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Follow-up email:

Dear _____ (Facility Operator/contact):

On _____, you received an invitation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to participate in a survey regarding anaerobic digestion facilities in the United States. Your time and effort to complete this survey would be greatly appreciated. The link to this survey is included below.

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. 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.

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.

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

Respectfully,
Melissa Pennington