0023- A resolution regarding the WRF upgrade design project
 - Resolution to authorize Hull Inc to do the WRF upgrade design

• **Biosolids program**

- Contract between Agri-Sludge and the City was approved and signed after the council meeting on March 4.
- Agrisludge has begun the process of getting soil samples at the fields
- The City has begun the process of getting cake samples as required by the EPA before the product can leave the facility
- The sludge storage building is filling up quickly. About 3 weeks of space left
- I contacted Terry Sutherland, the field owner, to keep him up to date with the programs progress and to inform him that we will be using Agri-Sludge to do the work

• **Staffing**

- Steve Crane rendered his resignation unexpectedly and effective immediately on Mar 1
 - The position will be advertised until April 5
 - We have conducted some cross-training prior to this that will allow both Field Technicians to assist at the billing window as needed

• **Water Reclamation Facility**

- WRF Upgrade
 - Design Loan agreement and Exhibit have been issued by the OEPA. Funds to be made available on March 28
 - There is a resolution before council at tonight's meeting to go into contract with Hull for the actual WRF upgrade design

- **Billing Team**
 - Rate Structure
 - Discussions have begun regarding the best way to move forward with a rate increase
 - Continued efforts in regards to providing excellent customer service

- **Director**
 - I have begun work on the Annual WRF Facility Report
 - This report is a similar report to the Water CCR, only covering the wastewater process
 - It is not required by the OEPA, but is something the department does for informational purposes
 - I have begun work on the Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) as required by the OEPA
 - This report explains the water treatment process and test results from the previous year
 - This report is due in July
 - I attended the ONE WATER government affairs workshop on March 7
 - SEOWEA section meeting April 11
 - The department has volunteered to provide a tour of the WRF as a part of the SEOWEA section meeting. Two groups of 25 people are expected to attend.
 - Ryan Brown will lead one group and Chris Sharrock will lead the other
 - This tour will count for one contact hour towards Wastewater Licenses for anyone who attends as well as the presenters
 - Safety Program
 - I have compiled a system of safety talks available through the BWC website that the superintendents will go over with their respective teams
 - This will be a bi-monthly meeting with a sign in sheet that I will track to ensure participation
 - I have nominated the Treatment Team and the Systems Team for a safety award through OWEA

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