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To the CRD Environment Committee and the Saanich Peninsula Waste Commission,

Sierra Club BC would like to re-assert its strong support for the CRD ban on the land application of bio-solids passed by the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee last year, and to express our concern and opposition to the production and distribution of PenGrow by the Saanich Peninsula Waste Commission.

It has recently come to our attention that the Saanich Peninsula Waste Commission is planning to expand the PenGrow program to farmland on the Saanich Peninsula. At a time when the public is more and more supportive of, and aware of, the importance of local food production, the land application of bio-solids seems to directly contradict the responsibility of the CRD to protect the region's farmland, natural environment and public health.

As such, we support the motion before the CRD Environment Committee to prohibit the sale, storage and production of PenGrow on CRD facilities or Parks, and urge the Saanich Peninsula Waste Commission to re-consider the land application of bio-solids on local farmland.

Best regards,

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