



April Fools' Day Contest

“Using Terminator to Halt GM Seed Contamination is like ...”

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The Gene Giants lost the PR battle over Terminator technology. But now they are saying that crop contamination from genetically modified (GM) seeds has become epidemic in some parts of the world and that the only solution for those opposed to GM seeds is to use Terminator to halt gene flow. They even have some environmentalists and governments calling Terminator a “green solution”. That’s not true. But more to the point, accepting the use of GM Terminator seeds to block GM crop contamination is like...
(Submit your answer on www.etcgroup.org/main.asp before April Fools' Day - April 1st!)

- Insisting that (*male*) farmers wear condoms because GM seeds carry STDs (sexually transmitted diseases).
- Unleashing lions to catch mice.
- Voting for the Right so the Left won't be corrupted.
- Abolishing book publishing to save forests.
- Giving everyone a gun to stop violent crime.
- Crossing Dodos with Lemmings so the birds can run. (*Dodos, now extinct, could neither fly nor run.*)
- Trusting that the corporations who invented Agent Orange, Thalidomide, and Love Canal, and who created GM contamination – will be able to control Terminator technology.
- Using composting toilets in biological warfare labs.
- Making nuclear power plants wheelchair-accessible.
- Biofortifying GM spinach (*much-detested*) for primary school lunches.
- Using genetic engineering to double the shelf life of Twinkies (*one of the world's most artificial snacks*).
- Designing homicide-tolerant baby seals (*killed for pelts in Arctic ice flows*).
- Breeding elephants with “easy-off” tusks.
- Shipping water wings to Pacific islanders (*as a defense against rising sea-levels from Global Warming*).
- Manufacturing (*personal watercraft*) “Jet skis” with Braille instrument panels.
- Proposing backyard nuclear reactors to lessen fossil fuel dependency.
- Suggesting that the alternative to toxic dump cleanup is human germ line therapy.
- Proposing that the first clone be yet another George Bush.
- Xenotransplanting Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's heart into a pig.
- Inserting human genes into Australian Prime Minister John Howard.
- Send your finish to the sentence on www.etcgroup.org/main.asp!**

The winning answer must be submitted on line before April 1st, 2002. The award for the winning answer will be a cartoon depicting the answer that will include a caricature of the winner(s). If the winner wishes to remain anonymous, she/he/they can suggest cameo characters for the cartoon.) The cartoon will be posted at www.etcgroup.org and announced and presented formally to the 6th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in The Hague, Netherlands between April 8-21, 2002.

Terminator Tech is NOT “safe sex” for food security!