

Environmental Hypocrites who promote Recycling

I continue to see Texas Campaign for the Environment (TCE) expressing their concerned about pollution.

At the same time their own organization promotes highly contaminated sewage sludge in compost. This would be industrial, medical, storm and household sewage sludge with potentially 80,000 untested and unregulated chemicals in it not even to go down the road of resilient pathogens and parasites (ringworms etc) found in biosolids . The most contaminated substance on this planet. This puts dangerous untested unregulated chemicals in the backyards and gardens of unsuspecting Texan's in the name of recycling.

To me this is hypocritical and pretty ignorant. Before you can help others with pollution issues you must first make sure your house in in order.

Let me quote Dobbs of the TCE:

“Biosolids are also sometimes called sewage sludge. After human wastes and other materials are flushed down all our drains, they are treated and the water is removed leaving the biosolids. TCE has become active in the last year or two in fighting proposals to dump this sludge onto agricultural land as fertilizer. Instead we (Texas Campaign for the Environment) support composting this material.”

With that in mind read:

****US EPA 40 CFR 261.30(d) and 261.33 (4): (Every US industry connected to a sewer can discharge any amount of hazardous and acute hazardous waste into sewage treatment plants.) There are over 80,000 chemicals in commerce and growing even today. It ends up in biosolids which is broadcasted over forest, farms and even bags taken to the consumer's home and used in their garden**

****US EPA Office Inspector General (OIG) Report # 14-P-0363 in 09/2014 / Google and read it for yourself. To sum up, industrial pre-treatment is not working and has never worked and nothing has been done about it. It ends up in biosolids and sewage plant effluent. “The priority pollutants list has not been updated since 1981”**

****So when you hear anyone from the multi-billion dollar sewage industry or anyone with monetary ties to any part of the sewage industry say the chemicals in biosolids are minimal and inconsequential or that they support composting with biosolids, ask them for any test showing the degree of hazard and concentrations of 80,000 chemicals that are found in biosolids or a composted biosolids like Milorganite from Milwaukee, Hou-Actinite (Houston, TX) and Dillo Dirt (Austin, TX). There are many more. Consumer beware of any bag that has “biosolids” on it. You and your family are at extreme risk.**

****Chemicals that are persistent in the environment, bio-accumulate in people and/or wildlife, and are toxic are called PBTs and neurotoxins such as microcystin (a hemotoxin), phycotoxins, domoic acid, brevetoxin. Because of these features, as long as they remain in commerce and may therefore be released into the environment, they will threaten the health of humans, wildlife including aquatic life.**

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Respectfully

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Look out for toxic 'organic' compost

The owner of Krimson Kafe in Watkinsville asked recently if I would speak with her mother, Gloria, an avid organic gardener. Gloria was having problems with "organic" compost from Athens-Clarke County's composting facility on Lexington Highway.

The facility delivered two truckloads, which she spread on flower beds under her windows and other areas of her shaded lot off Jefferson Road. She said it smelled really bad, and had assumed it contained chicken litter.

I contacted David King, a retired chemical engineer who helps me monitor a housing development in Greensboro built on land contaminated with hazardous chemical wastes. We gathered some sample jars and headed over to Gloria's place. Shortly after Gloria spread the compost, all three of her cats that roamed about her yard began vomiting. Several days later, one of them died. She stretched out one of her arms, and showed us a bad case of ringworm that developed immediately



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When she returned to the composting facility to talk with the manager, Gloria was surprised to learn that the "organic" compost she purchased was made with sewage sludge from Athens-Clarke County's wastewater treatment plant. "It's human wastes," the manager explained.

Sewage sludges contain everything that enters the sewer system from households and businesses, including hazardous chemical and biological wastes from hospitals, dental offices, veterinary clinics and funeral homes. Many infectious

agents, including the fungus that causes ringworm, can survive composting. So can all of the environmentally persistent chemical pollutants that enter the sewer system. Many of them cause cancer, birth defects and other health problems even at extremely low concentrations.

All that EPA regulates in treated sewage sludges applied to land is a few heavy metals. Complex mixtures of chemical wastes found in all sewage sludges are just the kind of pollutants organic gardeners go to great lengths to avoid. They're the same harmful chemicals EPA strictly regulates in air and water at millions of times lower concentrations.

Understandably, Gloria was upset that Athens-Clarke County doesn't inform gardeners that its "organic" compost may contain sewage-related chemical wastes—the same chemicals, for example, that cause cancer from breathing second-hand smoke. While the USDA prohibits treated sewage sludges from being

used on commercial organic farms, it doesn't require labeling these same products when sold to home gardeners.

Fortunately, Athens-Clarke County removed its "sewer compost" from Gloria's property; and her two surviving cats recovered. My related YouTube video, filmed in the Catholic Center at the University of Georgia to commemorate Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, is posted on the Focus for Health website below. It's titled: "Destroy pollutants instead of regulating them!"

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