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Ecology being reissued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance for the Draft Biosolids General Permit on September, 27, 2024, ignores a growing body of evidence pointing to both the wide range of toxic chemicals in sewage sludge (biosolids) and the harmful impacts from their buildup in soil when they are used as a fertilizer especially on farms and gardens.

So, I oppose this determination. And I oppose the use of biosolids on any land in Washington state other than a certified toxic waste facility. It is time for Ecology to stop ignoring the science. I get that Ecology likely does ignore the science because doing the right thing would create a major cost for all of the wastewater treatment plants around the state. But the Department of Ecology should be putting the interests of the citizens of the state first and not the wastewater treatment plants.