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"The State of Washington must cease issuing any permit that allows the disposal of sewage sludge in any form on homes, farmland, forestland or parkland."

Ecology could certainly exert its authority on its own and still be in compliance with the legislature's intent that the agency "beneficially reuse" sewage sludge "in a manner that minimizes the risk to public health and the environment," by telling the legislature that its own concern about sewage sludge safety when applied to ag lands is great enough to compel it to recommend the phasing out of land-application in favor of other ways to "reuse" sludge (all it would take is for Ecology to complete an honest review of existing literature on the subject).