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I work actively on food safety, sovereignty and justice issues. I have become very aware of the dangers of PFAS and related chemicals in our environment....how we ALL carry these highly toxic chemicals around in our bodies. We are existing through epidemics of chronic and acute disease....cancers which cost not only the very lives of our loved ones, but also create gargantuan costs to our health care systems. Our state Ecology agency can be a leader in removing these dangers to our citizens. Please stop business as usual. Be bold, take steps to actually protect---the true mission of your agency.

Please:

~Update the three-decades-old regulations on which it bases permits to reflect current science: Testing must be done for PFAS, PCBs, pharmaceuticals, endocrine disruptors, and antibiotic resistant bacteria before spreading it on land and selling it as compost.

~Increase oversight and enforcement for when and where the sludge is spread.

~Disallow the land spreading of septic waste and sludge within 200 feet of public and private wells, surface water bodies, and above critical aquifer recharge areas.

~To avoid runoff, disallow spreading sludge during wet seasons of rain and snow.

~Disallow the waste to be spread on ski slopes.

~Permits should reflect the 2021 HEAL ACT.

~Require that crops grown in this sewage waste and commercial composts be labeled as such.

Thank you for acting in meaningful ways to protect us all.  
PLEASE don't fail us.