Subject: Re: C&C 3

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According to an interview posted on IGN, Kane is alive (but where's Joe?), the Philadelphia gets nuked to radioactive scrap, and there's an as-of-yet-unnamed faction lurking in the shadows (gee, I wonder who they could possibly be?) waiting to strike.

Oh, and they've got no clue how Tiberium works.

Quote: Technically Tiberium is a self-replicating crystalline substance of extraterrestrial origin that converts everything that it touches into more Tiberium. As it transmutes matter, Tiberium gives off powerful radiation - and this makes it very useful as an energy source and as a weapon.

A review for the uninitiated: Tiberium is indeed a self-replicating crystalline substance of extraterrestrial origin. It does not transmute matter- it leeches minerals from the soil through its "roots" (hence its value, being easily harvestable and chock full of valuable goodies). It does not give off as much radiation as the quote above would suggest- it is "merely" extremely toxic and mutagenic. Mutagenic meaning it affects organisms, not matter in general. Tiberium is generally accepted to be something sent to Earth to convert our planet for the use of the extra-terrestrials who make appearances (through their crashed ships) in TS and Renegade. It has never been useful as a power source, though it has been used as a weapon. Blue tiberium, which is twice as valuable, twice as toxic, and extremely volatile, has a number of properties that the green stuff doesn't. There is also a form of tiberium, never seen in the games, which impedes travel by sea.

As far as weaponized forms of tiberium go, we have handheld and large-scale weapons. The handheld weapons include the chem-sprayer, seen both in TD and Renegade, as well as the TAR and Tiberium Flechette, also from Ren. The only large-scale tiberium-based weapon we have yet seen is the Nod chemical missile from TS. That, if you recall, did not use tiberium directly, but rather the tendrils of the veinhole, one of many mutated species that appeared some time after the end of TD.