

# STARTING A NEW (EXPANDING/ EXISTING) COMPOSTING FACILITY

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Liberty Composting

# BARRIERS

- Environmental
  - Public Perception
  - NYMBY
  - Location
  - Market Demand
- Technical
  - Approval Time (Time is \$\$\$)
  - Permits (CIWMB, Air Districts, RWQCB, Land Use)
  - Technology Acceptance
    - Microporous Covers, Positive Air w/Biofilters, Inside Bldgs/Biofilters
- Funding
  - Private, Public
  - Funding/ROI (Capital and O & M)

# CHALLENGES

- Approvals
  - CEQA (Land Use)
  - NOI OR WDR (Water Quality)
  - Solid Waste Facility Permit
    - Compost Facility Plan
    - Odor Management Plan
  - Air Permit
    - Permit to Construct
    - Source Testing
    - Permit to Operate

# FUNDING

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- CalRecycle Organics Waste Programs
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant and Loan Programs
- Farm & Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program
- Recycling Market Development Zone Loan Program
- Federal Grants for Business
- New USA Funding Grants

# GRANT PROPOSAL

- Need and Justification
- Goals and Objectives
- Work Plan Evaluation
- Budget
- Application Completeness
- Evidence of Recycled Content
- Purchasing Policy Directive

# SUCCESS STORIES

- Occuirrh Mt. Biosolids Composting Facility (Salt Lake City, UT)
- Perdue Agribusiness Poultry Waste Composting Facility (Seaford , DE)
- Liberty Compost Biosolids Monocomposting Retrofit (Lost Hills, CA)
- TESCAN SSO, Bueno Ares, Argentina
- City of Wangarrata, Food Waste, Melbourne, Australia

# OCCUIRRH MT, UT

## 40 t/d Biosolids



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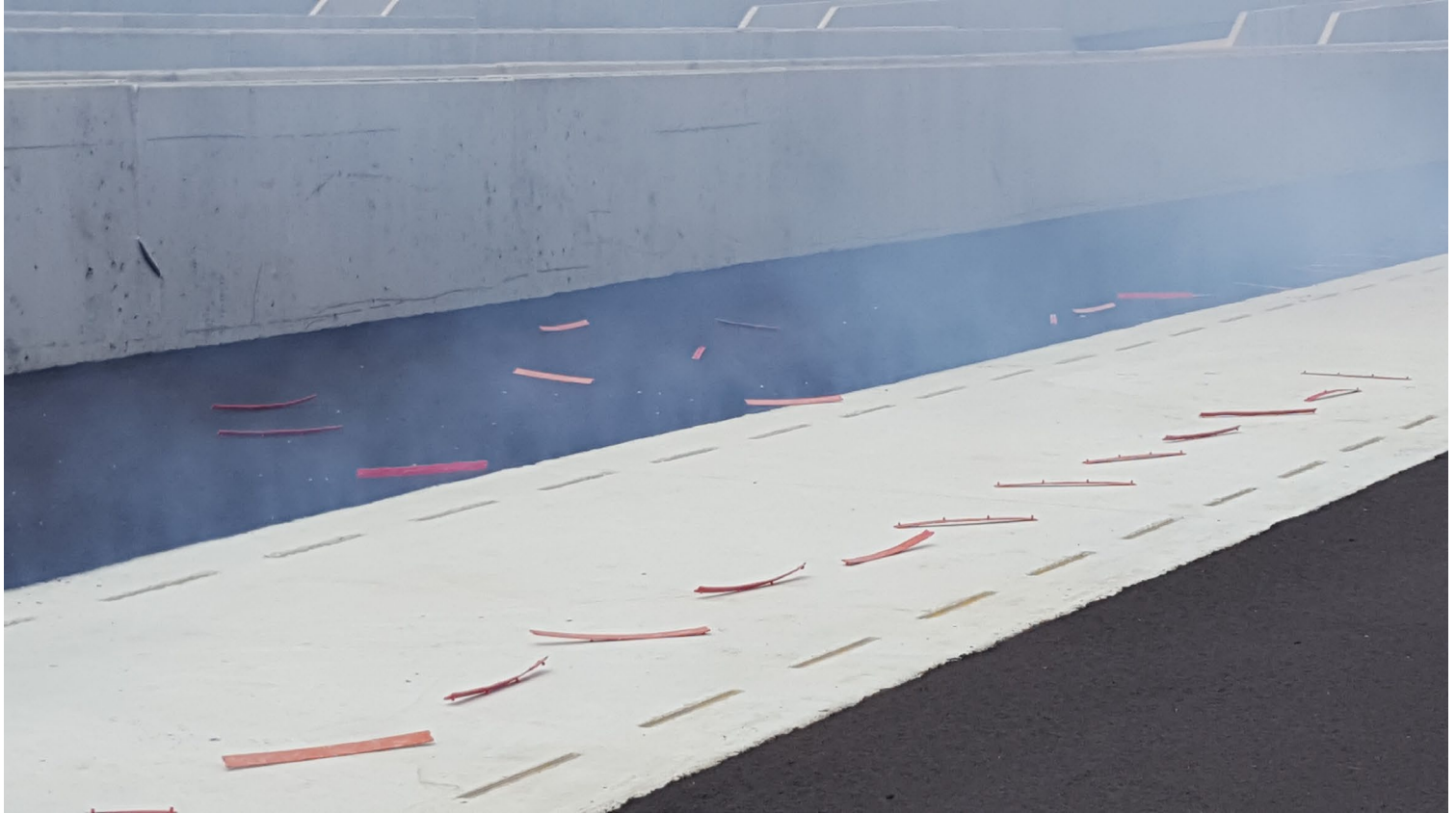
# PERDUE FARMS, DE

## 150 kt/yr Poultry Waste



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- Established in 1990, expanded to 786 kt/y in 1996
- Biosolids, green waste, food waste
- Windrow composting
- Actual tonnage, 200 kt/y to 400 kt/y
- 2008, Rule 4565 adopted
- Reduce tonnage to 100 kt/yr or retrofit to achieve 90 percent VOC control

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## Retrofit Considerations

- Capital investment required
- All contracts short term, no tonnage guarantee
- Technology risk
- Micropore fabric covered ASP lowest cost and scalable
- Little VOC data
- Conducted pilot studies, 2011 and 2012

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## Pilot – Flux Boxes



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## Pilot Study – Screening Covers



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## Pilot Study– Flux Chambers



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## Pilot Study Results

- Feedstock composted well
- Resultant compost comparable with windrow compost
- Cover Technology C achieved 93% VOC control
- Cover technology was feasible for use at Liberty
- Cover technology was scalable
- Other . . .



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## Ground Seal/Wind Anchor



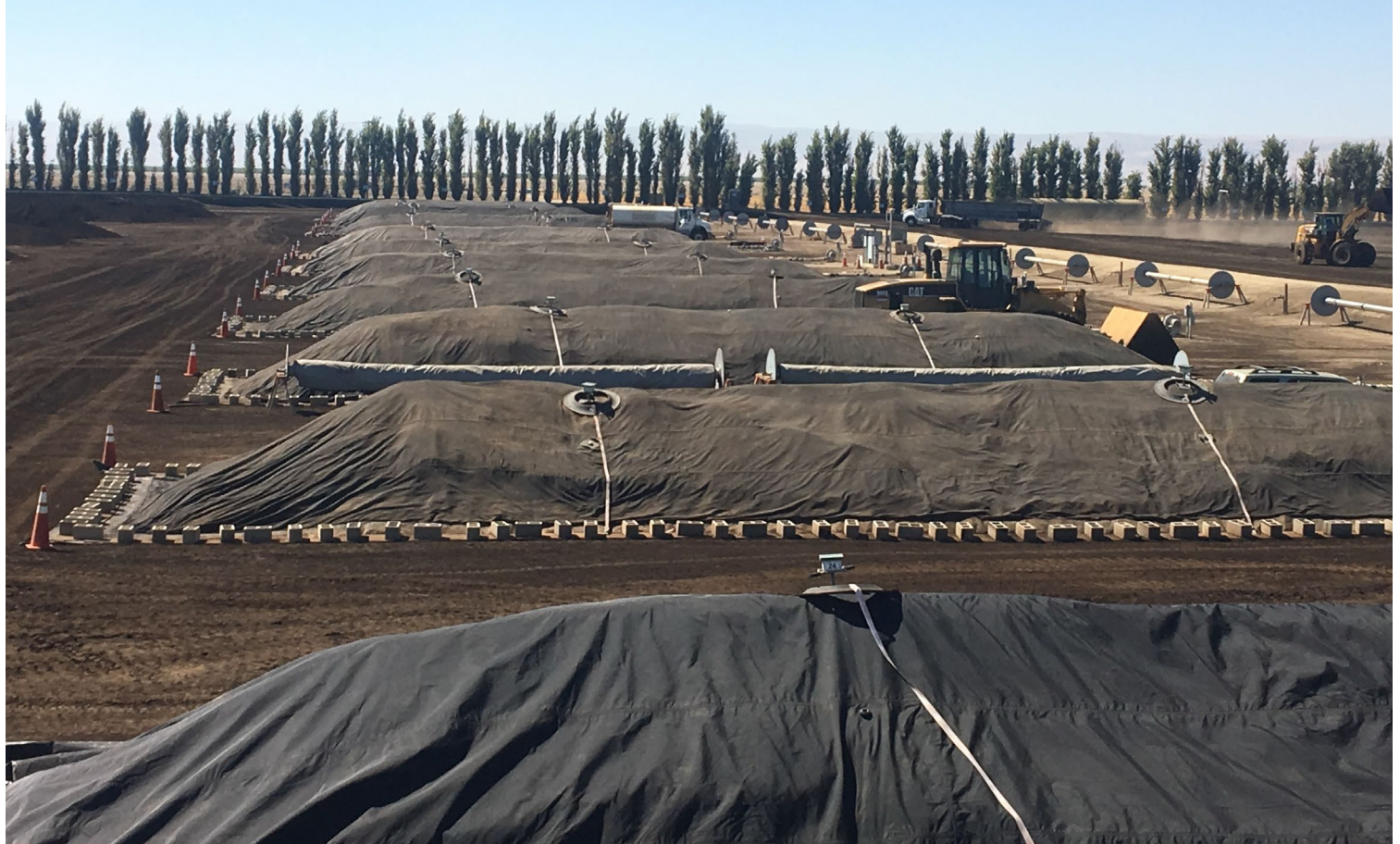
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## Full Scale Project

- Commissioned in 2012 on time and on budget
- 13 aeration pads with covers, 150 kt/yr
- Individual fans, PLC controlled
- Surface aeration system
- Wireless temperature probes
- Cover placement machine
- Cover storage
- Compliance testing

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## 13 Covered Aeration Pads



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## Surface Aeration System

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## Cover Placement Machine

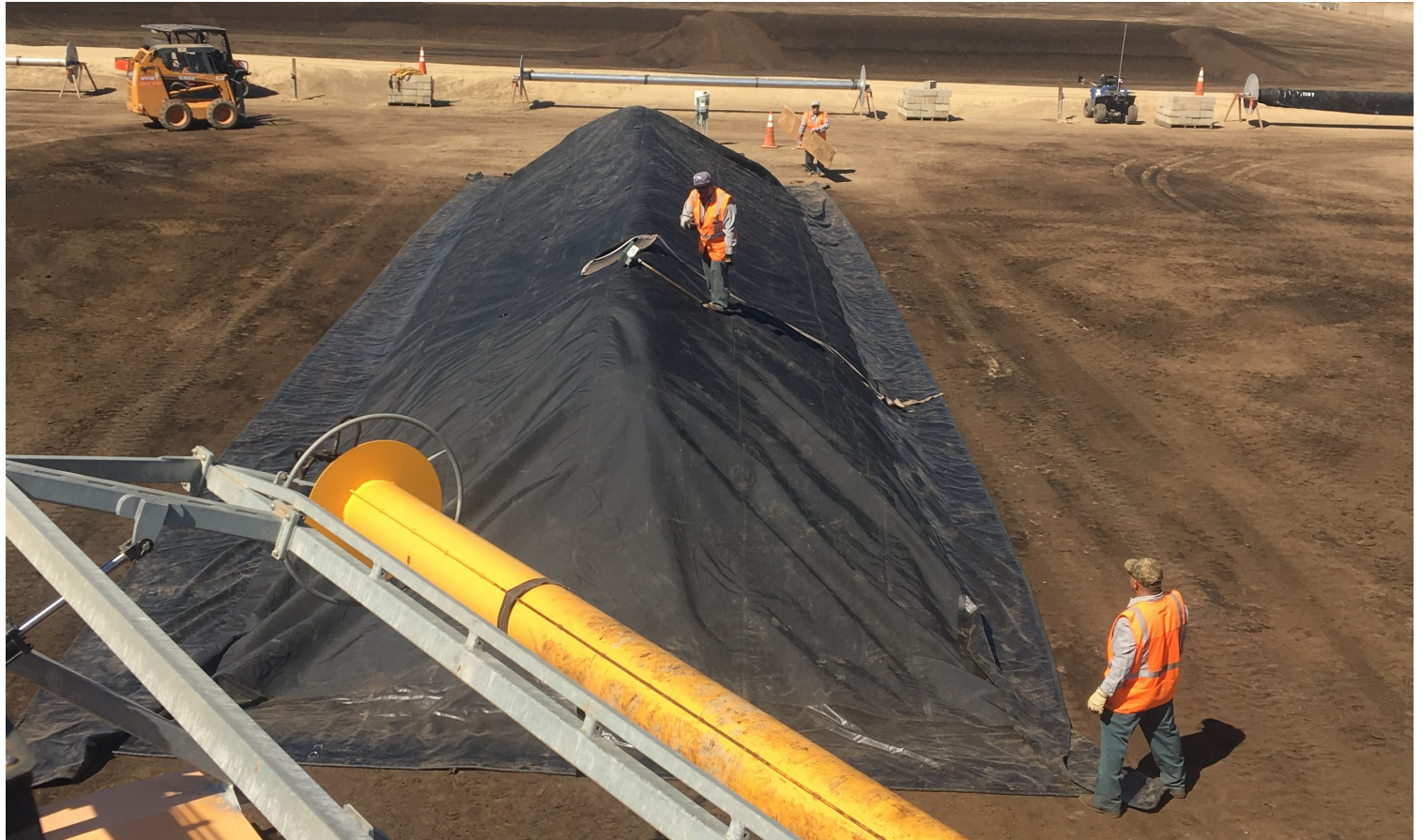
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## Covering a Pile

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## Compliance Testing

- 2012 95 percent VOC control
  - 2014 95 percent VOC control
  - 2016 95+ percent VOC control
  - 2018 95+ percent VOC control
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- Modified US EPA Method 25.3, 3.1 pounds VOC's per gate ton baseline emission factor