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Comment on a Draft NRC Report Human Interaction with Reused Soil

I believe that we must learn from the lessons of lead paint and asbestos and treat low-level contaminated soils as hazardous materials. Common sense dictates that we leave the soils on site, keeping the contaminants in a localized area where they can be identified later if needed and dealt with as technology evolves and where the use of the site can be regulated.

Allowing the soil or any other contaminated material to be distributed in the commercial market place where it will contaminate other materials and eventually be used by consumers and farmers is irresponsible. The result of this will be the low level contamination of our entire nation and the world. We know full well that these materials are not good for our health and environment, even in minute levels. Why take such a risk? What's wrong with leaving the soil where it is and finding a compatible use for the site.

Those considering this issue must ask themselves if they would want their children to play in a playground with radioactive soil? If they want to eat food grown in these soils? As if the current levels of pollution in our lives was not enough, do we need to add this known hazard to it? I think not.

Thank you,
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