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Now or never

anti-GM protests step up as commercialisation decision nears

After years of widespread resistance to the introduction of genetically modified crops into the UK the moment of truth is finally approaching. This autumn the government will decide whether to commodify a genetically modified crop into the UK. The current decision nears the point of truth.

Company briefings

Corporate Watch has recently published a series of reports profiling the biotechnology companies seeking to introduce GM crops in the UK. The reports include Bayer (the primary GM company in the UK), Syngenta and Monsanto. There is also an overview of the commercialisation process which contains an analysis of possible senarios for the introduction of GM crops and some advice on tactics towards opposing the process. The briefings are extremely useful for activists seeking to target companies and contain information including site locations, corporate structures and the names of prominent directors. Also available is a biotech family tree poster, for all those confused by the mergers, buyouts, bankruptcies and name changes within the biotechnology industry. So you too may have wondered what happened to Agrivio or Astra Zeneca or thought Monsanto want bust years ago the check this out.

Stop The Crop!

They may not have made the headlines in the mainstream media lately but widespread covert stabbings of GM crops have continued around the country. Here’s one person’s account of destroying a GM crop.

It’s 4am on a Sunday morning and I’m standing in a county lane with 60 other people, waiting for dawn. Soon it’s time to go and we head towards the test site - a crop of genetically modified wheat at the Syngenta research centre in Berkshire. Suddenly, as we’re walking along the road to the site a cop van passes us; all I can think is ‘Oh fuck, we’re fucking fucked’ - we’re in the middle of nowhere and we look so dodgy that they must guess what we’re up to. But they just drive past. I presume they’ve gone to get backup, and we all speed up because we realise we’ve got limited time to get the job done before reinforcements show up.

So we’re through the hole in the fence and we’re putting on our gloves - the works. The last thing we want to do is spread that GM stuff, so we attack the crops. Others are pulling them up by the roots which is easy cos the soil is sick. Sickles, others pulling them up. Once we’re done, the last thing we want to do is spread that GM stuff, so we attack the crops. Others attack the crops. Sickles, others pulling them up.

Ten individuals will make a personal pilgrimage to London from all corners of the country this October, traversing by foot, tractor and bike to demonstrate their deep opposition to GM crops. Their journeys will take place in the weeks leading up to October 13th when the pilgrims will join hundreds of consumers, environmentalists and farmers at a central London Tractors and Trains parade against GM. The pilgrimages will take in significant locations en route including GM crop test sites, biotech companies and local farmers markets, and will be supported by local activities and send off actions. More information at www.tractorandtrolley.com

Websites

British Agricultural and Food Group, www.corporatewatch.org.uk

for failing to carry out sufficient research into the benefits of the projects it subsidises and for supporting projects in direct opposition to the ECGD’s purported commitment to sustainable development.

Rising up against the Baku-Ceyhan project

Export credit guaranteed

Rising Tide struck at the end of August when they occupied the office of UK Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) boss Vivian Brown. At least five people, barricaded themselves into Brown’s office and, in the spirit of participatory democracy, attempted to open a constructive dialogue with ECGD staff over the Baku-Ceyhan project. Sadly, their overtures were rebuffed, and a unique opportunity to explain how this massively contentious project is in the public interest was lost.

Activists were protesting against the activities of the ECGD, in particular its likely support for the Baku-Ceyhan oil pipeline. In recent years the Export Credits Guarantee Department has come under increasing fire for using public money to subsidise the arms trade, for supporting projects enmeshed in gross corruption, and for failing to carry out sufficient research into the benefits of the projects.

Weekly protests will take place at 4.30pm on Thursdays outside the offices of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, opposing its support for the Baku pipeline. It is at 21 Exchange Square, behind Liverpool Street station.

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Blink and you’ll miss it - the GM public debate

What else did you expect? The government-run public consultation was a poorly attended, ill-conceived and mass-managed fiasco that failed to engage ordinary people. A new film from IndyMedia demonstrates that much of the public believe that the decision has already been made to push ahead with GM (regardless of the will of the people) and that the government is an undemocratic tool of U.S. interests and big business. Available from realZeer@lifecycles.info.

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**Destroy GM - Target Bayer**

Summer 2003. As the commercialisation of GM crops looms, and as national governments are shown to be unwilling/unable to prevent it, we must turn our attention to the corporations who will profit from GM, and who wield the real power. German based multinational Bayer are the main corporate player in GM in Britain and Europe. Hit them hard now, and we can stop the commercialisation of gm crops.

These contacts are all for Bayer or its subsidiaries. It has been compiled to provide information to activists wanting to target Bayer. It has been put together quite quickly in order to get the information out, and should not be thought of as complete. There will be more contacts that aren’t listed here - try looking on their websites and in your local phone books. For more info, action reports, and to let us know about your actions and any info you have, a website will be appearing shortly, to get the address visit www.bayerhazard.com

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Actions to date (5th September 03) include:

- Bayer Newbury HQ blockaded.
- Bayer AG Annual General Meeting in Germany disrupted.
- Locks jammed at Bayer Crop Science in North Yorkshire.
- Locks jammed and walls and windows spray painted at Dystar in Huddersfield.
- Bayer Newbury HQ occupied and a demo in the town centre.
- Bayer promotional stall at British Potato Festival disrupted - potatoes thrown, paperwork removed, furniture overturned, computers damaged, people leafleted.
- Junk mail blockade begins

Armchair activism

Inbetween visiting their offices, join the junk mail blockade! It doesn’t take very many people doing some of the following things on a regular basis to waste a lot of office time and maybe even make some of their communications unworkable.

- Order the directors loads of junk from the magazines in weekend tabloids
- Sign Bayer offices up to email lists
- Place adverts/prostitutes cards with Bayer phone numbers on them
- Sign them up to email lists
- For those that know how, crash their websites, set up websites to bombard them with emails, etc. (Huntingdon Life Sciences recently received thousands of emails on an hourly/daily basis in this manner.)
- Send black paper on a loop to their fax number, using up all the ink on their fax machines.
- Send letters, emails and phone calls letting them know you are against gm crops.
- You can probably work out more phone numbers/ email addresses to target by trying similar ones to those listed here
- Remember security - don’t leave electronic, paper or forensic trails back to you for anything too dodgy
Feedback from the Earth First! Summer Gathering 2003

There has been an overwhelmingly positive response from the experiences at this year's Summer Gathering. Both old timer EF! activists, as well as newcomers, seem to have come away feeling very inspired and with a good dose of renewed enthusiasm.

This feedback is taken from one of the largest ever EF! meetings in Leeds (!), as well as from talking to individuals around the country. It is hoped that it reflects the larger EF! gathering experience.

Inspirational experiences included:

- seeing the growth, diversity and commitment of EF! over the last decade
- meeting so many people, with relatively diverse interests & experience
- well organised, good breadth of timetable
- large, well focused attendance at workshops
- specific workshops highlighted incl. bayer, shac, ssp, anti-civilisation, wild things
- practical workshops were felt to be vital and had been very useful
- hearing what people's opinions are, without necessarily agreeing on them- helping to formulate and consolidate own opinions
- openness for newcomers to become involved
- impressive level of organisation and attention to detail in all aspects of gathering
- atmosphere of mutual respect and care
- the compost toilets!

There have been mixed responses about the gathering-wide
discussions. Some people did not attend them as they did not feel particularly interested in them. Some were pleased to see their return.

It was noted that attendance was not very high at these discussions (about 150 people out of the 300 who attended) but there was a high level of "newcomers". People found them sometimes inspiring, sometimes frustrating. Some felt it was extremely valuable to hear what other people had to say, even if they disagreed - they were glad to hear views aired. The discussions highlighted different politics and different levels of thought and commitment. However, some felt that there was a lack of honesty and clarity in what people said in the discussions - people fall over themselves not to argue or debate things cos we're all just too goddam polite. It was also noted that if you try and make something/ anything too big, it becomes vague and diluted.

The gathering-wide discussions were structured to feed into each other each day and to come out on the last day with some practical tactical ideas/decisions. These included undertaking a nationwide targeted campaign (Shac stylee) against the genetics company Bayer; the continuation of Action Update (obviously!); other networks and gatherings were discussed e.g. wider direct action network and a concentrated re-focus on EF!'s eco-roots.

Thank you to everyone who made it happen.