

Stakeholder Meeting  
6/16/08 handout - *revised to include input from QA exercise*

***Quality Assurance***

For: on-site use  
bulk sale  
bag sale

***Criteria to Consider:***

Feedstocks

Classifications for compost quality based on X – see example in FORCE report pg

Moisture content

PH

Particle size

Soluble salts

Soluble plant nutrients

Other agronomic traits

Stability

Maturity

Screening

Contaminants/foreign matter – eg. plastics, glass

– microscopic contaminant particles changing habitat for microbes

Approved for specific uses, eg. organic farming, turf, bank stabilization, etc.

Labeling system

Certification for organic

Frequency of testing

Sampling consistency – screened/unscreened for what tests

Public health assurances – Hygiene and Hazards Standards

– Antibiotics

Testing and Thresholds

Weed seeds

Heavy metals

Phytotoxic compounds - Herbicides

Pathogens

Nitrogen immobilization

Plant growth performance

PTEs – Molybdenum, Fluorine, Phthalates

Quality assurance should reflect public policy for hierarchy of carbon nutrients use

