## SAY NO TO GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MOSQUITOES!

## Genetically Engineered (GE) mosquitoes are risky

- Up to a billion genetically engineered mosquitoes may be released into the environment.
- Genetically engineered mosquitoes are a **risky experiment**. There is still no proof it'll be effective at reducing disease but it could instead cause **environmental and public health problems**.
- Genetically engineered mosquitoes may spread their genes into the wild and create a more virulent, pesticide resistant hybrid mosquito. They could cause more problems than they solve.
- We should be using least toxic alternatives that don't have unintended consequences for our environment and health.
- **Biting genetically engineered female mosquitoes** may also be released, increasing the risk, according to recent research.

## **Unanswered questions**

- **Endangered species could be at risk**. There have been no endangered species assessments done to date.
- There may be **negative health impacts**, but these have not been studied by independent scientists.
- There is no long-term plan for how to track the genetically engineered mosquitoes after they "lose" the gene for fluorescence.

## Community opposition to being a human experiment

- This company is **forcing its experiment on people**. Some people will have boxes of genetically engineered mosquitos placed in their yards. Nearly a billion mosquitoes will hatch out from these boxes.
- People want **transparency, full free and prior informed consent**, and what's effective and least risky. This genetically engineered mosquito takes us in the opposite direction.

TAKE ACTION: Stop Florida from becoming a genetically engineered mosquito experiment and revoke this permit! <a href="http://bit.ly/NoGMOmosquitoes">http://bit.ly/NoGMOmosquitoes</a>









