

Feacal Sludge Management by Vermicomposting Technology

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INTRODUCTION

It is necessary to understand the characteristics and quantities of fecal sludge from on-site sanitation technologies, like a pit latrine or septic tank. This information is essential to plan and design appropriate fecal sludge management options.



OBJECTIVES & BENEFITS OF FSM

The Objective of Feacal Sludge Management is the protection of public and environmental health. The goal of vermicomposting of sludge is to fecal produce a high-quality fertilizer that is safe to use in the soil and reduces the amount of

pathogens in the sludge. FS ILLEGAL DUMPING

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ILLEGAL DUMPING OF FEACAL SLUDGE

Factors accelerating Illegal dumping of feacal sludge are:

- > Lack of sanitation facilities: If there aren't enough sanitation facilities, like septic tanks, people may dump fecal sludge illegally
- > Lack of water supplies: If there aren't enough water supplies, people may dump fecal sludge illegally
- > Low economic status: If people have a low economic status, they may dump fecal sludge illegally
- > Lack of appropriate technologies: If there aren't the right technologies, it can be difficult to manage fecal sludge
- > Lack of management policies: If there aren't the right management policies, it can be difficult to manage fecal sludge
- Limited treatment plants: If there aren't enough treatment plants, it can be difficult to manage fecal sludge.

FEACAL SLUDGE PRODUCTION

BENEFITS OF FSM

- Reduce the potential for human contact with fecalborne pathogens by improving the functioning of onsite sanitation systems;
- ✓ Minimize odors and nuisances, and the uncontrolled discharge of organic matter from overflowing tanks or pits;
- ✓ Reduce indiscriminate disposal of collected fecal sludge;
- ✓ Production and sale of the end-products of the sludge treatment process. These products may include recycled water for agriculture and industry, soil conditioners from composting or co-composting materials, and energy products such as biogas, biodiesel, charcoal pellets, industrial powdered fuel, or electricity.
- ✓ Stimulate economic development, and job creation for sanitation workers (Emptiers, FSTP Operators, Drivers, Contractors, Equipment installers...) and livelihood opportunities, while addressing the issues of the social stigma and operator health and safety that continue to impact informal workers.

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CROPS IN FERTILIZERED SOIL

FINDINGS

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From the analysis of the studies presented in this review, regarding the effects of

VERMICOMPOST STORED IN WAREHOUSE

VERMICOMPOST PACKED IN BAG

VERMICOMPOST

the actions of worms Eisenia fetida, on the sewage sludge can be seen as follows: they biopurify the sewage sludge by accumulating heavy metals through the skin, through food, and through absorption. The sludge was cleaned of pathogenic bacteria, transforming the sludge into a quality fertilizer, rich in nutrients that benefits the soil and crops. In the case of vermicomposting with *Eisenia fetida*, the parasite eggs were removed after 21 days, and after 120 days pathogens have been reduced. Through vermicomposting, the volume of feacal slusge is reduced.

EXPECTED OUTPUT

- ▶ Production of nutrient-rich, fine-grained compost that can be used as fertilizer.
- > The process eliminates the unpleasant smell associated with fecal sludge,
- >The process increases the amount of water-resistant aggregates in the vermicompost,
- ▶ Production of worm flavor protein-rich for fishery,



Expected Output

Increase in crop yield,

- >he process reduces the number of pathogens, such as bacteria, viruses, and parasitic worms,
- ► Vermicomposting is in line of circular as it valorize treatment end-products,
- ▶ Fertilization is higher and the growth hormone (kinetin) content of plants is higher.

CONCLUSION

Vermicomposting of feacal sludge with *E. fetida* is a sustainable, economical, and practical method of feacal sludge management E. fetida is a worm very often used in vermicomposting. Based on what is presented in this review, we believe that by using this ecological method of recovery of the sewage sludge, we protect the environment, we obtain pollutant-free agricultural crops, and ensure proper Feacal sludge management.

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