

1 Introduced by Representative Cina of Burlington

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; land application;

5 biosolids; septage; notice

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require public

7 notice of the land application of biosolids or septage.

8 An act relating to public notice of land application of biosolids and septage

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6610 is added to read:

11 § 6610. NOTICE OF LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS AND

12 SEPTAGE

13 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

14 (1) “Biosolids” means sewage sludge that has been treated for the
15 reduction of pathogens and that meets applicable requirements for contaminant
16 concentrations, vector attraction reduction, and pathogen densities.

17 (2) “Septage” means the liquid and solid materials pumped from a septic
18 tank or cesspool during cleaning.

19 (3) “Sludge” or “sewage sludge” means any solid, semisolid, or liquid
20 generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial wastewater treatment

1 plant or process, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility, or
2 any other waste having similar characteristics and effects.

3 (b) Notice. A person permitted under this chapter to land apply biosolids
4 or septage shall provide public notice of the date, time, and location of the land
5 application. The person shall provide the public notice:

6 (1) at least 48 hours before land application;

7 (2) by television or radio announcement that is broadcast in the
8 municipality in which land application will occur;

9 (3) by publishing notice of the land application in a newspaper that is
10 circulated in the municipality in which land application will occur;

11 (4) by publishing notice of the land application on at least two Internet
12 news sites; and

13 (5) by posting notice of the land application on the person's Internet
14 website or any social media account maintained by the person.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.