



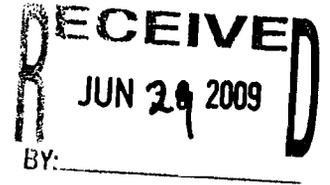
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Docket No. APHIS-2008-0023
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Re: Docket No. APHIS-2008-0023 comments

To Whom It May Concern:

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine understands that the USDA has released proposals to amend the regulations of genetically modified crops, which would significantly weaken or eliminate oversight of GM crops and even allow a "low level presence" policy, allowing potential contamination of organic and non-genetically modified food.

There are many animal studies published showing a strong link between adverse health risks and ingestion of GM foods which **includes**:

- infertility,
- immune dysregulation,
- accelerated aging,
- dysregulation of genes associated with cholesterol synthesis,
- insulin regulation upset
- cell signaling upset
- protein formation dysregulation
- and changes in the liver, kidney, spleen, and gastrointestinal system.¹

Because of these serious health risks, also outlined in our recently published position paper on genetically modified foods, the AAEM has called for an immediate moratorium on GM food and implementation of immediate long term independent safety testing to protect the public's health. The AAEM also asks that the government recognize the risks involved and undertake the most appropriate action for the American people, in its quest for "food safety".

Sincerely,

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1. Dean A, Armstrong J. (Internet).(2009) Genetically Modified Foods. Available from:
<http://www.aaemonline.org/gmopost.html>