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STA Compost Analysis Report and Results

**Client No: 1099**

**Southwaste Disposal**  
 20805 Lamm Road  
 Elmendorf, Texas 78112-  
 Ben Camacho

**Lab No: 74177**

Sample ID: **Row 4**  
 Date Sampled: **July 24, 2024**  
 Date Received: **July 25, 2024**  
 Date Reported: **August 5, 2024**  
 Email: **gholub@southwaste.com**

Analysis	Unit	As Sent	Dry Weight	lbs/ton as sent	Analysis Method	
Moisture @ 70 C	%	21.18	####	51	TMECC 03.09A	
Dry Matter	%	78.82	####		TMECC 03.09A	
Organic Matter by LOI @ 360C	%	36.15	45.86	723	TMECC 05.07-A	
Organic Carbon by LOI @ 360C	%	18.07	22.93	361		
Carbon:Nitrogen (C:N) Ratio		16.33 : 1	16.33 : 1			
Soluble Salts	dS/m	1.26			TMECC 04.10-A	
pH	Std Unit	7.91			TMECC 04.11-A	
<b>Total Nutrients</b>						
Nitrogen (N)	%	1.11	1.40	22.13	TMECC 04.02-A	
Nitrate-Nitrogen (ppm NO <sub>3</sub> -N)	ppm	1.25	1.58	0.00		
Ammonium-Nitrogen (NH <sub>4</sub> -N)	ppm	372.43	472.50	0.74		
Phosphorous (P)	%	0.38	0.48	7.51	TMECC 04.12-B	
Phosphate as P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%	0.86	1.09	17.22		
Potassium (K)	%	0.23	0.29	4.58	TMECC 04.12-B	
Potash as K <sub>2</sub> O	%	0.28	0.35	5.52		
Sodium (Na)	%	0.19	0.24	3.85	TMECC 04.12-B	
Calcium (Ca)	%	7.11	9.01	142.11	TMECC 04.12-B	
Magnesium (Mg)	%	0.21	0.27	4.24	TMECC 04.12-B	
Zinc (Zn)	ppm	141.10	179.02	0.28	TMECC 04.12-B	
Iron (Fe)	ppm	3677.57	4665.73	7.36	TMECC 04.12-B	
Manganese (Mn)	ppm	77.69	98.57	0.16	TMECC 04.12-B	
Copper (Cu)	ppm	53.70	68.13	0.11	TMECC 04.12-B	
Boron (B)	ppm	17.51	22.22	0.04	TMECC 04.12-B	
Chlorides (Cl)	ppm	151.88	192.69	0.30		
Sulfur (S)	ppm	2107.77	2674.13	4.22	TMECC 04.12-B	
<b>Trace Metals</b>						
Arsenic	mg/kg	0.90	1.15	Pass	41 SW846-6010B 04.06-As	
Cadmium	mg/kg	< 0.50	< 0.50	Pass	39 SW846-6010B 04.06-Cd	
Zinc	mg/kg	141.10	179.02	Pass	2800 SW846-7470 04.06-Zn	
Copper	mg/kg	53.70	68.13	Pass	1500 SW846-6010B 04.06-Cu	
Mercury	mg/kg	< 0.50	< 0.50	Pass	17 SW846-7471 04.06-Hg	
Molybdenum	mg/kg	1.06	1.35	Pass	75 SW846-6010B 04.06-Mo	
Nickel	mg/kg	< 0.05	< 0.05	Pass	420 SW846-6010B 04.06-Ni	
Lead	mg/kg	6.89	8.74	Pass	300 SW846-6010B 04.06-Pb	
Selenium	mg/kg	< 1.00	< 1.00	Pass	36 SW846-6010B 04.06-Se	
Chromium	mg/kg	17.39	22.06	Pass	1200 SW846-6010B 04.06-Cr	
<b>Stability Indicator - TMECC 05.08-E</b>		<b>Pathogens</b>				<b>Analysis Method</b>
Solvita Maturity Index - Stability Rating		Total Coliform (MPN/g dry)		160 Pass	TMECC 07.01-A	
		Fecal Coliform (MPN/g dry)		80 Pass	TMECC 07.01-B	
<b>Sieve - TMECC 02.02-B</b>		<b>Stability Indicator - TMECC 05.08-B</b>				
% Passing 3/8 in.	100	CO2 OM Evolution - mg CO2-C/g OM/day		0.35	Very Stable	
% Passing 5/8 in.	100	CO2 Solids Evolution - mg CO2-C/g TS/day		0.64		
<b>Inerts - TMECC 03.06-A</b>		<b>Maturity Indicator: Cucumber Bioassay - TMECC 05.05-A</b>				
% Plastic	0.00	Emergence - Avg. % of Control		100.00		
% Glass	0.00	Relative Seedling Vigor - Avg. % of Control		100.00		
% Metals	0.00	Plant Description		Very Healthy		

\*per US EPA Class A Standard, 40 CFR § 503.13, Tables 1 and 3.

## Understanding Compost Test Results Suitability of Use

Composts are complex mixtures of feedstocks that have been decomposed by microbes. Composts have several biological, chemical, and physical properties that may be beneficial for growing plants and improving soil, but some properties may limit use. Accordingly, a range of tests have been performed on your compost to determine whether any of its properties might limit the use of product.

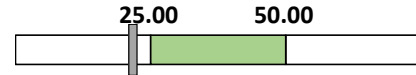
### Analysis / Results

### Desired / Common Range (dry weight basis)

#### % Moisture

21.18

< 30% Compost is too dry - light and dusty  
> 50% Compost is too wet - heavier and clumpy



#### % Organic Matter by LOI

45.86

Composts contain mostly organic carbon composed of the remains of the feedstock materials and newly produced molecules generated by the microbes. Carbon compounds are the fuel microbes use to cycle nutrients in the soil. Organic Matter improves the soils physical, chemical, biological aspects providing a source of energy for soil life and enhances the nutrient bank for plants.



#### Carbon : Nitrogen (C:N) Ratio

16.33 : 1

Organic Matter is composed of carbon primarily with some nitrogen. The ratio of these elements is the C: N Ratio. Composting requires a balance of carbon for energy and nitrogen. If the C: N ratio is high then the decomposition rate is slowed down; if low, then the compost pile is difficult to manage. 25 to 35 preliminary composting range



#### % Nitrogen

1.40

Most nitrogen in composts is in organic forms that will be released for plant use only after microbes decompose the organic compounds. Generally, 20% to 40% of the organic nitrogen becomes slowly available to plants in the first year of application.



#### % Phosphorous as P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

1.09

Much of the phosphorous in composts is also held in organic forms. However, some compost contains significant amounts of inorganic phosphorus held in more slowly soluble forms in association with calcium and magnesium. Release of the organic portion is similar to that of organic nitrogen. Release of inorganic forms depends largely on native soil pH. Greatest solubility in the neutral region (6.2 – 7.2).



#### % Potassium as K<sub>2</sub>O

0.35

In contrast to nitrogen and phosphorous, potassium is not held in organic forms, but becomes more loosely associated with the backbone of organic compounds. It does not require microbial activity for release, so it becomes available to plants at a higher rate. Most of the element becomes available for plant uptake in the first three months following application.



#### % Calcium

9.01

This nutrient does not form organic compounds but rather is present in compost as either free or in the form of inorganic compounds. Release of calcium for plants mainly depends on how soluble in water soluble (Plant Natural® – Carbonicum Media Analysis) the inorganic compound is. This in turn depends largely on the native soil pH to which the compost is applied. A more acidic pH (< 7) favors faster release. About half of this become plant available in the first three months following application.



#### % Magnesium

0.27

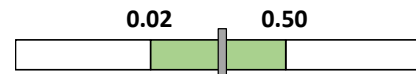
This nutrient also does not form organic compounds but rather is present in compost as either free or in the form of inorganic compounds. Release of magnesium for plants mainly depends on how soluble in water soluble (Plant Natural® – Carbonicum Media Analysis) the inorganic compound is. This in turn depends largely on the native soil pH to which the compost is applied. A more acidic pH (< 7) favors faster release. About half of this become plant available in the first three months following application.



#### % Sulfur

0.27

This important nutrient forms organic compounds, and also has an inorganic phase in the soil. This means that some is readily available, and some is released over time, as is the case for nitrogen and phosphorous.

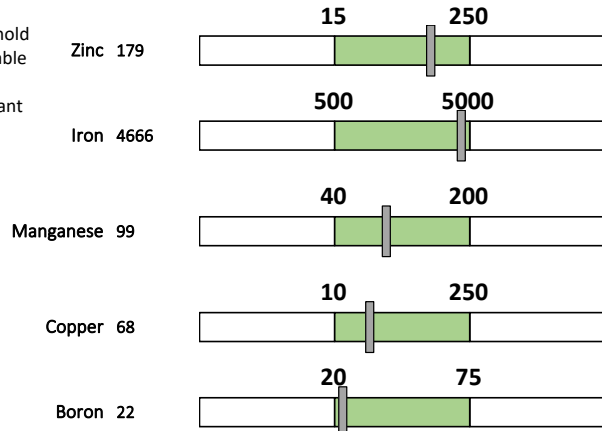


**Analysis / Results**

**Desired / Common Range (dry weight basis)**  
- for finished compost

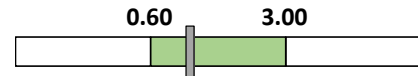
**Trace Elements - ppm**

Arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, selenium and others have a maximum threshold level (printed on the report) which, if exceeded, will render the compost unusable for food crops. Composts can be a good source of trace elements for plants because the organics in composts aid in keeping nutrients in a soluble form, plant available form.



**Soluble Salts - Conductivity 1:5**

1.26



Some feedstocks contain an appreciable concentration of salts and these can increase as the volume of the pile decreases during composting. Usually, if the salts are high, they leach away over time. However, until the salts leach away, they may adversely affect plant growth. A reading of  $\leq 5$  dS/m suggests compost salinity should have only a marginal affect on plants.

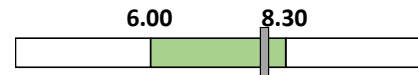
Common Range *depending on end-use* – Refer to table below for optimum use.

**Interpretation**

- < 0.30 Very low nutrient content. Expect nutrient deficiencies.
- 0.30 – 0.60 Ideal as direct growing media
- 0.60 – 3.00 Desirable range for most plant
- 3.00 – 5.00 High for salt sensitive plants, some loss of vigor to be expected
- 5.00 – 10.00 High nutrient content. Topdressing & incorporation only.
- >10.00 Extremely high nutrient content. Topdressing & incorporation only.

**pH**

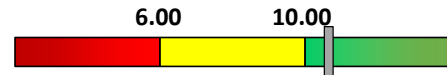
7.91



A measure of acidity is used to predict whether the compost might have an affect on native soil pH. Changes in soil pH can affect the solubility of nutrients. Composts greater than 7.0 probably contains liming agents which may affect crop management over time.

**Agricultural Index**

10.79



Calculation based on total N, P, K versus the quantity of soluble salts mainly sodium and chloride. The higher the Ag Index the less change of having toxic buildup of salts in the soil.

< 2: Salt injury is a possibility – although high levels of calcium and magnesium may help offset salt toxicity.

2 – 5: Adequate for application on soils with good to excellent soil tilth (structure), good irrigation water quality and low native salt content.

6 – 10: Adequate for application on soils with poor soil tilth (structure), less than desirable irrigation water quality and/or high to excessive native salt content.

>10: Ideal for application on all soil types.