



Ho. Ho. Ho.

All Monsanto wanted for Christmas was another gift from the EPA. Sure enough, the EPA (or as we prefer to call it, the Monsanto Protection Agency) handed out that early Christmas gift this week. Ignoring mountains of research to the contrary, the EPA just proclaimed that Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller is "not harmful to humans." Ho. Ho. Ho. We're not buying the EPA's propaganda. What we are doing is gearing up to fight back harder than ever against the poisoning of your food, water and soil. Our Millions Against Monsanto campaign will succeed. But only if millions of us stick together.



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Steeped in Deceit

If you saw the words "All Natural" on a box containing tea bags would you be surprised to learn that the tea contains Roundup® weedkiller? We were. That's why this week we sued the makers of Bigelow tea. Bigelow is trying to cash in on the exploding market for "Natural" and "All Natural" foods by using those words on product packaging—even though the company knows its tea contains glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup® weedkiller.

Bigelow also claims that its brand and products are environmentally and socially responsible.

But any company that knowingly sells glyphosate-contaminated products is not environmentally friendly. And by putting the words "All Natural" on its products, that company is knowingly deceiving consumers.

In May 2016, Bigelow President Cynthia Bigelow said this to attendees of a seminar on ethical and moral leadership:

"It's important to have a statement that describes who you are that everyone can rally around. We truly care about our consumers, our workers, our community, our product and where that product comes from. Do the right thing and good things will follow."

Please tell Ms. Bigelow and other company executives that now is the time to "do the right thing." Either get the glyphosate out of your tea, or stop deceiving consumers with false claims of "natural," and environmental responsibility. Take Action: orgns.org/2B8jrja

Come Together

Amidst all the bad news—on climate, poverty, illness—it's critical to remind ourselves of this: We can address all these issues... if we come together with the common goal of global regeneration.

In October, OCA's Ronnie Cummins spoke at the Living Soils Symposium in Montreal about the tremendous potential of regenerative food, farming and land use to reverse not only global warming, but also rural poverty and declining public health. His key message? We're all in this mess together. And that means the only way out is to come together to build a global grassroots regeneration movement.

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'Sad Reminder'

Sooner or later, we all have a cancer story to tell. This week, it was Carey Gillam, research director for US Right to Know, an independent nonprofit funded in part by OCA, who wrote about a close friend, recently lost to cancer. Gillam knows a little about the disease and some of its causes. The author of "Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, and the Corruption of Science," she has delved deep into the links between pesticides, including Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller, and cancers like non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

In her article this week she wrote: "Researchers say there are an array of causes for cancer, including an unhealthy diet, obesity and alcohol intake. Researchers also point to what they call "environmental pollutants" - substances such as asbestos, arsenic, benzene, chromium and, notably, the pesticides that have become pervasive in our lives in recent decades and are used by farmers in food production."

Gillam reported that data from the FDA and USDA "show that foods we eat on a regular basis contain residues of hundreds of different pesticides, tiny invisible traces of insecticides and weed killers in thousands of commonly consumed foods, including fruits and vegetables." She also noted that we're exposed to pesticides in our drinking water, on our parks and playgrounds, and our lawns and gardens and schoolyards.

The death of her friend, Gillam said, "serves as a sad reminder of the tight grip cancer has taken on so many lives."

It's also a reminder that the battle to end pesticide use in our food production, however challenging, is one worth fighting.

Read 'My Friend Died from Cancer Today': orgns.org/2Cpaula

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'It's Disgusting'

It's hard enough to have any faith at all in the EPA's ability, much less will to fulfill its intended purpose—to protect the environment and by extension, the people who inhabit the environment.

Now we come to learn that even when protections are put in place, the EPA colludes with corporations to find ways around them.

According to a new report from the Center for Biological Diversity, the EPA routinely allows the use of unapproved pesticides by claiming there's an "emergency" when in fact, there isn't.

Stephanie Parent, a senior attorney in the Center for Biological Diversity's environmental health program, said:

"It's disgusting to see the EPA's broken pesticide program bending over backward to appease the pesticide industry," said Stephanie Parent, a senior attorney in the Center for Biological Diversity's environmental health program. "These exemptions put people and wildlife at tremendous risk because they allow poisons to be applied in ways that would otherwise be illegal."

We shouldn't be too surprised. After all—despite all the evidence to the contrary—this week the EPA declared that Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller doesn't cause cancer. orgns.org/2yo43eN

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