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Question:

In the interest of avoiding polluting the soil and groundwater. Does it make sense to require termite treatments for the soil on houses completely constructed with light gauge galvanized steel (interior walls, exterior walls, floor joists, and trusses, especially when concrete-based sheathing, decking, and interior wall cladding are used? No wood products are used anywhere in the structure.

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