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I am writing to oppose the permit renewal.

The current practices are not safe. They should not be renewed. They are poisoning the soil with PFAS, PCB's and other chemicals. They are not consistent with current science. The EPA acknowledged the toxins in sludge as early as 2009.

The practice of promoting the spreading of biosolids has a corrupting effect on the DOE because of the partnership the DOE has had with for-profit purveyors of sludge who have been proven to be unscrupulous. I'd like to see the DOE partner with communities to find alternatives.

Other countries, particularly The Netherlands, have tried different approaches that would be more responsible for public health. I refer you to a recently published book Pipe Dreams by Chelsea Wald for some of these ideas. Other methods of disposal, not mentioned in her book, include pyrolysis and gasification

Please do not renew the permit. Instead implement a moratorium and then go on to investigate and promote better systems for destroying what is toxic in these wastes and using what is valuable in a safer, more carefully managed, more discriminating way.

Respectfully,

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