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I worked in the specialty chemical industry for 17 years. The kinds of chemicals that ended up going down the drain, to the local sewage treatment plant, and then into the Mississippi River, should never have been allowed to happen. But it did. And it does. Here is just one example, in Seattle: Seattle barrel company used 'hidden drain' to dump caustic material into sewer, federal prosecutors say. Dec. 18, 2019 in the Seattle Times.

The many unknown chemicals which can cause harm to humans and all other life forms which are found in sewage sludge means that it should never be allowed to be spread on soil. The harm of sewage sludge is well documented. We need to move toward waterless compost toilets, which could truly be used for fertilizer. After all, I don't put drain cleaner on my cornflakes in the morning. I have used a compost toilet for 10 years now, with no problem. No odor, no danger, no water, and fine fertilizer.