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From: FARMER, DONNA F [Redacted]
Sent: 1/26/2011 5:23:38 PM
To: MORIN, KIMBERLY A [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Paul Tukey - Weekly Update: Roundup is Worse Than You May Think
Attachments: Seralini Comments_EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361-0038[1].1.pdf; EP reponse to comments.pdf; French Tox Committe.pdf; French Tox Committee.doc; Benachour AFSSA.pdf; Benachour AFSSA 2008 -en.docx; levine_2007.pdf

Kim,

Sorry got lost in the emails.

Regarding 1. Completely false we have never organized a widespread smear campaign to discredit him as Tuckey states” If you do, you’ll find that last year, just after his study hit at Christmastime of 2009, Monsanto and others organized a widespread smear campaign to discredit Seralini and his colleagues.”

If you read the reports [Redacted] does not even mention Monsanto ...” [Redacted] is suing for libel following a smear campaign, which appears to have come from the French scientific organisation for biotechnology, the Association Française des Biotechnologies Végétales. [Redacted] believes the researchers [Redacted] [Redacted] and [Redacted] are behind the campaign and that is why he is pursuing [Redacted] in the courts. He argues that the campaign has damaged his reputation, reducing his opportunities for work and his chances of getting funding for his research.” <http://www.gmwatch.org/latest-listing/1-news-items/12715-seralini-vs-fellous-a-gmo-libel-case-over-independent-expertise-and-science>

We were not mentioned in that suit and that is because we were not involved! What we do is set the record straight about the relevancy of his research in contrast to the distorted toxicological significance he gives to his results about glyphosate and our biotech products. This has also been done independently by the US EPA after he sent them a letter when the public docket was open for the glyphosate renewal see attachments as well as the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority), the FSANZ (Food Standards Australia/New Zealand) regarding GMO safety see links below.

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/gmo100127-m.pdf> - biotech products, see top paragraph of page 8

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/scienceandeducation/factsheets/factsheets2009/fsanzresponsetoseral4647.cfm> - biotech products, key conclusion last two sentences in Background

Redacted comments to the EPA and see bottom of page 3/8 and top of page 4/8 regarding the **Redacted** in vitro study in EP response to comments attached pdf. Not relevant for human risk assessment.

In addition the French Tox Committee/AFFSA has reviewed his in vitro studies and made the same comment in vitro studies are not relevant to human risk assessment see the two attachments pdf in french/word document in English.

Tukey says:

Despite **Redacted** findings — including his blockbuster report in December of 2009 that one component of Roundup kills human cells — the race to genetically modify more and more plants continues almost unabated by reason or law.

This is yet another in vitro study.... same thing not relevant to human risk assessment we know that caffeine can kill cells in a petri dish ...doesn't stop us from drinking coffee/tea, eating chocolate..it is all about the exposure. **Redacted** measures "fancy" endpoints in these cells and if he would have put caffeine/ dawn dishwashing detergent side by side in his experiments he would have found altered responses by the cells. We are working with a researcher in the UK to repeat some of **Redacted** studie with surfactants found in household and consumer products and guess what...same response as the surfactant found in RU and the RU formulation...non-specific surfactant effect same thing we saw with the Walsh study years ago when we repeated it see attached Levine et al.

Tuckey says:

The sale of Roundup as a backyard weed killer continues to grow as if Americans still believe the Monsanto's original advertising slogan: "Roundup is as safe as table salt."

That was not the original advertising claim...it was "Less toxic to rats than table salt following acute oral ingestion" which is true..the LD50 in rats for RU branded products is > 5000 mg/kg and for table salt it is ~ 3000 mg/kg. Scientifically this is a true statement and we can continue to say it "Less toxic to rats than table salt following acute oral ingestion" what we are prohibited from doing in advertisements is to directly or by implication compare our products to common consumer products or other herbicides.

Regarding II and III they seem to be the same... Huber and some **Redacted** claims.

Let me know if you need more.

Donna

From: MORIN, KIMBERLY A [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:35 AM
To: FARMER, DONNA R [Redacted]
Subject: Paul Tukey - Weekly Update: Roundup is Worse Than You May Think

Hi Donna,

The information you sent last week on Jeffrey Smith blog post was very helpful. I shared with our team and learned they had gotten a number of requests - thank you!

Regarding the Augusta City Council and Paul Tukey's campaign to ban lawn protectants, can you send me something regarding the blog posts below. 1. French GMO Researcher Vilified by Monsanto, and 2. Roundup, Part III: "Mankind's Greatest Mistake". I believe the third part was the Huber study so I have that info. I want to send an informational memo on Roundup to the August City Council. Thanks very much!

Kimberly

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From: "Paul Tukey" [Redacted]

Sender: [Redacted]

Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2011 12:22:22

To: [Redacted]

Reply-To: [Redacted]

Subject: Weekly Update: Roundup is Worse Than You May Think Dear

susanne,

Happy New Year. Nearly a month since our last Weekly Update prior to

Christmas, we wanted to let you know e thoroughly enjoyed the holiday season and have been hard at work preparing our spring educational tour that begins next week in Robinson, Illinois. After the completion of a book and some other major writing projects, we're also back to the SafeLawns Daily Blog.

A COLLEAGUE ASKED US TO SPEAK OUT about Roundup, the most commonly used non-selective weed killer. When you really dig into the science on this stuff, you learn that it's incredibly dangerous - both as a topical spray in our backyards and as a leading component of our genetically modified food supply. We're running a three-part series this week at www.safelawnsblog.org.

ALSO POSTED TODAY was a Guest Blog from the NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) about how the pesticide regulatory process in the U.S. is severely lacking. They have included several links to some great information.

WE'RE PLANNING SEVERAL EVENTS FOR SPRING including the Northwest Lawn & Garden Pesticide Summit for late March or April. We'll keep you posted as the dates firm up. If you're interested in events that are educational and inspirational, drop us an email at Paul@SafeLawns.org and we'll try to find space on the calendar. We're also scheduling screenings of the film A Chemical Reaction (www.chemicalreactionmovie.com) for anywhere from 20 people to 200 or more.

Stay in touch. It's going to be an interesting spring.

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The Safelawns Foundation

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