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Please rely on the best science to benefit Washington State. Specifically, 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 septage 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.