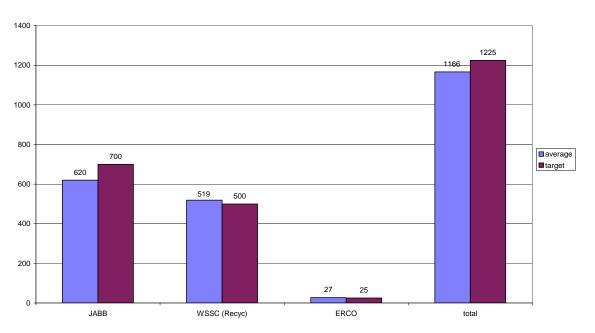
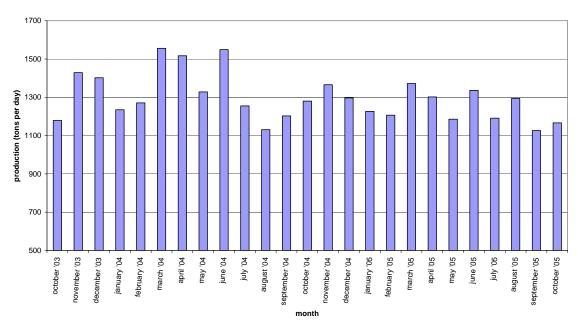
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In October, biosolids hauling averaged 1166 wet tons per day. The graph below shows the hauling by contractor for the month of October. A second graph shows the average daily production per month for the previous 24-month period.

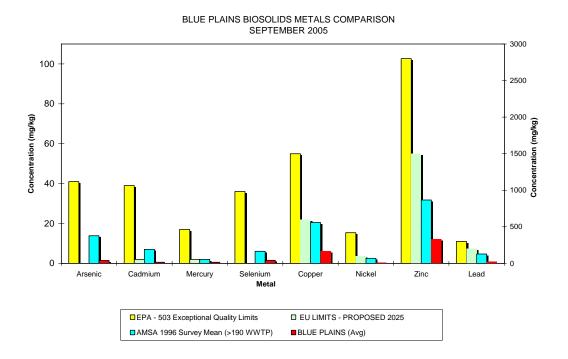
Average Daily Hauling by Contractor for October, 2005



## **Average Daily Biosolids Production**



The graphs below show the EPA regulated heavy metals in the Blue Plains biosolids for the month of September 2005. As can be seen in the graphs, the Blue Plains levels are considerably below the regulated exceptional quality limits, the AMSA average levels surveyed in 1996, and even the proposed 2025 European Union (EU) limits.



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Staff participated in a the ERCO Tree Farm annual Field Day, which invites interested parties to participate in a tour and to hear summaries of research conducted at the site. The day was well attended, including representatives of Maryland Department of the Environment and several other state agencies. The agenda included presentations on research findings in the morning and a site tour in the afternoon.

Staff was invited to speak at the annual EPA State Regulators conference, held this year at the Bolger Center just outside the Capitol Beltway in Maryland. Staff made a presentation summarizing progress and improvements, EMS status, and recent research findings to the biosolids coordinators for each of the 50 states. The discussion that followed resulted in several additional requests to speak and for research papers and results.

Staff met with the core group that has formed the Virginia Biosolids Council, a group formed to provide information at a grass roots level regarding biosolids recycling. The group discussed how best to disseminate information, including a web page (www. virginiabiosolids.com). The group will monitor local news stories and work with communities to provide a balanced view of the biosolids recycling story.

This year at the annual WEFTEC conference (10/30 – 11/2 in Washington, DC) EPA honored the DCWASA Blue Plains Biosolids Management Program with it's National First Place Clean Water Act Recognition Award for Exemplary Biosolids Management for Large Operating Projects. EPA awarded DCWASA for research, innovation, sustainability, and the EMS program.

## Map of Blue Plains Biosolids Applications and Agricultural \$'s for September 2005

