

Spreading municipal sludge on farmland has gained national attention in recent months after Maine entirely banned the practice last year.



The sewage sludge spreading Casella plans in Steuben County would be illegal in Maine.

State officials there said soil, crops and livestock linked to fields spread with sewage sludge were contaminated with high levels of PFAS "forever chemicals." Several dairy farms have been forced to close because the milk they produced was dangerously contaminated.

Casella officials acknowledged that the municipal sludge spreading they plan to conduct in Steuben County would be illegal in Maine. Other states are considering bans as well. New York doesn't require PFAS testing of sludge.

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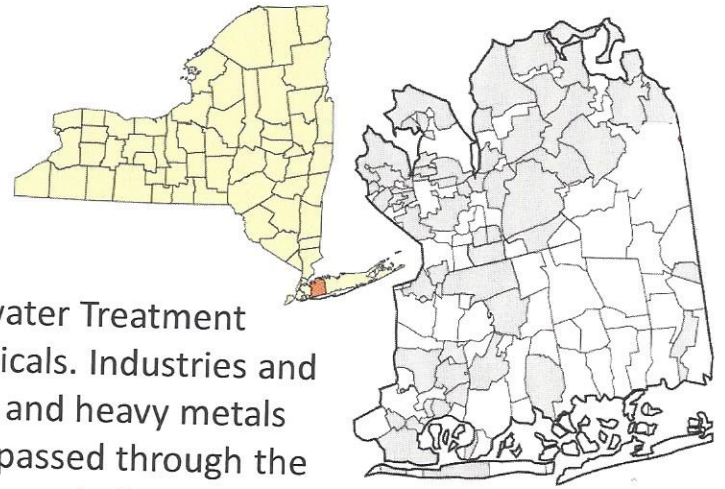
Casella is currently requesting an expansion to include potentially contaminated sewer sludge from Nassau County, NY be brought to Steuben County and spread on farmland.

WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?

The sewer sludge has been known to potentially contain high amounts of PFAS contamination.

Unfortunately, conventional WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plants) do not effectively remove PFAS chemicals. Industries and contaminated sites may discharge chemicals and heavy metals into the sewer system. Instead PFAS may be passed through the solids from the treatment process referred to as sludge or bio-solids.

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A quick search on Yahoo states that Wastewater treatment plants are ineffective in degrading these pollutants.

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Ineffective

Conventional wastewater treatment processes in wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) are ineffective at degrading emerging pollutants such as PFAS, mainly due to their low concentrations and high hydrophilicity.

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HOW DOES THIS POTENTIALLY AFFECT US?

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- PFAS EXPOSURE IS LINKED TO**
- CERTAIN TYPES CANCER • BIRTH RELATED COMPLICATIONS • MALE INFERTILITY
 - OSTEOPOROSIS • INCREASED RISK OF DIABETES
 - THYROID DISEASE
 - INCREASED CHOLESTEROL • LIVER DAMAGE

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CONCERNED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL COMMENTS AND CONCERNS TO:

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EMAILS MUST BE SENT BY JUNE 28TH, 2023

Source: Environmental Working Group (EWG)



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Nassau County

Suffolk County