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one other edit on the response that ty is creating--i think the word "stringent" should be taken out of the federal guidelines descriptor as i am learning that the fed guidelnes do not regulate a lot of toxins so may not be as stringent as we may want.

thanks.

francesca

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Hi,

Thanks so much for speaking with me yesterday. I haven't gotten the test results of the compost given out by SFPUC yet but I did want to send you this attachment. It's the EPA's own study of 84 samples of sludge from around the country. The EPA regulates 9 heavy metals (which are noted with a * in the report) and fecal coliform, but nothing else. However, you'll notice that a number of the substances and chemicals tested for did appear in all or almost all of the samples. One of the samples used was from San Francisco and 6 are from California (although I didn't check whether or not they are within the counties that provided the sludge given out as compost to gardeners). If the SFPUC plans to do any testing for toxins, this may provide a starting point as it identifies what is commonly found in sludge from around the country.

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