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Date: Sun, Oct 29, 2000 10:40 PM
Subject: Re: selling radioactive soil from nuclear power plants

Carol J. Ward wrote:

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 > Oct. 29,
 > 2000
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 > Dear Sir or Madam:
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 > It is my understanding that your agency intends to market
 > irradiated, contaminated
 > soils to construction companies, farmers, golf courses, home owners,
 > road building
 > companies, and other commercial establishments.
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 > Are you aware of the fact that up to 15% of the population of
 > this country are
 > chemically sensitive? This group of people, of which I am one,
 > cannot tolerate the
 > least amount of chemical contamination. I also feel that the
 > environment in this
 > country is already in serious shape and you are proposing to add to
 > that - to bring
 > radioactivity into peoples' back yards, to make bricks from it, and
 > to place it
 > in roadways.
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 > What about the unborn child? Surely you must be aware of the
 > great sensitivity of
 > the fetus in the first trimester. And think of young children
 > playing in yards where
 > this irradiated soil exists. The percentage of impaired children is
 > growing - you would
 > be adding to it. Think of inflicting chemical toxicity on livestock
 > and crops. This would
 > do great harm. Evidence exists that a higher rate of cancer exists
 > around nuclear plants
 > where there are low level emissions. Cancer is an epidemic in this
 > country. You would
 > be adding to this.
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 > Have you done any studies on the probably effects on wildlife? I
 > cannot think that
 > what you are proposing to do will benefit animals and birds. I am
 > categorically against
 > marketing radioactive soils. The environment is not endlessly
 > forgiving. Clean up the
 > toxic waste sites that already exist. Do not create new wastes. There
 > is no safe use for
 > this material. Develop a process internally to defuse the wastes
 > created by nuclear power
 > so they will not undermine the environment. Contain and isolate
 > nuclear waste.

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> Sincerely yours,
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> J. Ward

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