## At Their Disposal

Komline-Sanderson minimizes solid waste disposal costs in Springfield, Mass.

he City of Springfield, Mass., currently uses a contract composting facility, which is located at the 65 MGD Bondi Island Wastewater Treatment Plant to dispose of their solid waste.

The composting facility requires a feed of 40-45% solid materials to effectively operate the composting process. The treatment plant, which has primary settling and a conventional wasteactivated secondary

**Facility operation** 

The drying facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with minimal operator attention.

One operator is in charge of both the drying facility and the belt press de-watering facility per shift. The Komline-Sanderson indirectly heated dryer produces a dried product having 95% solids, which could be disposed of as a Class A, exceptional quality material.

However, the treatment plant mixes the dried biosolids with the 20–23% solid belt press sludge before sending the 40–45% mixed material to the composter.

The malodorous off-gases from the dryer pass through a water spray condenser where the water vapor is removed before the non-condensa-

ble gases are sent to a thermal oxidizer, which exists at the treatment plant to handle odors from the

composting facility. The indi-

rect dryer contributes
less than 800 actual
cubic feet per
minute to the
thermal oxidizer, which permitted the use

mitted the use of the existing odor con-

trol facility. The City of

Springfield values the reliability and low maintenance require-

ments of the Komline-Sanderson Biosolids Drying system as well as the size and minimal impact on the surrounding environment.

Odors and dust have been non-existent, which is especially important to the treatment plant, which is located near the downtown area of Springfield.

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process with no digestion, produces 20-23% cake solids from their belt filter presses.

In the spring of 2002, the City of Springfield installed a Komline-Sanderson Biosolids Drying Facility. The drying facility consists of a wet cake storage silo, progressing cavity sludge transfer pumps, and a Komline-Sanderson 3,000 sq. ft. indirectly heated stainless steel dryer.

In addition, a post-mix conveying system was incorporated into the application to mix and convey dewatered belt press cake and dried biosolids, to have a final consistency of 40-45% solids at the composting facility.

Not to mention, the installation also includes a thermal fluid boiler heated by natural gas and a particulate, as well as an odor control facility to minimize odor from the drying process.