



Fatal Collusion?

"I have cancer, and I don't want these serious issues in HED [EPA's Health Effects Division] to go unaddressed before I go to my grave. I have done my duty." It's been four years since Marion Copley, a 30-year EPA toxicologist, wrote those words to her then-colleague, Jess Rowland, accusing him of conniving with Monsanto to bury the agency's own hard scientific evidence that it is "essentially certain" that glyphosate, the key ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller, causes cancer.

Copley has since died. But her letter suggesting that EPA officials colluded with Monsanto to hide the truth about Monsanto's flagship weedkiller has been given new life. Thanks to the persistence of hundreds of plaintiffs in lawsuits alleging that they (or their deceased family members) were diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma after being exposed to Roundup, newly discovered internal emails and other documents paint an increasingly troubling and sinister picture of corruption.

In the coming weeks and months, reporters and lawyers will continue to sift through and analyze the mountain of new documents that include emails between Monsanto and EPA officials. What we've seen so far may be just the tip of the iceberg. But after all the evidence has been analyzed and exposed, will the evidence of collusion be fatal to Monsanto? Or will we allow the collusion to continue to cause fatal illness?

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Unconscionable.

While farmers and children exposed to Monsanto's Roundup herbicide were dying from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a high-level EPA official was colluding with Monsanto behind the scenes to bury the truth. And he actually bragged about it. According to the *New York Times* and other news outlets, newly unsealed court documents reveal that former EPA official Jess Rowland let Monsanto ghostwriters write the toxicology reports that would form the basis for a government investigation into whether or not Roundup causes cancer. "If I can kill this I should get a medal," Rowland reportedly told a Monsanto executive.

More than 700 Roundup cancer claims have now been filed in state and federal courts on behalf of people, including farmers and children, who have non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (or who have already died from the disease) because they were exposed to Roundup. It's unconscionable that EPA officials would hide the fact that Roundup, sold widely in retail stores and labeled as "safe," causes cancer.

We're calling on Congress to launch an official investigation into the possibility that EPA officials colluded with Monsanto.

Take Action: orgcns.org/2nhVwIB

Tweet your Congress members: orgcns.org/2nZEUCZ #InvestigateMonsanto and EPA collusion to bury the truth about #Monsanto #Roundup Calls matter! Call your Representatives: orgcns.org/2nZB9gQ and Senators: orgcns.org/2nZBeRL to demand an investigation.

'It's Robbery'

In the last century, 94% of the world's vegetable seed varieties have disappeared. *SEED: The Untold Story* documents the miracle of seeds and our 12,000-year-old food legacy—including the history of how corporations like Monsanto have stolen and corrupted the very source of life. You can get a 10% discount on a streaming copy of the film, or on the purchase of the DVD. Just type in this coupon code OCASEED when you order: seedthemovie.com

#Revolution4Truth



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Mirror, Mirror

Who's the most crooked of Trump's cabinet picks? The competition is stiff, but when it comes to political corruption—that is, using elected office for personal gain—former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, Trump's pick for Agriculture Secretary, takes the cake. Perdue's confirmation was delayed until this week. Why? Because, as the *New York Times* reports, the former governor of Georgia's questionable ethics have made it tough for him to get through the federal Office of Government Ethics' conflicts of interest review.

Perdue has an ethics problem, for sure. But he's also beholden to the very corporations he'll be in charge of regulating, if he's appointed Ag Secretary. According to a MapLight analysis, Big Ag has contributed \$1 million to Perdue over the last two decades—and \$20 million since 1992.

And we're to believe this guy will look out for small farmers and consumers? Take Action: orgcns.org/2jRV3ub

Call your Senators: orgcns.org/2nZBeRL

Download this #NoPerdue flyer for talking points—or deliver it in person to your Senator's home office: orgcns.org/2lt9BCG

No Excuses

When credible evidence surfaces of overt collusion between a corporation (Monsanto) and a government agency (EPA), and that collusion may be responsible for making people gravely ill, or worse, Congress has a responsibility to step in and investigate. The longer they don't, the longer we're exposed to a killer chemical.

When we launched our quarterly online fundraising campaign, incriminating internal letters and email exchanges between Monsanto and EPA officials hadn't yet hit the headlines. When they did, we immediately called on Congress to investigate. Predictably, no Congress member has yet stepped forward to formally demand the investigation we seek.

You can count on us to keep the pressure on, until our demand is met. We're \$85k short of our Spring fundraising goal. Your donation will help us pull out all the stops—to stop Monsanto's Roundup from poisoning innocent victims. Thank you!

Donate to the Organic Consumers Association (tax-deductible, helps support our work on behalf of organic standards, fair trade and public education): orgcns.org/1OLd6Zm

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