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**From:** Francesca Vietor [francesca@igc.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2010 6:35 PM  
**To:** John Stauber  
**Cc:** Harrington, Ed  
**Subject:** Re: Francesca, would you like to talk about the sludge give away

John,

I have not had a chance to take a closer look as I have recently starting a new job, and I won't be able to in the near future, as I need to focus on other PUC business at present. I have asked Ed Harrington to respond to your concerns but please, specifically outline them, and address the points you find "sad, misleading and inaccurate" in the PUC staff response, as I do not find your reply below at all constructive.

Thank you,

Francesca

Francesca,

The statement you sent is the same sad, misleading, inaccurate statement that your staff has been disseminating.

There is nothing in it that says PUC is discontinuing the giveaways, are you telling me they are?

Sewage sludge is toxic material and needs to be treated as such. The 'beneficial use' ruse is a terrible scam.

Take a much closer and personal look at this issue, please, you'll be very glad you did. I suspect the Mayor will be changing his tune soon, and you don't want to be left hold the bag of toxic sludge.

Best,  
John

On Fri, Mar 5, 2010 at 2:35 PM, Francesca Vietor <francesca@igc.org> wrote:

Hi John,

My understanding is that there are no further plans for give aways. The bigger issue is how to best use, and disposal of, sludge and waste,

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I just received the notice that the PUC is distributing on this issue--I will forward it on to you.

Thank you for your continued good work,

Francesca

Francesca,

I had no idea until I was doing some googling around today that you are VP of SFPUC.

[http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC\\_ID/18/MSD\\_ID/113/C\\_ID/71](http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/18/MSD_ID/113/C_ID/71)

I would be very happy to talk with you, let me know if you'd like to! As you know, I wrote the book Toxic Sludge Is Good for You sixteen years ago and now that I have left my organization, Center for Media and Democracy, I'm digging into the sludge again.

You can be a hero on this issue by stopping the sludge on gardens in San Fran.

Best,  
John

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