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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to help preserve our future by providing education and research about toxic chemicals and how they affect our health and the environment.

EVENTS



- **November 11, 12, 13, 2016**

Green Festival Event - San Francisco, CA

Come and visit EV at their booth at the Green Festival.

Event information at:

http://www.greenfestivals.org/san-francisco-2016-nov-11-13.html#!2015greenexpoSat_95

- **January 12-16, 2017**

Wild & Scenic Film Festival - Nevada City, CA

<http://www.nevadacitychamber.com/nevada-city-events/wild-scenic-film-festival/>

ARTICLES & INFORMATION

- **SHOCKING PROOF OF CLIMATE ENGINEERING**



NASA Satellite Imagery - California Coast

As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. The photo images shown below were captured from NASA satellite sources, they are truly alarming. These images provide shocking and undeniable proof of the ongoing global climate engineering / geoengineering / solar radiation management assault on our planet and its life support systems. Highly toxic heavy metals and chemicals (that are systematically sprayed into our atmosphere from jet aircraft as part of the geoengineering/SRM programs) are manipulated with extremely powerful radio frequency signals. These signals are transmitted from countless locations around the globe from various types of transmission platforms (ionosphere heater installations like

HAARP, SBX radar, NEXRAD, etc.). The impact of the microwave transmissions on cloud formations is profound and highly visible ([square cloud formations are created under some scenarios](#)).

In the series of NASA satellite images below, many variances of radio frequency cloud impacts can be observed. The degree to which the ongoing climate engineering/climate/intervention/weather warfare is disrupting Earth's atmosphere and life support systems is [already beyond catastrophic](#) and happening all over the globe.

To read more and see more images, visit:

<http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/nasa-satellite-imagery-reveals-shocking-proof-of-climate-engineering/>

● PEPSI COVER-UP

By [Isabelle Z.](#)

When the Center for Environmental Health released test results showing that Pepsi intentionally covered up the presence of high levels of 4-Mel in its popular soft drinks in 2013, the company denied both the presence of this chemical in its beverages and the fact that it was dangerous.

4-Mel, which is short for 4-Methylimidazole, is a compound that is formed in the manufacturing of caramel coloring, and is a known carcinogen.

Since then, the drinks maker has fought against complying with California State

requirements to place a cancer warning label on the beverages that contain the ingredient, which include not only Pepsi, but also Diet Pepsi and Pepsi One.

Now, a settlement in a class action lawsuit against Pepsi has gained preliminary approval from a federal judge in California.

As part of the proposed settlement, Pepsi has agreed to ensure its caramel coloring's 4-Mel levels do not exceed 100 parts per billion in products that are being shipped for sale within the U.S. They will also be required to test the soda using specific protocols.

The soft drink giant also agreed to these measures in a different lawsuit that was settled in a California state court last year. The new settlement, however, expands the reach of these measures from California to the entire country.

Pepsi failed to warn consumers that its drinks contain known carcinogens

The lawsuit accused Pepsi of failing to warn people that its beverages contain 4-Mel, which California has officially recognized as a cancer-causing chemical.

[A 2014 Consumer Reports test](#) showed that the 4-Mel in Pepsi exceeded the permitted level of 29 micrograms per bottle or can, which would mean that they were in violation of common law and consumer protection statutes in the state of California.

In particular, this violates California's Proposition 65, which has been in place since 1985, and requires manufacturers

to provide consumers with clear warnings when their products will expose them to toxic or cancer-causing chemicals.

The state's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment set the cutoff at 29 micrograms because that level creates a risk of cancer of one in 100,000.

Citing a 2013 Mintel and Leatherhead Food Research report, Consumer Reports said that caramel coloring is the world's most widely used food coloring.

At the time, Pepsi tried to say that because Prop 65 refers to exposure per day rather than exposure per can, and that the average amount of diet soda that its drinkers consume daily is less than a can, there was no need to place a warning on it. Consumer Reports disagreed, however.

"No matter how much consumers drink they don't expect their beverages to have a potential carcinogen in them. And we don't think 4-MeI should be in foods at all. Our tests of Coke samples show that it is possible to get to much lower levels," toxicologist Dr. Urvashi Rangan said.

Is drinking soda really worth risking cancer and obesity?

It simply does not make sense for people to expose themselves unnecessarily to an ingredient that merely serves to color their food, and consumers have the right to be aware of what they are putting in their bodies.

The popularity of books like [Food Forensics](#) serves to illustrate the growing desire by Americans to know what ingredients their food products contain.

The cancer-causing caramel coloring in Pepsi is not the only reason consumers should steer clear of it. Soft drinks are also believed to be behind the nation's obesity epidemic.

A [UCLA study](#) found that adults who consumed one sugary drink such as a soda every day had a 27 percent higher likelihood of being classified as overweight than those who did not drink such beverages.

Moreover, drinking just one soda each day adds up to a total of 39 pounds of sugar each year! That means that regular soda drinkers can cut their risk of obesity and cancer in one fell swoop simply by giving up the habit for good.



- **LOOPHOLE IN WATER LAW OPENS WAY FOR BOTTLING PLANT**
(*Rich Pedroncelli, Associated Press*)

A large beverage bottling operation could receive a free pass to use all it wants of a small Northern California community's groundwater supply, thanks to an obscure allowance in state water laws and a protective trade agreement.

Crystal Geysers has plans to launch a new beverage bottling operation in the small northern California town of Mount Shasta. In response to California's drought, locals here cut water use by about 40 percent between 2014 and 2015, according to officials. However, an exemption in newly drafted groundwater regulations could give the giant company leeway to use unlimited water from the community's underground supply. The company has sworn it will take an insignificant volume of water from the ground and that local wells will not be affected.

The concern among locals, however, is that there is nothing in the law that will curtail Crystal Geysers' use. That's because the city of Mount Shasta's groundwater supply is considered to be a "volcanic basin," not an "alluvial basin" – a geologic distinction that carries significant consequences under a set of new water use laws.

Read more at:

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/water/articles/2016/02/09/loophole-in-water-law-opens-way-for-bottling-plant>

Additional Information:

Yes on measure H in Siskiyou County..

<http://www.siskiyouforward.org/2016/10/01/help-measure-h/>

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Facebook: We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/water/articles/2016/02/09/loophole-in-water-law-opens-way-for-bottling-plant>

- **5 HEALTH DANGERS OF HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP**



by Dr. Edward Group DC, NP, DACBN, DCBCN, DABFM Published on July 8, 2010, Last Updated on April 29, 2015

Since the late 1980s, HFCS has replaced regular table sugar, honey, and similar sweeteners. Prolonged consumption of HFCS is the topic of debate and, like other

genetically modified products, may be bad for your health. A number of studies conducted over the past few decades indicate consumption of HFCS is connected with some health concerns.

Read more at:

<http://www.globalhealingcenter.com/natural-health/high-fructose-corn-syrup-dangers/>

- **JOURNALIST AMY GOODMAN IS FACING JAIL TIME**



Amy Goodman

The charges against Goodman are a clear attack on journalism and freedom of the press.

By *Lizzy Ratner*

Is Facing Jail Time

This Monday morning, shortly after the sun rises over the small city of Mandan, North Dakota, the award-winning journalist, and host of *Democracy Now!*, Amy Goodman will walk into the Morton County-Mandan Combined Law Enforcement and Corrections Center and

turn herself in to the local authorities. Her crime: good, unflinching journalism.

Goodman had the audacity to commit this journalism on September 3, when she was in North Dakota covering what she calls “the standoff at Standing Rock”: the months-long protests by thousands of Native Americans against the Dakota Access Pipeline. The \$3.8 billion oil pipeline is slated to carry barrel after barrel of Bakken crude through sacred sites and burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, and tribe members fear it could pollute the Missouri River, the source not only of their water but of millions of others’, should the pipe ever rupture. Their protests, which began in April and ballooned through the summer months, represent the largest mobilization of Native American activists in more than 40 years—and one of the most vital campaigns for environmental justice in perhaps as long.

Read more at:

<https://www.thenation.com/article/a-my-goodman-is-facing-prison-for-reporting-on-the-dakota-access-pipeline-that-should-scare-us-all/>

- **BURN PITS**

A **burn pit** refers to an area in military sites devoted to [open-air combustion](#) of [trash](#). The phrase was first used to refer to the common way of getting rid of waste at the U.S. military sites in Iraq and Afghanistan. Due to modern waste at and around these sites containing significant amounts of plastic and other material which may emit [toxic aerial compounds](#) and [particulates](#) when burned, the burn pits were heavily criticized and resulted

in a suit by veterans. Global environmental consciousness has especially criticized these instances of large-scale burn pit operation.^[1]

The Iraq and Afghanistan U.S. military burn pit operation scandal

In 2010, a large-scale burn pit operation in [Iraq](#) and [Afghanistan](#), allegedly operated by the U.S. military or its contractors such as [KBR](#), was reported to have allowed the operation of the burn pits for long periods of time, burning many tons of assorted waste. Active duty personnel reported respiratory difficulties and headaches in some cases while some veterans made disability claims based on respiratory system symptoms allegedly derived from the burn pits.^[2]

The materials burned and combustion products

In the Iraq and Afghanistan incidents of burn pit operation involving the US military, it was reported that every type of waste was burned, including: plastics, batteries, appliances, medicine, dead animals, even human body parts with [jet fuel](#) being used as an [accelerant](#). Clouds of black smoke resulted.^[2] According to an Air Force fact sheet, "Burning solid wastes in an open pit generates numerous pollutants. These pollutants include [dioxins](#), [particulate matter](#), [polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons](#), [volatile organic compounds](#), [carbon monoxide](#), [hexachlorobenzene](#), and [ash](#). Highly toxic dioxins, produced in small amounts in almost all burning processes, can be produced in elevated levels with increased combustion of plastic waste (such as discarded drinking water

bottles) and if the combustion is not at high incinerator temperatures. Inefficient combustion of medical or latrine wastes can emit disease-laden aerosols."

Read more at:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burn_pit



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