

Sewage sludge helps farms but may have bad chemicals that can harm soil and people. These "forever chemicals" don't go away easily.



Some say the government hasn't stopped bad chemicals from spreading. These chemicals, from things like non-stick pans, aren't checked by rules.



Farmers worry sludge might harm land and food. Some won't use it if rules stay the same, making sludge disposal hard.



Water companies are worried farmers might stop using sludge. If so, they may need to burn or bury it, which costs more money.



Some US places banned sludge with bad chemicals. People in the UK want strong rules to keep land safe from these chemicals.



Farmers use sludge as it's cheap and good for crops. They trust water companies for safety. Better rules are needed to protect land and food.