



What Could Go Wrong?

Monsanto is working frantically with its cronies at the EPA to get another 15-year approval for its Roundup weedkiller—before EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt gets fired or Trump is impeached.

Glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, is the most-used agricultural chemical ever. Mounting scientific evidence of its human health impacts indicates that it may also be the most devastating.

The EPA has been conducting its required 15-year re-registration review of glyphosate since 2009. The agency was supposed to re-approve or ban the chemical by the end of 2015. We assumed that glyphosate would get the stamp of approval for another 15 years while President Obama was still in office.

Then in March 2015, the World Health Organization's panel of cancer experts, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), did its own review of the latest science on glyphosate. The IARC panel of 17 scientists unanimously agreed to reclassify the chemical as a probable human carcinogen.

The IARC cancer finding forced the EPA to take its glyphosate review more seriously. That slowed down the process. Now, the decision is in the hands of Trump's EPA. What could go wrong? orgcns.org/2HxVgJ

Urgent Action Needed: orgcns.org/2HvwmRO

Seriously?

Peter C. Wright is a lawyer who has spent his entire career helping Monsanto and Dow avoid cleaning up their toxic pollution.

Now Trump has nominated Wright to help lead the EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management—the office that oversees the Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program. Wright is currently employed by DowDuPont, which is listed as the responsible party for more than 100 toxic Superfund sites that the EPA is trying to get cleaned up across the nation.

What are the chances that Dow will have to clean up its messes, if the Senate approves Wright to oversee the cleanup of Superfund sites?

Wright has a long history of being on the wrong side of the debate over chemical pollution. One of the tragic results of his advocacy is a breast cancer cluster in Midland, Michigan, home to Dow's global headquarters. Residents there are exposed to the highest levels of dioxin pollution in the country. Yet Dow continues to block cancer victims' efforts to seek justice.

And Wright is proud of that! With all the drama around Trump's tweets, his latest "you're fired" or his most recent #metoo, it's easy to miss the dramatic policy changes the Trump administration is making—changes that directly affect your daily life. Don't miss this opportunity to help stop this disastrous appointment.

Take Action: orgcns.org/2GgiYAz

Homesteading Hints

How do you grow sunflower sprouts? Start your own seedlings without plastic pots? Should you save your seeds? These are just a few of the questions people interested in homesteading ask themselves. They're also topics that the managers of *Vía Orgánica*, a regenerative teaching farm and ranch in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, provide instruction on to local farmers and students. (*Vía Orgánica* is a sister organization of Organic Consumers Association).

Sustainable living expert Marjory Wildcraft, founder of The Grow Network, and Rosana Álvarez, director of *Vía Orgánica*, recently produced a series of videos at the ranch, on these and other topics of interest to homesteaders and home gardeners. This week we highlight four of those videos, in a blog post that showcases some of the training that takes place at *Vía Orgánica*. orgcns.org/2HXyVcl

Green Enough

We're surrounded by tens of thousands of chemicals every day. They lurk in our food, drinking water, personal care products, household cleaners, furniture, clothing, children's toys—you name it.

More than 80,000 of those chemicals have undergone little or no safety testing.

Constant exposure to toxins is making us sick in ways we don't yet fully understand, says green living expert and Mamavation.com founder Leah Segedie in her new book, *Green Enough: Eat Better, Live Cleaner, Be Happier*.

Our government does more to protect the chemical manufacturers than it does to protect us. So how do we protect ourselves "enough"—without driving ourselves "batshit crazy," Segedie asks?

In her book, Segedie exposes thousands of brands and products that contain toxic and hormone-disrupting ingredients. She also offers sane, common-sense guidance for choosing safer, toxin-free products, as well as advice on where to buy meat, dairy and eggs that don't contain antibiotics, GMOs, growth hormones and dangerous pathogens. orgcns.org/2HQYaz

Day of Action

In advance of May Day, two groups are calling for a world where the most marginalized working families can live with dignity, safety and power.

The groups—Fair World Project (FWP) (a project of OCA) and the Food Chain Workers Alliance (FCWA)—are asking people and organizations to sign on to a joint statement that includes a promise to participate in a national day of action on May Day (May 1), 2018, International Workers' Day. Signers are asked to participate in marches, rallies and strike actions.

According to Saurav Sarkar, research coordinator for the Poor Peoples Campaign at the Institute for Policy Studies, while the official unemployment rate in the U.S. is low, employment today often means low-wage work that offers little job security. Writing for *Common Dreams*, Sarkar said:

Our society's treatment of workers has changed, too. For example, 28 states have passed so-called "right to work" laws that undermine the ability of workers to organize.

Last month, the Institute for Policy Studies and the Poor People's Campaign released "The Souls of Poor Folk," a report on 50 years of change in the issues that affect working people, and particularly those at the bottom. The study looked at systemic racism, poverty, militarism and ecological devastation.

On May 1, FWP and FCWA hope to call attention to a host of labor issues, including increasingly aggressive assaults against indigenous sovereignty, immigrant and African-American families, women, LGBTQ people, the Muslim community and other marginalized groups working in the food industry. The groups are rallying support across communities for large-scale action, on May 1 and beyond. Take Action: orgcns.org/2Jq63ZM

