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**Summary and Conclusions**

- Nutrients are being lost from litter piles
- The nutrient being lost in the greatest amounts (about 8 times) is potassium
- Potassium concentrations are the main contributor to soluble salts concentrations
- Poly covers provided no benefit for N losses
- Nitrogen is lost from piles both as leachate (edges) and probably as ammonia gas
- These amounts should be kept in perspective
- Piled litter is safer than spreading at wrong time

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