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Subject: Re: Fw: Ed Begley, Jr. / Growing food on toxic sludge in minority schoolyards / Kellogg products / etc.
To: Debbie Levin
Cc: Hugh Kaufman, Ed Begley, Jr. Greg Baldwin, John Stauber

I find this exchange of emails very troubling, because I have respected EMA's efforts in the past.

My understanding (as a co-author with Theo Colborn of *Our Stolen Future* and a scientist who follows this very closely) of the science of sewage sludge is that there is stuff in there that has the potential for all sorts of health problems.

The problem is not the odor or the bacteria. It's what gets dumped down the drain that shouldn't be. Brominated flame retardants, especially, but also hazardous metals and a lot of other toxic stuff (technical language).

And it always happens.

Anyone who claims otherwise is using procrustean science.

If EMA is involved in promoting its use, then that is problematic. I wouldn't think it is something that EMA would want to do.

Here's a selection of stories from the main stream media about the debate over potential problems. <http://bit.ly/idqUeS>

And here's a look at a small sample of the recent science: <http://bit.ly/guT8fS>

Best wishes,
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