Merv Stevens of the Eastern Region offices of the Forest Service has sent Soil Survey Horizons a copy of a new bulletin on waste disposal that will be of interest to many soil scientists. Hugh Cunningham is the author of "Environmental Protection Criteria for Disposal of Treated Sewage on Forest Lands". A few paragraphs from the introduction explain the purpose and scope of the publication:

"Waste treatment by municipalities, public agencies or industries can convert raw sewage into effluent which is suitable according to public health standards for discharge into waterways, but which may be rich in nutrients and may contain undesirable concentrations of metallic elements and toxic substances. Furthermore, the processes of sewage treatment creates various residues or sludges containing even higher amounts of these components. Ultimate disposal of this sewage sludge has become a problem for many communities.

The expanding problem of waste disposal in our society and the present and growing danger of polluting receiving waters has prompted many "ecologists" to search for new disposal methods of final products from sewage treatment plants. Use of land as a filtering media for recycling organic and mineral wastes has been proposed as a practical solution to part of the problem. Because of the many unanswered questions regarding the impact that such a disposal project would have on the forest environment, and the current lack of any definite management guides or site selection criteria, this paper has been prepared as a first attempt to establish facts now available and recognize parameters of available knowledge to this date. Future revisions of this report will