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Re. "Human Interaction with Reused Soil: A Literature Search"

I understand your administration is considering a plan to distribute "low level" radioactive soil from nuclear power reactors for "reuse" elsewhere.

The summary of your report says: "Using these data, the NRC staff will be able to define realistic soil reuse scenarios and to estimate parameters for use in simulating exposure pathways involving radiologically contaminated soils from NRC-licensed facilities."

This raises for me several questions that I would like you to answer.

- 1) What does NRC mean by "reuse" of soil?
- 2) Why does NRC wish to entertain "realistic soil reuse scenarios" for the reuse of radiologically contaminated soil?
- 3) How is it that soils at NRC-licensed facilities been contaminated?
- 4) Exactly which NRC-licensed facilities have been so contaminated?
- 5) With what particular radioactive isotopes have these soils been contaminated?

Thank you for your prompt answers to this inquiry.

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