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Invitation letter (email):

Dear _____ (Facility Operator/contact):

Anaerobic digestion (AD) facilities provide an environmentally beneficial management option for organic wastes, including food waste. As a result, development of AD facilities is critical to building much needed organics recycling capacity in this country. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting this voluntary survey of AD facilities that process food waste to establish a baseline capacity. This baseline will allow EPA to measure the increase in food waste processing capacity over time. The link to this survey is included below.

All information received from individual facilities will be protected from disclosure in accordance with Freedom of Information Act confidential business exemptions and the Privacy Act of 1974. Information will be aggregated prior to release of the data so that responses from any one individual facility cannot be ascertained.

This survey will be conducted on an annual basis for three years. The time needed to respond to this survey is estimated to be 30 minutes. Please direct any questions regarding this estimate to Melissa Pennington, EPA Region 3, pennington.melissa@epa.gov. For follow-up years, only revisions to the current data will be requested.

Thank you for taking the time to provide this valuable information. Your input is greatly appreciated.

[Link to Stand-Alone Digester Survey](#)

Respectfully,
Melissa Pennington