

PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION #2021-10
RESOLUTION FOR DOMESTIC SLUDGE REGULATION
5 YEAR MORATORIUM

Whereas, the application of domestic sludge on cropland and/or range land has occurred in surrounding Colorado counties; and

Whereas, said application of domestic sludge can be harmful to the public due to potential buildup of excessive concentrations of metals in the soil and/or potential existence of live pathogens in the material; and

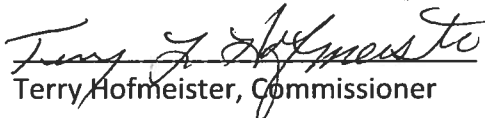
Whereas, the Phillips County Commissioners are considering whether to enact a Moratorium for any domestic sludge to be transported into Phillips County to be applied on any cropland and or range land.

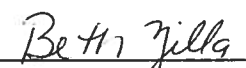
Whereas, after giving study upon the application of domestic sludge the Phillips County Commissioners have not concluded if the product is totally beneficial or whether great harm can be caused by the product so that there is need of additional study of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Phillips County Commissioners of the State of Colorado as follows;

1. That the transportation of domestic sludge into Phillips County for the purpose of being applied to cropland and/or range land be prohibited for 5 years commencing on March 31, 2021 and continuing until March 31, 2026. This is to allow further study and evaluation of this type of land application and to monitor applications that are occurring in other Colorado Counties. At the end of the said period of time the BOARD again will decide whether to continue the prohibition, modify it or discontinue it and/or allow the standards adopted by the Colorado Department of Health to apply.
2. That the term domestic sludge is defined as being solid, semi-solid, liquid residue or contained gaseous materials generated from a municipal, commercial or industrial wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility or any other such waste having similar characteristics and effects, generated during the treatment of domestic sewage and/or combination of domestic sewage, industrial waste of a liquid nature in treatment work resulting from industrial or commercial operations or from community activities. Domestic sludge includes but is not limited to domestic sewage, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary or advance wastewater treatment processes, and the material derived from the sludge. Sludge does not include the ash generation during incineration of sewage sludge or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sludge in treatment work.
3. That this regulation shall take effect immediately upon its adoption this 31st day of March 2021 and shall be given publication in the Holyoke Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation within Phillips County, Colorado and deemed necessary to pursue the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Phillips County, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO


Terry Hofmeister, Commissioner

Attest: 
Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Tom Timm, Commissioner


Garold Roberts, Commissioner