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Rogue GMO Microbes

Modified Soil Microbes Could Trigger a GMO Doomsday

Alexis Baden-Mayer reports for the Organic Consumers Association: Contaminating soil with rogue GMO microbes could trigger a doomsday for agriculture that would jeopardize not only our ability to grow food, but would imperil life as we know it on this planet. Before your legislative representatives let Bayer spread genetically engineered soil microbes (supposedly for use as fertilizers and pesticides) all over your state, make sure they read the risks report its partner Ginkgo Bioworks filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

TAKE ACTION: Educate your legislators on the risks of genetically engineered microbes! https://orgcns.org/3vorjfU

Killer Coverup — Scientists Misled Pentagon About Wuhan Research

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola:

"Evidence suggests the lab leak theory has been intentionally ignored because individuals who had a hand in the creation of SARS-CoV-2 needed to cover up the fact that it was man-made to protect reputations and money flows. In 2018, EcoHealth Alliance submitted a proposal to the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), requesting \$14 million for gain-offunction (GOF) research on bat sarbecoviruses. The proposal spelled out the intent to insert "human-specific cleavage sites" into sarbecoviruses, a genus of coronavirus to which SARS-CoV belongs. This also happens to be one of the radically novel features that makes SARS-CoV-2 so infectious to humans.

At the end of December 2023, U.S. Right to Know (USRTK) received an early draft of the proposal with comments from Daszak and Baric in the margins. The comments reveal Daszak misled DARPA about where the research was to be conducted.

The Pentagon rejected the proposal, but questions remain whether the research was conducted under some other program."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3tJqOMW

New EPA Plan for Hormone Harming Pesticides Sparks Hope But Also Skepticism

Johnathan Hettinger writes for The New Lede:

"A new US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plan aimed at protecting the public from exposure to pesticides that harm reproductive health is sparking hope for advocates who have called for action for more than two decades, but skepticism remains high. The long overdue strategy comes after litigation and multiple Inspector General probes exposed decades of EPA inaction to deal with evidence that many widely used pesticides are disrupting human hormones in ways that interfere with healthy pregnancies and cause an array of other harms."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3tRcrWN

What is Regenerative Agriculture?

By Prof. Dr. André Leu, International Director of Regeneration International:

There are claims that there is no clear definition of Regenerative Agriculture.

Regeneration International started the worldwide regenerative movement in 2015. We have published our definition many times. We are the oldest and most significant of all the inclusive regenerative agriculture movements working on all 6 arable continents on our planet. Consequently, we state with authority that our definition is the primary one.By definition:

Regenerative systems improve the environment, soil, plants, animal welfare, health, and communities.

Read more: https://orgcns.org/47ubUYG

Yale Study: "Forever Chemicals" Promote Cancer Cell Migration

By Jenny Blair, Yale School of Public Health:

"In a new study by researchers at the Yale School of Public Health, two "forever chemicals" spurred cancer cells in the lab to migrate to new positions, an indication that the chemicals could contribute to cancer metastasis in living organisms.

The study addressed the group of industrial chemicals called perand polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The substances are known as "forever chemicals" because they don't break down in the environment and can build up in the human body.

All have the ability to shed water and resist penetration by oils. They are notorious for their ubiquity, their exceptional environmental stability, and their suspected toxic effects."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3TQ0U4K

Beginning Farmers Are at a Crossroads. Here's How the Next Farm Bill Can Help.

Max Sano writes for Civil Eats:

"April Prusia's 78-acre heritage hog operation in the Driftless region of Wisconsin has benefited from two forms of financial support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)...

Additionally, converting the additional parcel from an annual to a perennial cropping site has increased the amount of carbon sequestration happening, and she hears more songbirds. Together, these two pots of funding—both made available through the farm bill—helped Prusia establish and expand her farm.

Despite the existence of federal funds, however, Prusia is in a rare boat. According to the National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC), many new farmers don't even know such funding exists."

Read more: https://orgcns.org/3S5IJrl