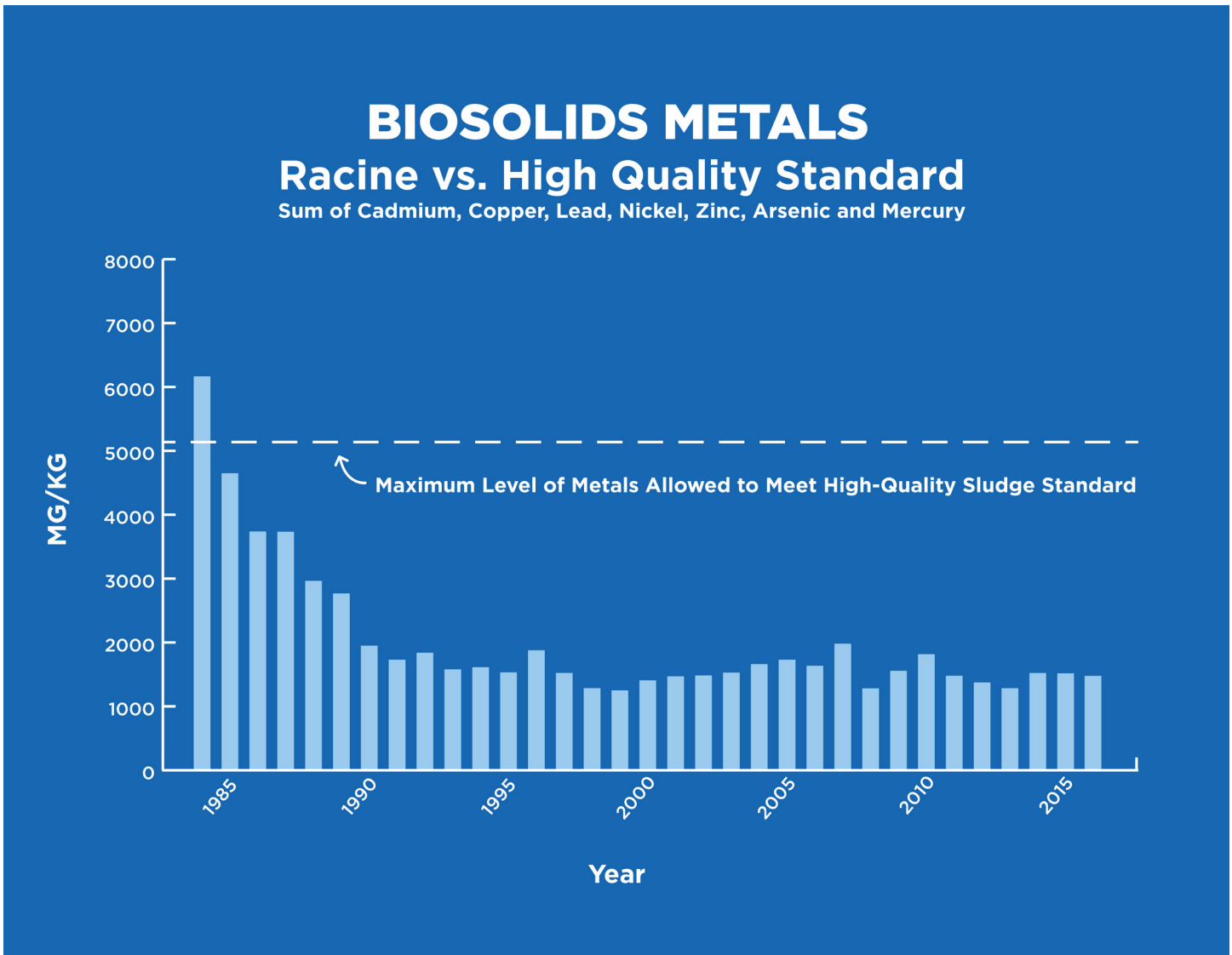




RACINE'S PRETREATMENT PROGRAM WORKS

In 1984, the Industrial Pretreatment Program went into effect. Since that time, there has been a steep decline in the amount of cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, zinc, arsenic and mercury found in the biosolids that are created as a result of wastewater treatment.



WHAT ARE BIOSOLIDS?

Biosolids are nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment facility. Treatment facilities can choose to recycle biosolids as fertilizer, incinerate it, or bury it in a landfill. The Racine Wastewater Utility treats, processes and recycles its biosolids so it can be applied as fertilizer to improve and maintain productive soils and stimulate plant growth. The Racine Wastewater Utility must meet stringent regulatory requirements to assure the safe reuse of this material.