

**Technical Memorandum Name: Solids Handling Options, April 2008**  
**Commenter: TAC Environmental**  
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**Responses Date: July 18, 2008**

The following comments were submitted in response to the above listed Technical Memorandum (TM). The TM was developed as part of the EIR process for the project, in order to help facilitate and broaden the discussion of project issues important to the community. The responses should be considered preliminary because the EIR process is not complete, and the information necessary to fully respond has not yet been developed. The project team is grateful to those citizens who took the time to review the TM and provide comments at this early stage in the process. The project team will endeavor to fully address the comments and concerns through the on-going project development process.

	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	There does not appear to be a clear analysis regarding the impacts on solids handling as a result of the pumping of STEP tanks.	It is assumed that septage from the pumping of STEP tanks would be handled at the Los Osos treatment plant and would contribute to the total amount of biosolids produced by the treatment plant. The total amount is estimated at 1,000 lbs of dry solids per day.
2	The 4 to 1 ratio in solids produced from a gravity system and a STEP system is carried over from the Fine Screening Report. It is still not clear that this ratio includes the total solids output of the two different wastewater treatment systems. This discussion needs to be refined to specifically address that issue.	The estimates are for 4,000 and 1,000 lbs of dry solids per day based on treatment from gravity and STEP collection systems, respectively. This is the total estimated solids output from the treatment plant assuming acceptance of septage from the Los Osos community, both in and out of the Prohibition Zone.
3	There appear to be additional financial and environmental liabilities that need to be discussed in the EIR.	Comment noted.  This tech memo develops the cost and material quantities related to biosolids handling. The environmental analysis will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of these processes.