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**HUMANS ARE GUINEA PIGS FOR THE “SECOND GENERATION” OF
GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CROPS**

CRIIGEN denounces the scandalous approval of a new GM maize variety in Europe named 59122xNK603. Governments and industry have promised a “second generation” of GM crops in the service of humanity. For example crops tolerant to harsh environmental conditions such as drought, flooding and salinity caused by climate change to help combat world hunger. However, the reality is quite different. Instead these supposedly new second generation crops are simply more sophisticated versions of the old ones producing several insecticides and absorbing several herbicides. The 59122xNK603 maize is a GM crop powerhouse of four pesticides (two insecticides and two herbicides) with cumulative and compounding health and environmental risks as is inherently the case with the new Canadian GM maize SmartStax, which ultimately can contain up to eight different pesticides!

Furthermore, to avoid calls for transparency and availability of results obtained from previous investigations addressing the health consequences of eating GM crops and foods, governments, agricultural biotech seed and pesticide firms have decided to dispense altogether with animal feeding studies ... instead they now prefer to test GM foods directly on the public!