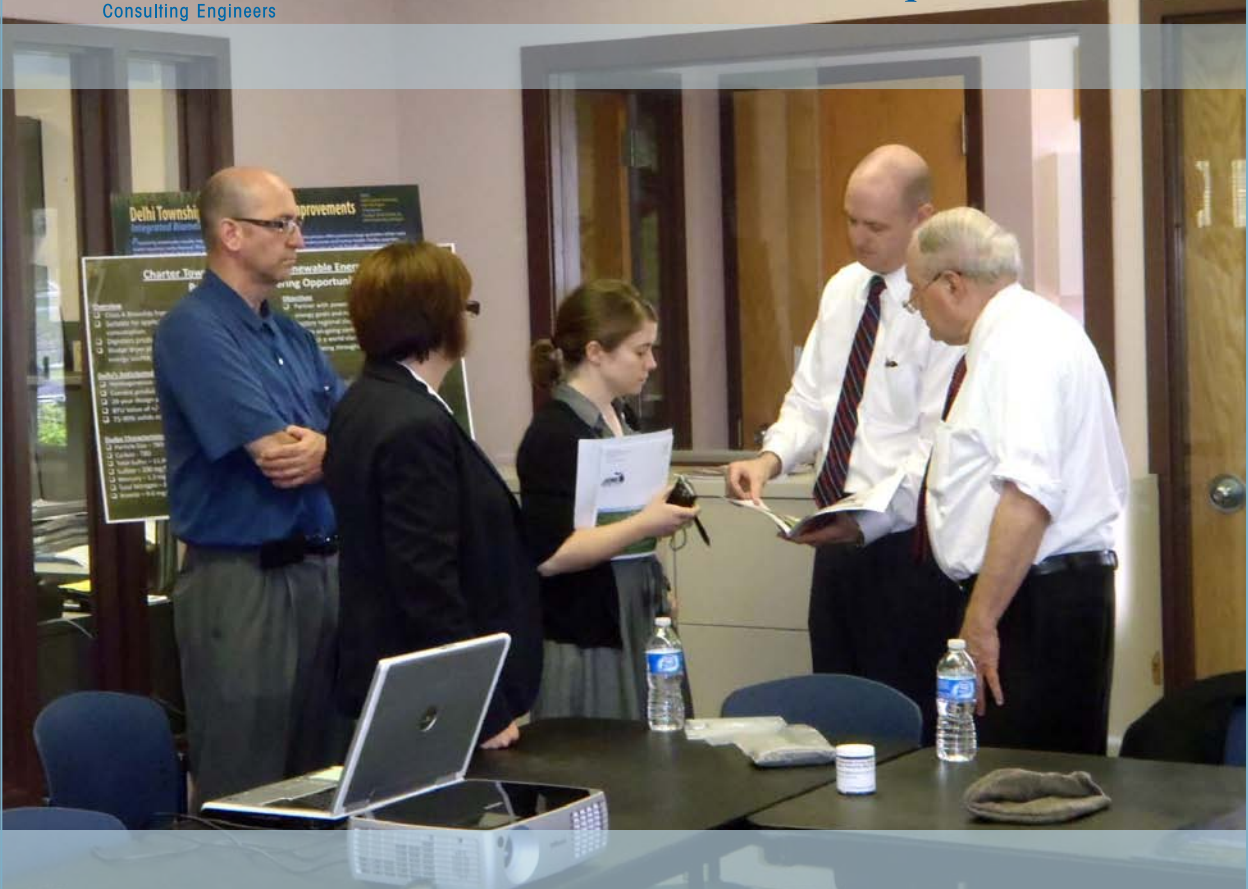




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Senator Levin Visits Delhi Township POTW



On May 20, 2011, the Delhi Township POTW was host to a very special guest, U.S. Senator Carl Levin. Senator Levin was accompanied by Ms. Melissa Horste, his Lansing area regional manager. Representatives from the Township included Sandra (Sam) Diorka, Director of Public Services which oversees the POTW, Stuart Goodrich, Township Supervisor, and John Elsinga, Township Manager. Tom Grant, Dennis Smith, James Burton, and George Hubbell represented Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC). After introductions and informal opening comments, there was a brief presentation on the Township's upcoming sludge drying project which will use large greenhouse type facilities to solar dry stabilized and dewatered sludge. Senator Levin gladly accepted the offer to take the short walk from the Administration Building to the digester area on this beautiful spring day. As the group toured the digester facility and discussed the dryer project, Senator Levin asked a number of direct and knowledgeable questions which Sam answered in her typical poised and professional manner.

One of the major obstacles to be overcome by Delhi Township and any energy producer wishing to use sludge as a fuel source is obtaining the necessary air quality permit variances from EPA. New regulations will place sanitary sludge into the solid non hazardous waste category in relation to using it as a fuel stock unless it meets a scrutiny of criteria. In the event that the dried solids are used by Michigan State University in their power generation facility, they may be required to meet the more burdensome incinerator requirements. Since sanitary sludge is clearly listed as a renewable energy fuel within the regulations requiring electricity generators to decrease their coal consumption in favor of renewable energy, this poses a quandary of meeting both standards. Recognizing this issue and the potential for sanitary sewer sludge to be processed into a fuel source, Senator Levin asked that Delhi keep his office informed to see if he could offer assistance.



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