

Tell Leading Climate Scientists to Stop Prematurely Promoting Industrial Scale Biochar Development

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Please protest proposals for large scale use of charcoal in soils for climate change mitigation, and against their inclusion into carbon markets. Biochar, along with agrofuels, will result in devastating expansion of industrial agriculture which threatens people, climate and ecosystems.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Industrial scale "biochar" is the latest dangerous planetary geo-engineering proposal (replacing ocean iron fertilization as the flavor of the month) to save the Earth and humanity from climate change without personal sacrifice or social change. Biochar (charcoal) enthusiasts intend to burn biomass to produce and bury charcoal, in order to manipulate land use and the biosphere on a vast scale. As if the world's land, 25% of which is already becoming seriously degraded, does not have enough pressures from deforestation, industrial agriculture and sprawling human settlements. Charcoal proposals forestall sufficient climate change measures such as ending the use of coal, protecting and restoring old forests, and reforming industrial agriculture. Express concern on the matter to leading scientists, industrialists and negotiators supporting the idea of burning ecosystems to save them.

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