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Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 7:04 PM
To: Jue, Tyrone
Subject: Re: Alice Waters Approves of Growing Food on Toxic Sewage Sludge?

i expect you will be making this point to anyone who comments. failure to share results of tests is something like the number one no-no of arguing about scientific facts.

On Thu, Apr 1, 2010 at 5:29 PM, Jue, Tyrone <TJue@sfwater.org> wrote:

Tell me about it. We're already doing additional testing and were asked to put program on hold at urging for Commissioner Vietor until we get results.

Its a shame these groups have conducted tests on our biosolids compost and are refusing to give us a copy.

Ty

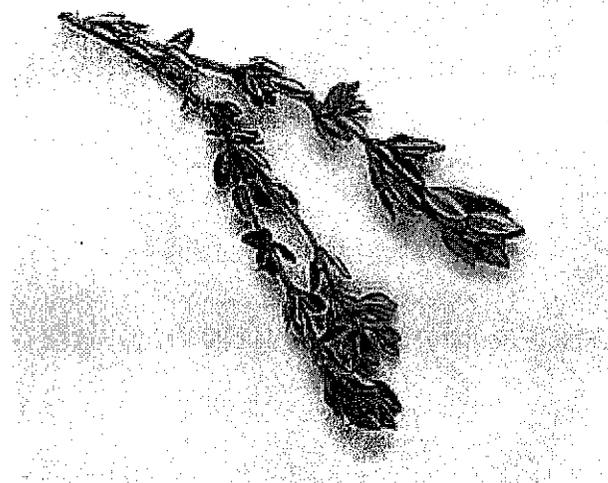
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you guys are getting hammered on this. time for some independent testing and some testing of the actual crops that grow in this shit (heh).

Sent to you by alex lantsberg via Google Reader:

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via SFist by Brock Keeling on 3/31/10



Food fight!

At noon ~~today~~ tomorrow, the Organic Consumers Association (an online grassroots effort dealing with "crucial issues of food safety, industrial agriculture, genetic engineering, children's health, corporate accountability, Fair Trade") will protest Alice Waters at Chez Panisse Cafe. Why? Well, according to OCA Director Ronnie Cummins's angry press release, "we are protesting the failure of Alice Waters to oppose growing food on toxic sewage sludge, often deceptively labeled as 'organic compost.'"

The OCA site claims, via "scientific evidence," that city sewage sludge contains "hundreds of dangerous pathogens, toxic heavy metals, flame-retardants, endocrine disruptors, carcinogens, pharmaceutical drugs and other hazardous chemicals coming from residential drains, storm water runoff, hospitals, and industrial plants." Also, it contains poop. (Heel!) Anyway, it seems the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is giving away this allegedly toxic sewage sludge compost "to unsuspecting gardeners in the Bay Area including school gardens."

What does Waters have to do with this gastronomic hubbub? The Executive Director of Alice Waters' Chez Panisse Foundation, Francesca Vietor, is also the Vice President of the PUC. Thus, the OCA goes on to claim, "[b]oth Vietor and Waters support growing food on toxic sewage sludge."

In a written response to OCA's accusation that Waters is "in direct opposition to the standards that Chez Panisse Foundation and the Edible Schoolyard encourage and uphold," the Chez Panisse Mafia Donna said:

I have been involved with the organic garden movement for 40 years. I believe in the transparency of public institutions and count on the government to offer the highest standards outlined by the Organic Consumers Association and other reliable advocates. I look forward to reviewing the science and working with the SFPUC to ensure the safety of composting methods. I support Francesca Vietor, Executive Director of the Chez Panisse Foundation and a PUC commissioner, whose environmental work I have admired for many years and whose integrity has been

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