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Dear [27] tjn@nrc.gov:

I lack sufficient scientific background regarding this to comment, however it appears that if my memory serves, the half life of uranium is 235 years. Since I believe uranium to be utilized in nuclear use, and that trace residue would be present in the soils, I would, as a gardener, question the uptake by the plants. It is after all, a mineral, however, whether the plants themselves are capable of utilizing and retaining it would have to be subject to testing.

I personally would like more research done regarding it or for the information to be publically available, but it does appear that this may be a sterilized (whether for good or bad) alternative for increased soil utilization - the adobe brick production could conceivably be sealed in and not a threat to anyone/thing/s well-being.

Regards,
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