

## **Progress Report to FORCE January 4, 2005**

### **Training in Production and Utilization of Composts for Florida**

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#### **Part 1 - Work performed during the reporting period**

- A.** Color brochures (400) and digital e-mail flyer/invitations with the agenda were mailed to waste industry (RFT), citrus, vegetable, ornamental & turf growers, dairy, horse & poultry manure handlers, organic growers, DEP, NRCS, and the water district to attend the October 27, 2004 training in Sumter County, Central Florida.
- B.** A total of 55 people from related fields attended the October 27, 2004 compost workshop at Sumter County Solid Waste Facility and Sumter Lake Community College. The workshop included lectures, a tour of Sumter County Compost Facility and forestry project.
- C.** Ms. Francine Joyal from DEP and Mr. Jeff Rogers, Synagro, Inc. were invited to speak about issues important to the compost industry.
- D.** Participants received all the lecture information, a list of speakers, and compost websites on a CD. The CD's are also available to Extension agents, IFAS, FAMU researchers, RFT members, NRCS agents, commercial and organic growers, Fla. State regulators, and others in the Fla. waste industry that did not attend the training.
- E.** Extra CD's from the Sumter compost training were mailed to peoples not able to attend to the cancelled training September 15, 2004.

#### **Part 2 - Work scheduled for the next reporting period**

- A.** Write final report.

