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### **Company withdraws waste permit request in St. James Parish**

BATON ROUGE -- The Department of Environmental Quality announced today that FTM and Associates has withdrawn its request for a solid waste permit to apply biosolids in St. James Parish. DEQ officials are calling the move a favorable situation for all those involved.

FTM is now looking to spread the biosolids, also known as treated sewage sludge, at the Greater New Orleans Landfill. DEQ will issue the company an exemption to use the sewage sludge, which is used as a fertilizer, at the GNOL site until a permit is signed.

Chuck Carr Brown, DEQ's assistant secretary of environmental services, said the company would be allowed 90 days to complete its operation in St. James Parish. However, during this 90 day period, they will only be allowed to land apply the material until Dec. 31.

"I know it sounds cliché," Brown said, "but this is a win-win outcome for everyone. The department and the company worked effectively together to find an alternate site for the beneficial reuse of this product."