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We do not believe that the spreading of sludge, aka biosolids, on the land or in landfills is a viable solution to this significant waste disposal problem. We do NOT support this at all and are aware that many in the US have been negatively impacted by this long and dangerous practice. We believe the number of chemicals contained in this toxic material, no matter how one might argue that sludge is properly "treated" before dispersal, is unknowable. Why? Because chemicals react to form new chemicals and the DOE has no way of testing that unknown number.

Please task your agency to look into newer technologies available to treat this unhealthy material through perhaps thermal decomposition, or hopefully advancing technologies that are being explored in Europe and developed by individuals and in some local areas in the US today.

Please request funding from the Federal Government to create a safer alternative if the cost in R&D just seems too high, as was inferred in a DOE meeting with Preserve the Commons members several years ago. We are supposed to be moving toward a green new deal, per the current Biden/Harris administration. How can we then ignore the fact that spreading human and industrial waste on the land is NOT green and is poisoning not only our fish as toxins make their way into rivers and oceans, but ourselves. Could there not be a link between what is going into the soil as toxic waste (regardless of whether Class "A" or "B") where our food is then produced and ever increasing rates in cancer?

We implore you and your agency to do what is right. Not what appears to be the cheapest route and mistakenly convenient. Our children, our future, and all of nature deserves better.

Thank you,
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