

Dear Mr. Volino,

I have read with great interest in the Ithaca Journal and "The Waterfront" blog about the continuing issues with sewage sludge you and many others are dealing with.

I mentioned to Peter Mantius in a response to his latest coverage about the issue that Cornell University is using the Alkaline Hydrolysis based disposal of animal carcasses at the large animal clinic using lye, heat and high pressure to dissolve large animal carcasses into a safe liquid that can be directly discharged into the sanitary sewer system for sewage treatment.

I am hoping that using this information is something you all can throw back at casella, the NYSDEC or the cities that want to ship this sewage sludge to your local farmland will convince them to do otherwise and implement Alkaline Hydrolysis as the sewage treatment plants could safely treat thier sewage sludge on site and avoid the need for disposal on your valuable farmland.

Respectfully,

Leon Edward Zaharis