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Hello Torrie:

Thank you for the letter letting me know about the DOE letter to inform me of the decision summary judgement by the Pollution Control Hearings Board.

As you may know I have been concerned for years in regard to application of bio-solids land application, you may want to review my case that spelled out a lot of my concern. Case number PCHB No 21-034. I have always believed there may be detrimental results from land application.

I am happy that the DOE continues to work with other states, as you know at least two states has banned land application of bio-solids. I would ask the DOE to consider further testing take place on land that has had land applications for **the last 20 years**. These test would determine if residual chemicals that are named in this notification are present. (Comprehensive test)

As I stated in my trial application in the low lands of Lewis County is not acceptable, if material is applied until October 31 the material will run off into the nearby stream during the winter. I also stated the Newaukum site in Lewis County is a aquifer recharge area, with three year round streams running onto the property. The PCHB said there was no water running out of the site during the summer, my question was where is that water going that runs through my acreage? There are areas in August tractors get stuck trying to farm the fields.

In my opinion by land application we may be polluting our clean water for future generations and there has to be a better way to dispose of harmful chemicals other than land application.

Thank you for the consideration


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