

From: [Dr. William Cook](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Aedes Mosquito reduction with Oxitec technology
Date: Sunday, February 07, 2016 1:25:23 PM

From: Dr. William Cook <billcook2@outlook.com>

County: Sarasota

Zip Code: 34228

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From: [Jennifer Highsmith](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Biotech
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 1:10:24 PM

From: Jennifer Highsmith <jennifermlawton@gmail.com>

County: Duval

Zip Code: 32211

Phone Number:

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From: [Andrea Hellin](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Dangerous mosquito release
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 10:53:28 AM

From: Andrea Hellin <ajhellin@yahoo.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 32162

Phone Number: 352-751-6525

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From: [Rosi McCluney](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Demand adequate testing elsewhere! Tourism Dollars could be lost, and just imagine Naples with a new breed of mosquito added to it!
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 7:42:15 AM

From: Rosi McCluney <rmm1976@msn.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 34996

Phone Number: 772-323-7037

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From: [JILLIAN DOTY](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Do not release GMO mosquitoes Please
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 11:38:54 PM

From: JILLIAN DOTY <jillian777.jd@gmail.com>

County: Broward

Zip Code: 33069

Phone Number:

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To: ["DOH \(health@doh.state.fl.us\)"](mailto:health@doh.state.fl.us)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Aedes Mosquito reduction with Oxitec technology
Date: Monday, February 08, 2016 9:12:05 AM

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From: [Lambert, Alexis](#)
To: [Carey, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Oxitec Press Release
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:01:03 AM

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Alexis A. Lambert

Chief of Staff

Florida Department of Health

Office: 850.245.4353

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From: Alia Faraj-Johnson [mailto:Alia.Faraj@hkstrategies.com]

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 9:47 AM

To: Lambert, Alexis

Subject: Oxitec Press Release

FDA Publishes Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact on Oxitec's Self-limiting Mosquito

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OXFORD, England, March 11, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA-CVM) today released in the Federal Register...

The US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA-CVM) today released in the Federal Register a preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI) on Oxitec's self-limiting OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquito for an investigational trial in the Florida Keys. The finding agrees with the draft environmental assessment (EA) submitted by Oxitec, Ltd., that concludes a field trial of the Company's genetically engineered (GE) OX513A mosquitoes in Key Haven, Florida, will not result in a significant impact on the environment. This follows an FDA-led evaluation of potential impacts on health and the environment of the proposed trial. Oxitec's Chief Executive Officer Hadyn Parry said, "We are pleased that the FDA-led team has released this preliminary FONSI. The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito represents a significant threat to human health, and in many countries has been spreading Zika, dengue and chikungunya viruses. This mosquito is non-native to the US and difficult to control, with the best available methods only able to reduce the population by up to 50%, which is simply not enough. We look forward to this proposed trial and the potential to protect people from *Aedes aegypti* and the diseases it spreads." The purpose of the proposed trial is to determine the efficacy of Oxitec's self-limiting mosquitoes for the control of the local population of *Aedes aegypti* in Key Haven, Monroe County, Florida. Oxitec's self-limiting mosquitoes have been genetically engineered so that their offspring die before reaching adulthood. Male Oxitec mosquitoes, which do not bite or spread disease, are released to mate with wild female *Aedes aegypti* so that their offspring die, reducing the population. Efficacy trials in Brazil, Panama, and the Cayman Islands have tested this approach, and in these trials the population of *Aedes aegypti* was reduced by more than 90% - an exceptional level of control

compared to conventional methods, such as insecticides.

The FDA review team consisted of experts from the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The FDA led an extensive review of evidence from trials in urban environments performed in Brazil, Panama and the Cayman Islands since 2009, and data from numerous safety studies, site inspections and independent experts.

From: [Sellers, Melissa](#)
To: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: TB Times: Study: Zika could spread to Tampa Bay, other Florida cities
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:09:26 AM

From: News Alerts
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:09:18 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
Subject: TB Times: Study: Zika could spread to Tampa Bay, other Florida cities

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Tampa Bay Times
Kathleen McGrory
March 21, 2016

The Tampa Bay area is one of nine in the U.S. that could see large numbers of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes — the kind that carries Zika virus — come July, according to a recent study in the journal *PLOS Currents: Outbreaks*.

The [study](#), which used climate data from 50 major cities to simulate the abundance of mosquitoes, found the insect could thrive as far north as New York and Philadelphia in July, August and September.

But the cities at greatest risk for the spread of the mosquito — and thus, the Zika virus — are along the Gulf Coast and on the Atlantic Seaboard from Miami to Charleston.

The findings did not surprise Dr. David Berman, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine who was not involved in the study.

"It makes sense because we have the mosquito here," Berman said. "We have the right climate. We're going to be in the rainy season. We have poverty and free-standing water."

Still, that doesn't mean the Southeastern United States should expect an outbreak, he said.

"There are other factors to take into account," he said. "We have good mosquito control. We can educate about window screens. We can educate about insect repellent."

The mosquito-borne Zika virus has been spreading across Central and South America for six months. Most people who contract the virus are unaware they have it; one in five experience mild, cold-like symptoms.

Zika could, however, be a problem for pregnant women. Physicians in countries such as Brazil and Colombia have noticed an increase in the number of babies born with [microcephaly](#), a condition marked by an unusually small head and underdeveloped brain. And while scientists have yet to prove that Zika causes microcephaly, a number of studies [suggest a link](#).

As of Monday, 71 cases of Zika had been reported in Florida, including three in Hillsborough County. All have involved people who traveled to countries where the virus is widespread, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The new study, authored by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and three universities, found conditions are poor for the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in most U.S. cities in the winter months. The only cities with a "low" or "moderate" risk in January were Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Brownsville, Texas.

It's a different story in the summer, however, especially in Florida. The warm and wet weather conditions are ideal for mosquitoes. Adding to state's risk: the high number of travelers coming in from Latin America.

Public health officials are taking steps to intervene.

A British company called Oxitec is waiting on final approval to release genetically engineered mosquitoes that could help control the spread of Zika in the Florida Keys. The male Oxitec mosquitoes mate with wild *Aedes aegypti* females; their offspring die before becoming adults.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found the Oxitec mosquitoes would not cause "significant impacts on the environment," an important first step for the trial. And on Monday, the World Health Organization issued a positive recommendation in support of their release.

"Given the prevalence and the spread of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, it's worth being concerned about it and trying to do something about it," said Jack Bobo, a spokesperson for Oxitec's parent company.

Still, the idea has met resistance from local environmental activists, who say Oxitec should have sought permission from the residents of Key Haven, the community near Key West where the trial would take place.

Dr. Beata Casanas, an associate professor at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, said she believes physicians, public health officials and environmental experts have other effective tools to fight against Zika. She pointed to successful efforts to eradicate the mosquito-transmitted Dengue virus in Florida in 2009 and 2014.

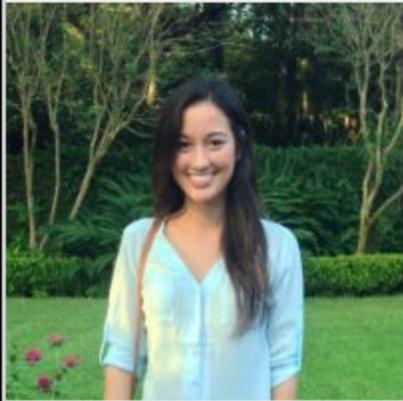
"We have the resources here to deal with it in a very swift manner," Casanas said. "I don't think Zika will take a foothold in the Tampa Bay area."

From: [Meyer, Lisa](#)
To: [Nicholas Gage](#); [Rojas, Lina](#); [Brock Juarez](#)
Cc: [Valentine, Savannah](#); [Blair Mathers](#); [Brooke Rink](#)
Subject: FW: WFSU: Attacking Zika At The Source
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 5:00:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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She used to intern with us!

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	<h2>Ashley Tressel</h2> <p>News Intern at WFSU-FM Tallahassee, Florida Writing and Editing</p> <table><tr><td>Current</td><td>WFSU TV/FM Public Broadcasting</td></tr><tr><td>Previous</td><td>The Borgen Project, Nomadic Noles, Carbonated.tv</td></tr><tr><td>Education</td><td>Florida State University</td></tr><tr><td>Websites</td><td>Borgen Magazine The Blog</td></tr></table>	Current	WFSU TV/FM Public Broadcasting	Previous	The Borgen Project, Nomadic Noles, Carbonated.tv	Education	Florida State University	Websites	Borgen Magazine The Blog
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From: News Alerts
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 4:53 PM
Subject: WFSU: Attacking Zika At The Source

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Ashley Tressel

March 14, 2016

A genetically engineered mosquito could stop the Zika virus from spreading.

Pest control experts want to say goodbye to insecticides. Oxitec, an insect control company, has been testing a genetically engineered mosquito in affected countries. The mosquito mates with infected mosquitos to produce offspring that die before adulthood, reducing the population. The FDA reports the method is environmentally safe. Oxitec CEO Haydn Parry says the ruling will make next steps easier.

“Until now, I think it’s been quite difficult, because we haven’t had that finding,” Parry says. “So, in other words, it’s been us explaining what we believe about our technology, whereas now it’s been through this incredibly intense, independent evaluation. So I think that’s a major step forward.”

Oxitec plans to conduct a trial in Key Haven, Florida. CEO Haydn Parry says community support will be taken into account.

“And I think that’s a very important part of this, because you need to take – this is a public health program, and like all public health programs, you really want to have the community with you,” Parry says.

The method has proven successful in Brazil, Panama and the Cayman Islands. The FDA reports it’s environmentally safe and will decide on the Florida trial after a public comment period. The Florida Department of Health reported one new Zika case today in Miami-Dade County. That makes a total of 60 in the state.

From: [Michele Yamano](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Florida Concern
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 5:51:55 AM

From: Michele Yamano <bullardfarm@yahoo.com>

County: Polk

Zip Code: 33810

Phone Number:

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I am a registered voter and will be keeping an eye on this issue.

From: [Joanna Gurchiek](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Florida Keys Mosquito Release
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 8:12:01 AM

From: Joanna Gurchiek <jgurchiek@bellsouth.net>

County: Santa Rosa

Zip Code: 32563

Phone Number:

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquito Questions
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:28:12 AM

From: Kat <studiokat333@yahoo.com>

County: Monroe

Zip Code: 33040

Phone Number:

Message Body: I am very concerned about the release of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes in our community. Did the FDA independently review these mosquitoes for potential environmental and human health or safety impacts? Through which regulatory path were the mosquitoes scrutinized? Will the data from the trial be made available to the public? How many genetically modified mosquitoes will be released if used commercially, and how often will the releases be? How long will the full trial last?

What happens if there is a natural disaster or human error and these mosquitoes escape from the rearing facility and into our community? Who will be legally and financially liable if something goes wrong? Have any studies shown that these mosquitoes will provide long-term, effective dengue fever control? Will the mosquito population declines promised by Oxitec be enough to actually prevent the spread of dengue fever? How will the FKMCD notify the community about when and where the trial release will happen? What can I do if I do not want this experiment to take place in my community and do not give you my consent to conduct the experiment? Our community deserves answers. Thank you.

From: [Jim Charleston](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:07:26 AM

From: Jim Charleston <jimmedreams@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 80010

Phone Number:

Message Body: Dear Governor Scott, I have been considering moving to Florida and have only recently received information that there are plans to release genetically modified mosquitoes into the keys. Oxitec has admitted that it is inevitable that some female mosquitoes will be released and it is the females that draw blood. Is there data to show that GE female mosquitoes will not significantly impact humans and other species? Is there data independent from Oxitecs research demonstrating no significant impact to species and other humans?

From: [robert naya](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:34:47 AM

From: robert naya <rob88008@hotmail.com>

County: Dade

Zip Code: 33012

Phone Number:

Message Body: If this is true, Mr Governor please don't release them,,
Florida needs our help! GE mosquitoes are being shipped to Florida and pending approval, and could be released in the Keys early next year. We can't help but think that the approval is already planned or they wouldn't have approved the shipment. The mosquitoes, developed by a British company called Oxitec, are supposed to control dengue fever. There have been no reported cases of dengue fever in the Florida Keys this year. When GE mosquitoes were released in Brazil earlier this year, an outbreak of dengue fever actually followed. There have been no environmental or human health studies and GE mosquitoes cannot be recalled once they are released. Not needed. Not wanted. Not proven safe. We've opted out of the experiment and hope you will do the same. Tell Governor Scott - NO GE mosquitoes. GE mosquitoes are bad for tourism and have not been proven safe for people or planet.

From: [JACKIE SCHWARTZ](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM MOSQUITOS
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:32:11 PM

From: JACKIE SCHWARTZ <JCSCHWRTZ@AOL.COM>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33813

Phone Number: 8636702006

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From: [Melissa Stetten](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquito
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 6:51:32 AM

From: Melissa Stetten <anniemoppit@aol.com>

County: Alachua

Zip Code: 32605

Phone Number: 3523275147

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From: [Diana Fleming](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 5:52:36 PM

From: Diana Fleming <largo_di@yahoo.com>

County: Pinellas

Zip Code: 33772

Phone Number: 727-398-5909

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From: [Brandi Jackson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitoes
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 8:26:45 PM

From: Brandi Jackson <amilliarb@gmail.com>

County: Escambia

Zip Code: 32506

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:13:57 PM

From: Ekaterina Morisey <cheetahloversa@gmail.com>

County: Nassau

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From: [Kim Erbivelli](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:52:23 PM

From: Kim Erbivelli <erbivelli@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33020

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:50:23 PM

From: Peter Erbivelli <p.erbivelli@gmail.com>

County: Broward

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From: [Susanne McClure](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM mosquitos
Date: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:16:24 PM

Dear Governor Scott,

I am contacting you about the planned release of GE mosquitoes in Key Haven.

Here are some important points:

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is not native to the Keys.

Will the more virulent Asian tiger mosquito, which also carries dengue fever, fill the void left by the reductions in numbers of *A. aegypti*?

Will the dengue virus mutate (think antibiotic-resistant MRSA) and become even more dangerous?

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Food & Water Watch's executive director, Wenonah Hunter put it this way: "The proposed open-air release of millions of unregulated, experimental insects into the Florida Keys opens a Pandora's box that cannot easily be sealed.

"We, at this point, are all suffering. We are sick! Our children are sick. You and your loved ones not excluded. And, our bees are dying.

According to the CDC 1 in 68 children is now autistic!! The increase is so steep that in 2030 100% of our children, including **yours**, are expected to be autistic. ---However, we pretend that we do not know why.

We do know why! When the kids are treated with severe detox measures, and when they are shielded from the government declared "safe" products, medicines, toxins and GMO and other foods, they get better. I know that, because we treat them! But just ask the moms of those toxic children. They will tell you.

Is the FDA really a trusted institution for the purpose of protecting the people? When taking a closer look, it surely appears as if they were more interested in protecting the (financial) interest of big industrial conglomerates, including the pharmaceutical industry and of course biotech firms.

We, the people, are cornered into a position, where we have to dodge the toxic bullets that our government is constantly releasing upon us.

Anybody, who has taken the time to seriously study these issues, in particular, when looking at safety studies **that have been not been publicized (!)**, will come, and has come to the same conclusion!!

I do understand the proposed mosquito control benefits. But let us not be blind sided. Nature is immense. And, as long as we are on the road of trying to outdo nature (while making a pretty penny on it), vs working with nature, we will have to pay the price. Nature is much more powerful than any of us. And that includes the above mentioned industries.

Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt, MD, Phd, said that in the end it will be the wives of the alleged industry leaders, the mothers of their own damaged children, that will bring them to their knees...--once they begin to understand the cause.

THANK YOU, dear Governor, for protecting the people that have been entrusted to you!

THANK YOU, for not allowing your people to be used as human guinea pigs!

And, **THANK YOU** for not participating in opening this Pandora's box!

The responsibility you carry is enormous!

Sincerely,

~Susanne McClure, RN
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From: [Frank D. Hopson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GMO mosquitoes
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:57:00 AM

From: Frank D. Hopson <nuttwigger@yahoo.com>

County: Pinellas

Zip Code: 33774

Phone Number:

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From: [JASON BOEHK](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Engineered Mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 12:59:41 PM

From: JASON BOEHK <jbeck.star@gmail.com>

County: Sarasota

Zip Code: 34237

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From: [Mark Kiser](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquito Release in Florida Keys
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:25:23 PM

From: Mark Kiser <batboxblues@netscape.net>

County: Jefferson

Zip Code: 32344

Phone Number:

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From: [Iain Rae](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 10:34:47 AM

From: Iain Rae <iainrae@me.com>

County: Broward

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Phone Number: 954-934-3855

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:13:57 PM

From: Alan Beer <deafolivetree@gmail.com>

County: Pinellas

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From: [betty welker](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 5:45:50 AM

From: betty welker <bmwelker@tampabay.rr.com>

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From: [Bill O'Byrne](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically engineered mosquitoes
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:19:58 PM

From: Bill O'Byrne <Bill620@hotmail.com>

County: Marion

Zip Code: 34481-2578

Phone Number: 352-282-3451

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At this stage approval seems inevitable unless a strong message is sent to the FDA not to approve the GM mosquitoes. Similar to the GM salmon (which also seems close to approval), we fear that approval of GM mosquitoes will set a bad precedent and open the floodgates to all the other GM animals waiting in the pipeline.

From: [Elizabeth Miller](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically modified mosquitoes
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:18:59 AM

From: Elizabeth Miller <el102432@gmail.com>

County: Brevard

Zip Code: 32931

Phone Number:

Message Body: Do not allow the release by Oxitec of genetically modified mosquitoes anywhere in Florida. It would be a huge mistake.

From: [Thomas Cleary](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Hybrid mosquito proposal
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 8:21:42 PM

From: Thomas Cleary <cesare1218@yahoo.com>

County: Hillsborough

Zip Code: 33609

Phone Number:

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From: [Mary Lou Green](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Intentional Disruption of Nature
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 11:42:15 AM

From: Mary Lou Green <hjpgmlg@aol.com>

County: Lee

Zip Code: 33905

Phone Number:

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From: [Mark Wells](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Key West "Franken"mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 3:02:02 AM

From: Mark Wells <mwells7365@aol.com>

County: Manatee

Zip Code: 34203

Phone Number: 941-753-3645

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From: [Maria anderson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Mosquitos being released in the keys
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:19:56 PM

From: Maria anderson <twins0310@bellsouth.net>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33325

Phone Number:

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From: [Mary DOUBLEDAY](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: NO GM MOSQUITOS PROJECT AND CARBON FUELS
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 8:31:31 AM

From: Mary DOUBLEDAY <marydoubleday@yahoo.com>

County: Duval

Zip Code: 32225-1881

Phone Number:

Message Body: Dear Governor Rick Scott,

Please stop innovating. You are not a scientist, but why are you okay with mad science? It is your job to govern, not alter the status quo and definitely not terrorize our already hospiced planet. I am terrorized by polluters and gmo because my own person is in peril of extinction due to random moneyed ideas being forced upon us, and sometimes even without our knowledge.

We, the public declare ourselves and animals and natural resources free of being subjected to experiments. We are not lab rats and if you unleash Oxitec, our bats, and all other species who interact with mosquitos, are molested. Leave our food, nature alone and fossil fuels in the ground, we are begging you. Our lives are at stake and those who promote this ecological disaster are destroying us and are no different than radical Islamic terrorists.

You have made it clear you are not a scientist, but does that mean we have no voice in what affects our bodies and lands?

I have 3 ideas that can save us from the terror of others threatening our basic right to live in healthy ecosystems.

1. Please pass a bill making it criminal to upset the balance of nature. Those who engage in this practice are terrorizing the rest of us with threat of loss of life from lack of clean food and water and air. Our planet is in hospice. Carbon Fuel polluters, poachers on sea and land, genocide purveyors, and mad scientific experimenters who unleash their ideas and chemicals like Oxitec on the environment, like GM Mosquitos Project in Everglades, and aiders and abettors of all of the above, like the USDA and EPA, FDA, fall into this category. Stiff fines and shut-downs mandatory.

2. Every politician, student, voter, parent, guardian, grandpa, grandma, non-scientist, and business owner should be required to pass a college level Environmental Science Course and Resources Preservation course before being allowed to follow any dream.

3. Pray pray pray for 114th Congress and 50 states to stop terrorizing our planet with carbon- fueled agendas. Our planet will not survive this mess Industry and Commerce has put us in unless we let carbon and GMO go the way of the dinosaur.

I did not vote for you for one reason only: you are bent on putting Economy before Ecology, no matter the cost to nature. I find that quite barbaric and somewhat sociopathic. You are why the planet is heading for a most critical stage, and if that does not terrify you, you most certainly are sociopathic.

Please please please leave nature alone.

We are tired of relying on civil servants to make real changes. Please step up and be our Hero.

From: [marietta avrus](mailto:marietta.avrus)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: NO GMO Mosquitos
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 7:03:20 AM

From: marietta avrus <marn44@aol.com>

County: Palm Beach

Zip Code: 33486

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From: [Kenneth Martin](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Oxitec mosquito experiment
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:49:55 PM

From: Kenneth Martin <ken-martin@gmx.net>

County: Orange

Zip Code: 32828

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From: [Janis Johnson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Oxitec plans to release GE mosquitoes in our Florida Keys
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 12:38:13 PM

From: Janis Johnson <jjohnson000@comcast.net>

County: Collier

Zip Code: 34108

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From: [Renea Bro](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Planned release of genetically engineered mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 7:13:13 PM

From: Renea Bro <reneabro@yahoo.com>

County: Hillsborough

Zip Code: 33579

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From: [Wall Kent](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Please block release of Frankenmosquitos
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:15:06 AM

From: Wall Kent <jackkay@bellsouth.net>

County: Manatee

Zip Code: 34202

Phone Number: 770-634-5202

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From: [Ioannis Georgiou](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Please block the release of genetically modified mosquitoes!
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 9:04:42 PM

From: Ioannis Georgiou <john67b@hotmail.com>

County: Orange

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From: [Mrs. Diana Lee](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Please block the release of genetically modified mosquitoes!
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:59:17 AM

From: Mrs. Diana Lee <dlee2782@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33027

Phone Number:

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From: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
To: ["Susanne McClure"](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: RE: GM mosquitos
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 8:46:26 AM

Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott regarding genetically-modified mosquitoes possibly being released in the Florida Keys, pending approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Governor appreciates your concerns and asked me to respond on his behalf.

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5224 College Road
Stock Island, Key West, Florida, 33040
(305) 292-7190
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[http://www keysmosquito.org](http://www.keysmosquito.org)

Thank you again for taking the time to contact Governor Scott.

Sincerely,

Warren Davis
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: Susanne McClure [<mailto:susmcclure@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:16 PM
To: Governor Rick Scott
Subject: GM mosquitos

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Food & Water Watch's executive director, Wenonah Hunter put it this way: "The proposed open-air release of millions of unregulated, experimental insects into the Florida Keys opens a Pandora's box that cannot easily be sealed.

"We, at this point, are all suffering. We are sick! Our children are sick. You and your loved ones not excluded. And, our bees are dying.

According to the CDC 1 in 68 children is now autistic!! The increase is so steep that in 2030 100% of our children, including yours, are expected to be autistic. ---However, we pretend that we do not know why.

We do know why! When the kids are treated with severe detox measures, and when they are shielded from the government declared "safe" products, medicines, toxins and GMO and other foods, they get better. I know that, because we treat them! But just ask the moms of those toxic children. They will tell you.

Is the FDA really a trusted institution for the purpose of protecting the people? When taking a closer look, it surely appears as if they were more interested in protecting the (financial) interest of big industrial conglomerates, including the pharmaceutical industry and of course biotech firms.

We, the people, are cornered into a position, where we have to dodge the toxic bullets that our government is constantly releasing upon us.

Anybody, who has taken the time to seriously study these issues, in particular, when looking at safety studies that have been not been publicized (!), will come, and has come to the same conclusion!!

I do understand the proposed mosquito control benefits. But let us not be blind sided. Nature is immense. And, as long as we are on the road of trying to outdo nature (while making a pretty penny on it), vs working with nature, we will have to pay the price. Nature is much more powerful then any of us. And that includes the above mentioned industries.

Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt, MD, PhD, said that in the end it will be the wives of the alleged industry leaders, the mothers of their own damaged children, that will bring them to their knees...,--once they begin to understand the cause.

THANK YOU, dear Governor, for protecting the people that have been entrusted to you!

THANK YOU, for not allowing your people to be used as human guinea pigs!

And, THANK YOU for not participating in opening this Pandora's box!

The responsibility you carry is enormous!

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Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: RE: GM mosquitos
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 8:46:26 AM

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Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015 6:39:47 AM

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To: [DeLoatche_Patricia](#); [Callaway_Doug](#)
Cc: [Walsh_JohnPatrick](#); [Bolton_Brett](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request with FL Governor's staff on GE mosquitoes and Zika virus
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2016 4:05:00 PM

Hi Patricia,
I'd be happy to meet tomorrow. Would 10 or 10:30 work?
Chris Hartline
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From: DeLoatche, Patricia [mailto:pdeloatche@sidley.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 3:35 PM
To: Callaway, Doug
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We represent Intrexon, a leader in synthetic biology, and a company at the forefront of the efforts to counter the Zika virus which is spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Intrexon's subsidiary Oxitec has genetically engineered *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. When the genetically engineered mosquito is released into the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito population in a given area, the offspring of the union between the native and genetically modified mosquitoes do not survive. Trials have already demonstrated unprecedented levels of mosquito suppression with the use of the genetically modified mosquito. In an editorial that ran today, the *New York Times* called mosquito control "the most effective weapon available now" and encouraged use of the Oxitec technology (see, http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/03/opinion/fighting-the-zika-virus.html?emc=edit_ty_20160203&nl=opinion&lid=72051190).

We want to be a resource to you and help in every way possible. We hope we will be able to meet with you either tomorrow or next week and look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,
Pattie

PATRICIA DELOATCHE
Senior Policy Advisor

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From: Callaway, Doug [mailto:Doug.Callaway@dot.state.fl.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 3:21 PM
To: DeLoatche, Patricia
Cc: Hartline, Chris; Walsh, John Patrick; Bolton, Brett
Subject: RE: Meeting request with FL Governor's staff on GE mosquitoes
Hey Pattie- As always, it was terrific talking with you today.
Per our conversation, to expedite your meeting request I'd suggest that you reach out immediately to Chris Hartline in the Florida Washington office.
His contact info is listed below and I've cc'ed him, as well as his fellow staff members who may handle the issue area(s) in question – John Patrick Walsh (health) and Brett Bolton (environment).
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Hope this helps! -Doug

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From: [Lindsay Kyes](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Release of GM Mosquitos
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 11:13:11 AM

From: Lindsay Kyes <kristiekyes13@gmail.com>

County: Orange

Zip Code: 34761

Phone Number:

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From: [Stephen K. Barber](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Say NO to Franken-misquitos!
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:35:14 PM

From: Stephen K. Barber <FLAgent12@yahoo.com>

County: Polk

Zip Code: 33837

Phone Number: 281-728-1897

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From: [Jason Hinkle](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Statewide GMO Mosquito Experiment
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 7:16:29 PM

From: Jason Hinkle <hinklej79@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 18049

Phone Number: 610-360-7793

Message Body: Good Evening Sir,

It has come to my attention through an NPR broadcast that Florida is in the process of possibly initiating a GMO experiment with mosquitoes, where the FDA, FKMCD and Oxitec would genetically alter mosquitoes to reduce the population through the mating cycle, leaving offspring unable to reproduce. A few points to consider in your decision:

1. Any experiment should be done in a controlled environment first (a lab) where all subjects can be monitored and valid test results can be established and data accurately gathered.
2. Anytime a new species is introduced to an ecosystem, there are consequences to the environment. The mosquito population is part of the food chain, and when a food chain is reduced as this program is intended, a reduction in other species follows.
3. Florida already has enough to contend with regarding invasive species, both terrestrial and aquatic in nature. (Pythons and Lion Fish for example)
4. GMO foods are a serious concern in our culture, at this time, and no long-term studies have been produced to demonstrate their impact on human populations. How does a Genetically mutated insect ultimately continue to mutate beyond its intended purpose in an environment that can't be controlled? How does it affect a human population, as well as the animal population? These and other questions should be seriously considered before implementing this program.
5. The NPR program stated that the residents have 30 days to contest this experiment, however, many of Florida's residents might not know about this intended program and due to the political race in Florida, many are probably distracted from these issues. This does not seem to be an appropriate answer to the Zika Virus. Genetically altering an organism will always have unintended consequences.
6. Mosquitoes migrate! They will not just stay in Florida. Other states in the U.S. should have a legal say in the decision!

Please do NOT allow this plan to continue until further studies can be conducted in a controlled environment.

Please set a precedent for logical and reasonable scientific studies, our future depends on it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these points. I hope before your State's residents vote to implement such a program, they will all be well informed.

Sincerely,

Jason Hinkle

From: [Bobo, Jack](#)
To: [Hartline, Chris](#)
Cc: pdeloatche@sidley.com; [Dora Hughes](#)
Subject: Zika and Oxitec
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 2:44:31 PM

Chris,

I know you're busy with the governor's visit but I understand that Zika may be on the agenda for the meeting with the President. The meeting presents a unique opportunity for leaders on the frontline of the Zika issue to highlight the need for new and effective vector control solutions today in addition to long term investments in vaccines. Let me know if there is anything I can do to support such efforts.

Best,
Jack

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From: [mila de Mier](#)
To: [Scheduling Requests](#)
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Re: Gm mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:20:47 PM

Federica,

Thank you for your response. Now, How is that the Governor office contacted me to set a meeting with me when I meet him and gived him my info personally in Key West. Them your team ask me to make a request via online and that you will take of the rest. What happens from there to now? the issue still the same.

I will like you to express the Governor that I will respectfully insist in a meeting with him due to the fact that I feel that I earned. My petition is the largest in Florida History with over 150,000 signatures. If he decline,I will make sure that I will update every one of those 150,000 Floridians or potentials visitors to our wonderful state. Also I will inform the media that Governor Scott decline the meeting but the president will sit down with any petition over 100,000 signatures.

I will like to know, how feel about it and that he will continuing visiting Key West after mosquito control will allow Oxitec releasing up to 26,400,000 gm mosquitoes in the Florida Keys as Clinical trial?

With great power come great responsibility. I will love to maybe meet with him and Surgeon General Armstrong of the Department of Health.

Very respectfully
Mila

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 1:10 PM, Requests, Scheduling
<Scheduling.Requests@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Demier,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for inviting Governor Scott to meet with you. Unfortunately, the Governor will be unable to do so at this time. In the absence of the Governor, we have forwarded your request to Surgeon General Armstrong of the Department of Health. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Federica Vergani

Executive Office of the Governor

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To: [Piepenbrink, Brad](#); [Ronald Draa](#); "[emery.gainey@myfloridalegal.com](#)"; [Ladner, Don](#); "[Mike Joyner \(mike.joyner@freshfromflorida.com\)](#)"; [Russell, Monica](#); [Pritt, Jennifer](#); "[Robert Kneip \(robert.kneip@myfloridacfo.com\)](#)"; [Swearingen, Rick](#)
Cc: [Uzzell, Donna](#)
Subject: **Confidential** Domestic Security Brief
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:03:55 PM
Attachments: [FL FDLE Weekly DS Brief 02232015 Final.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

Attached is a Domestic Security Brief, which is prepared weekly by the Florida Fusion Center for the purposes of updating the Governor, Cabinet and FDLE Leadership on Domestic Security issues and events.

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Very respectfully,

Donna Uzzell

Special Agent in Charge

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Investigations and Forensic Science

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From: [Lee Carpenter](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: environment / health
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 7:32:03 PM

From: Lee Carpenter <lee-carp@hotmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 32084-1126

Phone Number: 904-377-2520

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From: [Lynda Adams](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: gm mosquito release in Florida
Date: Monday, January 26, 2015 5:18:18 PM

From: Lynda Adams <ricklyna@aol.com>

County: Brevard

Zip Code: 32940

Phone Number: 5089812321

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From: [Dr. William Cook](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Aedes Mosquito reduction with Oxitec technology
Date: Sunday, February 07, 2016 1:25:23 PM

From: Dr. William Cook <billcook2@outlook.com>

County: Sarasota

Zip Code: 34228

Phone Number: 941-383-9510

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From: [Jennifer Highsmith](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Biotech
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 1:10:24 PM

From: Jennifer Highsmith <jennifermlawton@gmail.com>

County: Duval

Zip Code: 32211

Phone Number:

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From: [Andrea Hellin](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Dangerous mosquito release
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 10:53:28 AM

From: Andrea Hellin <ajhellin@yahoo.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 32162

Phone Number: 352-751-6525

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From: [Rosi McCluney](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Demand adequate testing elsewhere! Tourism Dollars could be lost, and just imagine Naples with a new breed of mosquito added to it!
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 7:42:15 AM

From: Rosi McCluney <rmm1976@msn.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 34996

Phone Number: 772-323-7037

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From: [JILLIAN DOTY](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Do not release GMO mosquitoes Please
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 11:38:54 PM

From: JILLIAN DOTY <jillian777.jd@gmail.com>

County: Broward

Zip Code: 33069

Phone Number:

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To: ["DOH \(health@doh.state.fl.us\)"](mailto:health@doh.state.fl.us)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Aedes Mosquito reduction with Oxitec technology
Date: Monday, February 08, 2016 9:12:05 AM

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Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2016 1:25 PM
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From: [Lambert, Alexis](#)
To: [Carey, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Oxitec Press Release
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:01:03 AM

FYI

Alexis A. Lambert

Chief of Staff

Florida Department of Health

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From: Alia Faraj-Johnson [mailto:Alia.Faraj@hkstrategies.com]

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 9:47 AM

To: Lambert, Alexis

Subject: Oxitec Press Release

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The US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA-CVM) today released in the Federal Register a preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI) on Oxitec's self-limiting OX513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquito for an investigational trial in the Florida Keys. The finding agrees with the draft environmental assessment (EA) submitted by Oxitec, Ltd., that concludes a field trial of the Company's genetically engineered (GE) OX513A mosquitoes in Key Haven, Florida, will not result in a significant impact on the environment. This follows an FDA-led evaluation of potential impacts on health and the environment of the proposed trial. Oxitec's Chief Executive Officer Hadyn Parry said, "We are pleased that the FDA-led team has released this preliminary FONSI. The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito represents a significant threat to human health, and in many countries has been spreading Zika, dengue and chikungunya viruses. This mosquito is non-native to the US and difficult to control, with the best available methods only able to reduce the population by up to 50%, which is simply not enough. We look forward to this proposed trial and the potential to protect people from *Aedes aegypti* and the diseases it spreads." The purpose of the proposed trial is to determine the efficacy of Oxitec's self-limiting mosquitoes for the control of the local population of *Aedes aegypti* in Key Haven, Monroe County, Florida. Oxitec's self-limiting mosquitoes have been genetically engineered so that their offspring die before reaching adulthood. Male Oxitec mosquitoes, which do not bite or spread disease, are released to mate with wild female *Aedes aegypti* so that their offspring die, reducing the population. Efficacy trials in Brazil, Panama, and the Cayman Islands have tested this approach, and in these trials the population of *Aedes aegypti* was reduced by more than 90% - an exceptional level of control

compared to conventional methods, such as insecticides.

The FDA review team consisted of experts from the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The FDA led an extensive review of evidence from trials in urban environments performed in Brazil, Panama and the Cayman Islands since 2009, and data from numerous safety studies, site inspections and independent experts.

From: [Sellers, Melissa](#)
To: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: TB Times: Study: Zika could spread to Tampa Bay, other Florida cities
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:09:26 AM

From: News Alerts
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:09:18 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
Subject: TB Times: Study: Zika could spread to Tampa Bay, other Florida cities

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Tampa Bay Times
Kathleen McGrory
March 21, 2016

The Tampa Bay area is one of nine in the U.S. that could see large numbers of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes — the kind that carries Zika virus — come July, according to a recent study in the journal *PLOS Currents: Outbreaks*.

The [study](#), which used climate data from 50 major cities to simulate the abundance of mosquitoes, found the insect could thrive as far north as New York and Philadelphia in July, August and September.

But the cities at greatest risk for the spread of the mosquito — and thus, the Zika virus — are along the Gulf Coast and on the Atlantic Seaboard from Miami to Charleston.

The findings did not surprise Dr. David Berman, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine who was not involved in the study.

"It makes sense because we have the mosquito here," Berman said. "We have the right climate. We're going to be in the rainy season. We have poverty and free-standing water."

Still, that doesn't mean the Southeastern United States should expect an outbreak, he said.

"There are other factors to take into account," he said. "We have good mosquito control. We can educate about window screens. We can educate about insect repellent."

The mosquito-borne Zika virus has been spreading across Central and South America for six months. Most people who contract the virus are unaware they have it; one in five experience mild, cold-like symptoms.

Zika could, however, be a problem for pregnant women. Physicians in countries such as Brazil and Colombia have noticed an increase in the number of babies born with [microcephaly](#), a condition marked by an unusually small head and underdeveloped brain. And while scientists have yet to prove that Zika causes microcephaly, a number of studies [suggest a link](#).

As of Monday, 71 cases of Zika had been reported in Florida, including three in Hillsborough County. All have involved people who traveled to countries where the virus is widespread, according to the Florida Department of Health.

The new study, authored by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and three universities, found conditions are poor for the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in most U.S. cities in the winter months. The only cities with a "low" or "moderate" risk in January were Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Brownsville, Texas.

It's a different story in the summer, however, especially in Florida. The warm and wet weather conditions are ideal for mosquitoes. Adding to state's risk: the high number of travelers coming in from Latin America.

Public health officials are taking steps to intervene.

A British company called Oxitec is waiting on final approval to release genetically engineered mosquitoes that could help control the spread of Zika in the Florida Keys. The male Oxitec mosquitoes mate with wild *Aedes aegypti* females; their offspring die before becoming adults.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found the Oxitec mosquitoes would not cause "significant impacts on the environment," an important first step for the trial. And on Monday, the World Health Organization issued a positive recommendation in support of their release.

"Given the prevalence and the spread of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, it's worth being concerned about it and trying to do something about it," said Jack Bobo, a spokesperson for Oxitec's parent company.

Still, the idea has met resistance from local environmental activists, who say Oxitec should have sought permission from the residents of Key Haven, the community near Key West where the trial would take place.

Dr. Beata Casanas, an associate professor at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, said she believes physicians, public health officials and environmental experts have other effective tools to fight against Zika. She pointed to successful efforts to eradicate the mosquito-transmitted Dengue virus in Florida in 2009 and 2014.

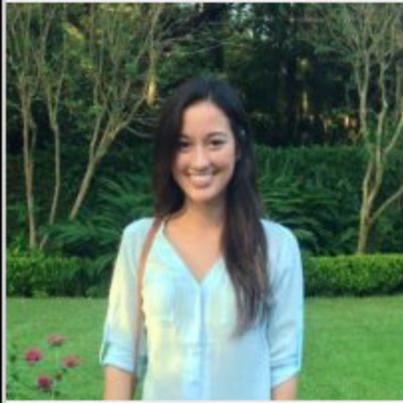
"We have the resources here to deal with it in a very swift manner," Casanas said. "I don't think Zika will take a foothold in the Tampa Bay area."

From: [Meyer, Lisa](#)
To: [Nicholas Gage](#); [Rojas, Lina](#); [Brock Juarez](#)
Cc: [Valentine, Savannah](#); [Blair Mathers](#); [Brooke Rink](#)
Subject: FW: WFSU: Attacking Zika At The Source
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 5:00:39 PM
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Subject: WFSU: Attacking Zika At The Source

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WFSU

Ashley Tressel

March 14, 2016

A genetically engineered mosquito could stop the Zika virus from spreading.

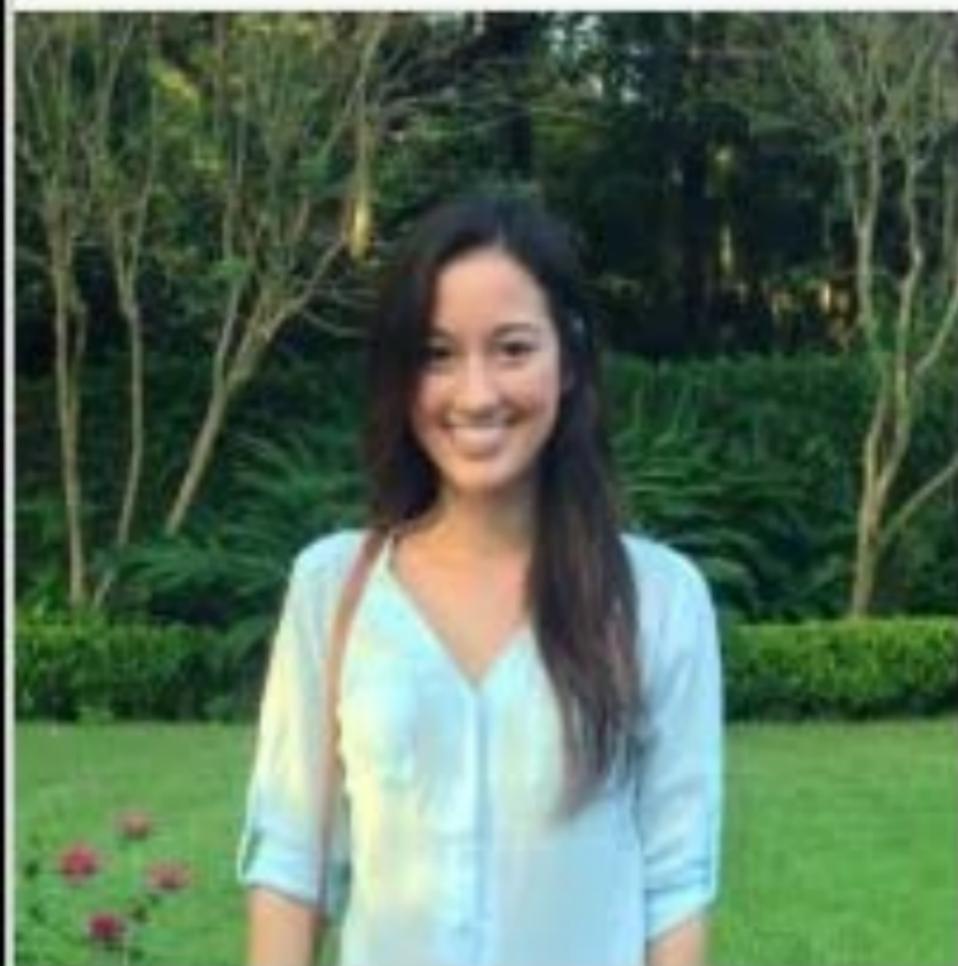
Pest control experts want to say goodbye to insecticides. Oxitec, an insect control company, has been testing a genetically engineered mosquito in affected countries. The mosquito mates with infected mosquitos to produce offspring that die before adulthood, reducing the population. The FDA reports the method is environmentally safe. Oxitec CEO Haydn Parry says the ruling will make next steps easier.

“Until now, I think it’s been quite difficult, because we haven’t had that finding,” Parry says. “So, in other words, it’s been us explaining what we believe about our technology, whereas now it’s been through this incredibly intense, independent evaluation. So I think that’s a major step forward.”

Oxitec plans to conduct a trial in Key Haven, Florida. CEO Haydn Parry says community support will be taken into account.

“And I think that’s a very important part of this, because you need to take – this is a public health program, and like all public health programs, you really want to have the community with you,” Parry says.

The method has proven successful in Brazil, Panama and the Cayman Islands. The FDA reports it’s environmentally safe and will decide on the Florida trial after a public comment period. The Florida Department of Health reported one new Zika case today in Miami-Dade County. That makes a total of 60 in the state.



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From: [Michele Yamano](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Florida Concern
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 5:51:55 AM

From: Michele Yamano <bullardfarm@yahoo.com>

County: Polk

Zip Code: 33810

Phone Number:

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I am a registered voter and will be keeping an eye on this issue.

From: [Joanna Gurchiek](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Florida Keys Mosquito Release
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 8:12:01 AM

From: Joanna Gurchiek <jgurchiek@bellsouth.net>

County: Santa Rosa

Zip Code: 32563

Phone Number:

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From: [Kat](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquito Questions
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:28:12 AM

From: Kat <studiokat333@yahoo.com>

County: Monroe

Zip Code: 33040

Phone Number:

Message Body: I am very concerned about the release of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes in our community. Did the FDA independently review these mosquitoes for potential environmental and human health or safety impacts? Through which regulatory path were the mosquitoes scrutinized? Will the data from the trial be made available to the public? How many genetically modified mosquitoes will be released if used commercially, and how often will the releases be? How long will the full trial last?

What happens if there is a natural disaster or human error and these mosquitoes escape from the rearing facility and into our community? Who will be legally and financially liable if something goes wrong? Have any studies shown that these mosquitoes will provide long-term, effective dengue fever control? Will the mosquito population declines promised by Oxitec be enough to actually prevent the spread of dengue fever? How will the FKMCD notify the community about when and where the trial release will happen? What can I do if I do not want this experiment to take place in my community and do not give you my consent to conduct the experiment? Our community deserves answers. Thank you.

From: [Jim Charleston](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:07:26 AM

From: Jim Charleston <jimmedreams@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 80010

Phone Number:

Message Body: Dear Governor Scott, I have been considering moving to Florida and have only recently received information that there are plans to release genetically modified mosquitoes into the keys. Oxitec has admitted that it is inevitable that some female mosquitoes will be released and it is the females that draw blood. Is there data to show that GE female mosquitoes will not significantly impact humans and other species? Is there data independent from Oxitecs research demonstrating no significant impact to species and other humans?

From: [robert naya](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GE Mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:34:47 AM

From: robert naya <rob88008@hotmail.com>

County: Dade

Zip Code: 33012

Phone Number:

Message Body: If this is true, Mr Governor please don't release them,,
Florida needs our help! GE mosquitoes are being shipped to Florida and pending approval, and could be released in the Keys early next year. We can't help but think that the approval is already planned or they wouldn't have approved the shipment. The mosquitoes, developed by a British company called Oxitec, are supposed to control dengue fever. There have been no reported cases of dengue fever in the Florida Keys this year. When GE mosquitoes were released in Brazil earlier this year, an outbreak of dengue fever actually followed. There have been no environmental or human health studies and GE mosquitoes cannot be recalled once they are released. Not needed. Not wanted. Not proven safe. We've opted out of the experiment and hope you will do the same. Tell Governor Scott - NO GE mosquitoes. GE mosquitoes are bad for tourism and have not been proven safe for people or planet.

From: [JACKIE SCHWARTZ](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM MOSQUITOS
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:32:11 PM

From: JACKIE SCHWARTZ <JCSCHWRTZ@AOL.COM>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33813

Phone Number: 8636702006

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From: [Melissa Stetten](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquito
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 6:51:32 AM

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County: Alachua

Zip Code: 32605

Phone Number: 3523275147

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From: [Diana Fleming](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 5:52:36 PM

From: Diana Fleming <largo_di@yahoo.com>

County: Pinellas

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Phone Number: 727-398-5909

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From: [Brandi Jackson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitoes
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 8:26:45 PM

From: Brandi Jackson <amilliarb@gmail.com>

County: Escambia

Zip Code: 32506

Phone Number:

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From: [Ekaterina Morisey](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM Mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:13:57 PM

From: Ekaterina Morisey <cheetahloversa@gmail.com>

County: Nassau

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From: [Kim Erbivelli](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM mosquitos
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:52:23 PM

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County: Broward

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From: [Susanne McClure](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GM mosquitos
Date: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:16:24 PM

Dear Governor Scott,

I am contacting you about the planned release of GE mosquitoes in Key Haven.

Here are some important points:

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is not native to the Keys.

Will the more virulent Asian tiger mosquito, which also carries dengue fever, fill the void left by the reductions in numbers of *A. aegypti*?

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Food & Water Watch's executive director, Wenonah Hunter put it this way: "The proposed open-air release of millions of unregulated, experimental insects into the Florida Keys opens a Pandora's box that cannot easily be sealed.

"We, at this point, are all suffering. We are sick! Our children are sick. You and your loved ones not excluded. And, our bees are dying.

According to the CDC 1 in 68 children is now autistic!! The increase is so steep that in 2030 100% of our children, including **yours**, are expected to be autistic. ---However, we pretend that we do not know why.

We do know why! When the kids are treated with severe detox measures, and when they are shielded from the government declared "safe" products, medicines, toxins and GMO and other foods, they get better. I know that, because we treat them! But just ask the moms of those toxic children. They will tell you.

Is the FDA really a trusted institution for the purpose of protecting the people? When taking a closer look, it surely appears as if they were more interested in protecting the (financial) interest of big industrial conglomerates, including the pharmaceutical industry and of course biotech firms.

We, the people, are cornered into a position, where we have to dodge the toxic bullets that our government is constantly releasing upon us.

Anybody, who has taken the time to seriously study these issues, in particular, when looking at safety studies **that have been not been publicized (!)**, will come, and has come to the same conclusion!!

I do understand the proposed mosquito control benefits. But let us not be blind sided. Nature is immense. And, as long as we are on the road of trying to outdo nature (while making a pretty penny on it), vs working with nature, we will have to pay the price. Nature is much more powerful than any of us. And that includes the above mentioned industries.

Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt, MD, Phd, said that in the end it will be the wives of the alleged industry leaders, the mothers of their own damaged children, that will bring them to their knees...--once they begin to understand the cause.

THANK YOU, dear Governor, for protecting the people that have been entrusted to you!

THANK YOU, for not allowing your people to be used as human guinea pigs!

And, **THANK YOU** for not participating in opening this Pandora's box!

The responsibility you carry is enormous!

Sincerely,

~Susanne McClure, RN
susmcclure@gmail.com~Susanne McClure
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From: [Frank D. Hopson](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: GMO mosquitoes
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:57:00 AM

From: Frank D. Hopson <nuttwigger@yahoo.com>

County: Pinellas

Zip Code: 33774

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From: [JASON BOEHK](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Engineered Mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 12:59:41 PM

From: JASON BOEHK <jbeck.star@gmail.com>

County: Sarasota

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From: [Mark Kiser](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquito Release in Florida Keys
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:25:23 PM

From: Mark Kiser <batboxblues@netscape.net>

County: Jefferson

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From: [Iain Rae](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 10:34:47 AM

From: Iain Rae <iainrae@me.com>

County: Broward

Zip Code: 33441-4028

Phone Number: 954-934-3855

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From: [Alan Beer](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:13:57 PM

From: Alan Beer <deafolivetree@gmail.com>

County: Pinellas

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From: [betty welker](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 5:45:50 AM

From: betty welker <bmwelker@tampabay.rr.com>

County: Pinellas

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From: [Bill O'Byrne](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically engineered mosquitoes
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:19:58 PM

From: Bill O'Byrne <Bill620@hotmail.com>

County: Marion

Zip Code: 34481-2578

Phone Number: 352-282-3451

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At this stage approval seems inevitable unless a strong message is sent to the FDA not to approve the GM mosquitoes. Similar to the GM salmon (which also seems close to approval), we fear that approval of GM mosquitoes will set a bad precedent and open the floodgates to all the other GM animals waiting in the pipeline.

From: [Elizabeth Miller](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Genetically modified mosquitoes
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:18:59 AM

From: Elizabeth Miller <e1102432@gmail.com>

County: Brevard

Zip Code: 32931

Phone Number:

Message Body: Do not allow the release by Oxitec of genetically modified mosquitoes anywhere in Florida. It would be a huge mistake.

From: [Thomas Cleary](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Hybrid mosquito proposal
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 8:21:42 PM

From: Thomas Cleary <cesare1218@yahoo.com>

County: Hillsborough

Zip Code: 33609

Phone Number:

Message Body: I've learned that Oxitec, a British biotech company, plans to introduce a genetically-modified mosquito somewhere in Florida within the first two months of this year. Its stated purpose is to eradicate the mosquito which carries dengue fever by sterilizing it. However, there have been no cases of this disease in our state since 2010. In addition, when the mosquito was introduced in Brazil it was found that, after some time had elapsed, the frequency of dengue fever had not dropped at all. This hybrid has not been scientifically tested or given an objective peer review yet the company claims that the product is safe. The FDA has approved its use but has given no basis in fact as to why approval was given. Introducing a hybrid plant or animal into an environment is no safer than introducing a normal animal into a non-native environment. We only need to look at the Burmese python and the giant snails now multiplying in our Sunshine State to see what will likely happen. Animals such as bats, which eat mosquitoes, may very well begin to die off in massive quantities as our bees have done. These mosquitoes also have no known natural enemies to keep their populations in check so, absent a natural balance, they will multiply unchecked. Finally, if you, I or anyone else gets bitten by one what will be our health consequences? What diseases can they carry? If their genes are spliced with unknown chemicals, how will these added ingredients affect us? I, for one, definitely oppose their introduction anywhere in our state, whether it's Key West, Key Haven, Tampa or Tallahassee.

From: [Mary Lou Green](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Intentional Disruption of Nature
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 11:42:15 AM

From: Mary Lou Green <hjpgmlg@aol.com>

County: Lee

Zip Code: 33905

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From: [Mark Wells](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Key West "Franken"mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 3:02:02 AM

From: Mark Wells <mwells7365@aol.com>

County: Manatee

Zip Code: 34203

Phone Number: 941-753-3645

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Mosquitos being released in the keys
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:19:56 PM

From: Maria anderson <twins0310@bellsouth.net>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 33325

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From: [Mary DOUBLEDAY](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: NO GM MOSQUITOS PROJECT AND CARBON FUELS
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 8:31:31 AM

From: Mary DOUBLEDAY <marydoubleday@yahoo.com>

County: Duval

Zip Code: 32225-1881

Phone Number:

Message Body: Dear Governor Rick Scott,

Please stop innovating. You are not a scientist, but why are you okay with mad science? It is your job to govern, not alter the status quo and definitely not terrorize our already hospiced planet. I am terrorized by polluters and gmo because my own person is in peril of extinction due to random moneyed ideas being forced upon us, and sometimes even without our knowledge.

We, the public declare ourselves and animals and natural resources free of being subjected to experiments. We are not lab rats and if you unleash Oxitec, our bats, and all other species who interact with mosquitos, are molested. Leave our food, nature alone and fossil fuels in the ground, we are begging you. Our lives are at stake and those who promote this ecological disaster are destroying us and are no different than radical Islamic terrorists.

You have made it clear you are not a scientist, but does that mean we have no voice in what affects our bodies and lands?

I have 3 ideas that can save us from the terror of others threatening our basic right to live in healthy ecosystems.

1. Please pass a bill making it criminal to upset the balance of nature. Those who engage in this practice are terrorizing the rest of us with threat of loss of life from lack of clean food and water and air. Our planet is in hospice. Carbon Fuel polluters, poachers on sea and land, genocide purveyors, and mad scientific experimenters who unleash their ideas and chemicals like Oxitec on the environment, like GM Mosquitos Project in Everglades, and aiders and abettors of all of the above, like the USDA and EPA, FDA, fall into this category. Stiff fines and shut-downs mandatory.

2. Every politician, student, voter, parent, guardian, grandpa, grandma, non-scientist, and business owner should be required to pass a college level Environmental Science Course and Resources Preservation course before being allowed to follow any dream.

3. Pray pray pray for 114th Congress and 50 states to stop terrorizing our planet with carbon- fueled agendas. Our planet will not survive this mess Industry and Commerce has put us in unless we let carbon and GMO go the way of the dinosaur.

I did not vote for you for one reason only: you are bent on putting Economy before Ecology, no matter the cost to nature. I find that quite barbaric and somewhat sociopathic. You are why the planet is heading for a most critical stage, and if that does not terrify you, you most certainly are sociopathic.

Please please please leave nature alone.

We are tired of relying on civil servants to make real changes. Please step up and be our Hero.

From: [marietta avrus](mailto:marietta.avrus)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: NO GMO Mosquitos
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 7:03:20 AM

From: marietta avrus <marn44@aol.com>

County: Palm Beach

Zip Code: 33486

Phone Number:

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Oxitec mosquito experiment
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 8:49:55 PM

From: Kenneth Martin <ken-martin@gmx.net>

County: Orange

Zip Code: 32828

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Oxitec plans to release GE mosquitoes in our Florida Keys
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 12:38:13 PM

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Subject: Planned release of genetically engineered mosquitos
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 7:13:13 PM

From: Renea Bro <reneabro@yahoo.com>

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Please block release of Frankenmosquitos
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:15:06 AM

From: Wall Kent <jackkay@bellsouth.net>

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Subject: Please block the release of genetically modified mosquitoes!
Date: Friday, February 05, 2016 8:59:17 AM

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To: ["betty welker"](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: RE: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 12:39:40 PM

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: RE: Genetically Modified Mosquitoes
Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015 6:39:47 AM

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Cc: [Walsh_JohnPatrick](#); [Bolton_Brett](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request with FL Governor's staff on GE mosquitoes and Zika virus
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2016 4:05:00 PM

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Release of GM Mosquitos
Date: Friday, January 09, 2015 11:13:11 AM

From: Lindsay Kyes <kristiekyes13@gmail.com>

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Subject: Say NO to Franken-misquitos!
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:35:14 PM

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From: [Jason Hinkle](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Statewide GMO Mosquito Experiment
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 7:16:29 PM

From: Jason Hinkle <hinklej79@gmail.com>

County: Out of State

Zip Code: 18049

Phone Number: 610-360-7793

Message Body: Good Evening Sir,

It has come to my attention through an NPR broadcast that Florida is in the process of possibly initiating a GMO experiment with mosquitoes, where the FDA, FKMCD and Oxitec would genetically alter mosquitoes to reduce the population through the mating cycle, leaving offspring unable to reproduce. A few points to consider in your decision:

1. Any experiment should be done in a controlled environment first (a lab) where all subjects can be monitored and valid test results can be established and data accurately gathered.
2. Anytime a new species is introduced to an ecosystem, there are consequences to the environment. The mosquito population is part of the food chain, and when a food chain is reduced as this program is intended, a reduction in other species follows.
3. Florida already has enough to contend with regarding invasive species, both terrestrial and aquatic in nature. (Pythons and Lion Fish for example)
4. GMO foods are a serious concern in our culture, at this time, and no long-term studies have been produced to demonstrate their impact on human populations. How does a Genetically mutated insect ultimately continue to mutate beyond its intended purpose in an environment that can't be controlled? How does it affect a human population, as well as the animal population? These and other questions should be seriously considered before implementing this program.
5. The NPR program stated that the residents have 30 days to contest this experiment, however, many of Florida's residents might not know about this intended program and due to the political race in Florida, many are probably distracted from these issues. This does not seem to be an appropriate answer to the Zika Virus. Genetically altering an organism will always have unintended consequences.
6. Mosquitoes migrate! They will not just stay in Florida. Other states in the U.S. should have a legal say in the decision!

Please do NOT allow this plan to continue until further studies can be conducted in a controlled environment.

Please set a precedent for logical and reasonable scientific studies, our future depends on it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these points. I hope before your State's residents vote to implement such a program, they will all be well informed.

Sincerely,

Jason Hinkle

From: [Bobo, Jack](#)
To: [Hartline, Chris](#)
Cc: pdeloatche@sidley.com; [Dora Hughes](#)
Subject: Zika and Oxitec
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 2:44:31 PM

Chris,

I know you're busy with the governor's visit but I understand that Zika may be on the agenda for the meeting with the President. The meeting presents a unique opportunity for leaders on the frontline of the Zika issue to highlight the need for new and effective vector control solutions today in addition to long term investments in vaccines. Let me know if there is anything I can do to support such efforts.

Best,
Jack

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Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:20:47 PM

Federica,

Thank you for your response. Now, How is that the Governor office contacted me to set a meeting with me when I meet him and gived him my info personally in Key West. Them your team ask me to make a request via online and that you will take of the rest. What happens from there to now? the issue still the same.

I will like you to express the Governor that I will respectfully insist in a meeting with him due to the fact that I feel that I earned. My petition is the largest in Florida History with over 150,000 signatures. If he decline,I will make sure that I will update every one of those 150,000 Floridians or potentials visitors to our wonderful state. Also I will inform the media that Governor Scott decline the meeting but the president will sit down with any petition over 100,000 signatures.

I will like to know, how feel about it and that he will continuing visiting Key West after mosquito control will allow Oxitec releasing up to 26,400,000 gm mosquitoes in the Florida Keys as Clinical trial?

With great power come great responsibility. I will love to maybe meet with him and Surgeon General Armstrong of the Department of Health.

Very respectfully
Mila

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 1:10 PM, Requests, Scheduling
<Scheduling.Requests@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Demier,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for inviting Governor Scott to meet with you. Unfortunately, the Governor will be unable to do so at this time. In the absence of the Governor, we have forwarded your request to Surgeon General Armstrong of the Department of Health. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Federica Vergani

Executive Office of the Governor

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[In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.
Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a Domestic Security Brief, which is prepared weekly by the Florida Fusion Center for the purposes of updating the Governor, Cabinet and FDLE Leadership on Domestic Security issues and events.

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*Information/ Intelligence

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Very respectfully,

Donna Uzzell

Special Agent in Charge

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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February 23, 2015

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Florida Division of Emergency Management

On February 18, 2015, a suspicious package was discovered at the 4th Quarter Bar and Grill on North Monroe Street in Tallahassee, Florida. Area businesses were temporarily evacuated as Tallahassee Police Department, Fire Department, and Leon County EMS responded. The package was ultimately disposed of onsite and the scene was cleared. Report #: 2015-948

On February 19, 2015, a suspicious package was discovered at the Celebration Baptist Church on Shamrock Street East in Tallahassee, Florida. The church was temporarily evacuated and a local school was placed on temporary lockdown as a precaution. The threat was eventually deemed unfounded and the scene was cleared. Report #: 2015-974

Florida Became 'Hotbed' for Sovereign Citizens, Whom FBI Calls Domestic Terrorists

The FBI identifies sovereign citizens as domestic terrorists who do not recognize the authority of state and federal government or the court system. They create their own drivers licenses as well as other documents. This has led to frequent confrontations with law-enforcement officials. Last year, a study on what U.S. police officers consider their greatest threat identified sovereign citizens first among eighteen extremist groups. Islamic extremists ranked second, according to the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland.

Source: <http://touch.orlandosentinel.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-82825514/>

START's report: https://www.start.umd.edu/pubs/START_UnderstandingLawEnforcementIntelligenceProcesses_July2014.pdf



Vandals Set Fire at Florida Church, Write 'Allahu Akbar,' Draw Swastika

A possible hate crime is under investigation after a fire was set at a Central Florida church, where vandals also spray-painted "Allahu Akbar." The incident happened around 3 a.m. February 16, 2015, at the New Shiloh Christian Church in Melbourne on Sarno Road. Arson was the expected cause, police said. A swastika was also scrawled on church property. Inside the swastika was written, "We see u." No information about the arsonist or arsonists was known, and a police investigation is ongoing. The church said it plans to increase security while members are there.

Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/vandals-set-fire-at-brevard-church-write-allahu-akbar/31313628>

Battle Rises in Florida Keys Over Fighting Mosquitoes With Mosquitoes

If the federal Food and Drug Administration gives the go-ahead for the trial, Key Haven, with 444 houses built on a tiny peninsula, would become the focal point of the first American release of several million mosquitoes genetically altered by Oxitec, a British biotechnology company. The Food and Drug Administration, which is still reviewing the Oxitec application, must approve the field release. But the proposal has set off a chain reaction of anxiety and protest that began in 2011 and has gathered steam as the agency's decision approaches.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/20/us/battle-rises-in-florida-keys-over-fighting-mosquitoes-with-mosquitoes.html?_r=0

Everglades Earth First!, a Florida based animal rights group, has conducted protests locally against the release of genetically modified mosquitoes in Monroe County, Florida.



(U) United States of America



Relatives Say N.C. Man Killed Because He Was Muslim

Deah Shaddy Barakat, along with his wife, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, and her sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, were shot to death last week in their condominium in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Craig Hicks, the neighbor who authorities say killed them over a parking dispute, was indicted February 16, 2015, on three counts of murder and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. Some have speculated that Barakat, his wife, and her sister were targeted because they were Muslim, but no hate crime charges were filed against Hicks on Monday.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/relatives-say-north-carolina-student-killed-because-he-was-muslim/2217906>

Detroit Man 'Stabs Two Strangers at Bus Stop After Checking They Were Not Muslim First'



A Detroit man walked up to a bus stop February 14, 2015, asking if people were Muslims and stabbed two that responded no, police say. Federal authorities are investigating possible hate crime charges after Terrence Lavaron Thomas, knifed one victim five times and stabbed another in the hand. Thomas 'said that he was a Muslim.' After he 'engaged in conversation' with several people at the bus stop by the Northland Mall, police said he 'asked some of the folks there if they were Muslims.' Thomas then pulled out a three-inch folding knife 'without provocation' and attacked one of the men, stabbing him once in the face, once in the neck, and three times in the back, police said. He then stabbed another victim in the hand after he attempted to intervene. Police caught up to Thomas only a few blocks away from the bus shelter shortly after the incident, finding two knives and some marijuana. The two men were treated at Providence Hospital and released with non-life-threatening injuries. Southfield police contacted the FBI after the incident and said the agency is investigating possible hate crime charges, according to a press release from the department Tuesday. Investigators will also be looking into possible state charges of ethnic intimidation. Thomas is currently charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, and one count of possession of marijuana. Magistrate Eman Jajonie-Daman set Thomas's bond at \$1 million and scheduled a preliminary examination for March 4.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2958006/Incoherent-Detroit-man-stabs-two-bus-stop-told-not-Muslim.html#ixzz3S5sTLK9T>

Accused Bomber's Lawyers Cannot Get Fair Trial in Boston



Attorneys for the accused Boston Marathon bomber on February 19, 2015, asked a U.S. appellate panel to override a federal judge and order his trial moved out of the city, saying an impartial jury could not be seated so close to the site of the 2013 attack. U.S. District Judge George O'Toole has three times rejected pleas by Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's lawyers to move the trial out of the city where the bombing killed three people and injured 264. Assistant U.S. Attorney William Weinreb noted that jury selection, which began early last month, has already identified sixty-one people who could serve on the jury through the in-person questioning process known as "voir dire." It has also turned up some potential candidates with strongly held presumptions on Tsarnaev's guilt, said Appellate Judge Juan Torruella. He noted that several of the more than 1,350 potential jurors stated on their questionnaires that there was no sense in having a trial as they believed Tsarnaev was guilty. Others went even further. The appellate panel did not make an immediate decision on the request. Tsarnaev could face the death penalty if convicted, a fact that has also complicated jury selection. Massachusetts state law does not allow for capital punishment and many of the more than 200 candidates who have been questioned in recent weeks have said they would have a hard time voting to execute someone. Tsarnaev is also accused of fatally shooting a police officer three days after the bombing as he and his older brother, Tamerlan, prepared to flee the city. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died that night following a gun battle with police. As an example of how pervasive the memory of the bombing is through the city, Mizner noted that on several of the active construction sites that surround the waterfront courthouse, cement trucks are painted with the words "Boston Strong," a slogan that became the city's rallying cry after the attack.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/19/us-boston-bombing-trial-idUSKBN0LN10S20150219>



Egyptian Planes Pound ISIS in Libya in Revenge for Mass Beheadings of Christians

Egyptian warplanes struck hard at ISIS militants in neighboring Libya, killing as many as sixty-four militants and destroying the Islamist terror group's training camps and weapons caches a day after a sickening video surfaced showing black-clad jihadists beheading twenty-one Coptic Christians. The strikes came in two waves after Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi went on national television in the world's most populous Arab nation and vowed revenge was coming. The address was followed by the airing of military video showing the planes taking off for the mission and an Armed Forces General Command statement saying the strikes were "to avenge the bloodshed and to seek retribution from the killers." Egyptian state-run news service Al-Ahram, citing a Libyan military spokesman, reported that the strikes, which were coordinated with Libyan officials, killed sixty-four Islamic State fighters and left dozens wounded. Egyptian officials told the news service the strikes were the first of several to come. Egypt is already battling a burgeoning Islamist insurgency centered in the strategic Sinai Peninsula, where militants have recently declared their allegiance to ISIS and rely heavily on arms smuggled across the porous desert border between Egypt and Libya. The strikes also come just a month before Egypt is scheduled to host a major donor's conference at a Sinai resort to attract foreign investment needed to revive the economy after more than four years of turmoil.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/02/16/egypt-hits-isis-affiliated-terrorists-in-libya-after-video-showing-mass/>

New Terror Scare in Danish Capital

Police briefly evacuated the area Tuesday morning around a Copenhagen cafe after a suspicious envelope sparked concerns, Danish media reported. The envelope was discovered at the same business where a gunman shot one person to death during a forum on free speech over the weekend. That gunman was himself killed by police after opening fire at the cafe and a synagogue in the Danish capital on Saturday, where he killed a Jewish security guard. Police said Monday they had arrested two other men, suspected of helping the gunman in some way, but that they did not believe any of the men were part of a larger terror cell in Denmark. It wasn't immediately clear what led police to believe the envelope discovered Tuesday represented a threat, but local media cited law enforcement sources as saying it appeared to be linked to the Saturday shootings in some way. Meanwhile, it emerged that the slain gunman in the Saturday attacks was released from jail just two weeks ago and might have become radicalized there last summer, a source close to the Danish terror investigation told The Associated Press.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/copenhagen-cafe-shooting-suspicious-envelope-evacuations/>

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Message Body: I was distressed to learn that Oxitec, a British biotech company, plans to release an experimental mosquito population genetically engineered to combat dengue fever, even though there have been no cases of dengue fever reported in the Florida Keys since 2010. The company has been preparing for FDA approval to use Key West as a test population, which is expected to happen within the first two months of 2015.

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You are allowing an extraordinary risk to the environment and to human health to be introduced without controls, despite the lack of effectiveness when the same approach was tried in Brazil, and the tremendous pushback that is occurring from the citizens of Florida.

Please block the release of these "frankenmosquitoes"!

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