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at **HUNTINGDON
LIFE SCIENCES**

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) are Europe's largest contract testing laboratory. They have about 70,000 animals on site including cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs, rats, mice, monkeys, fish and birds. HLS's motto is "Your secrets are our secrets". HLS are involved in many different areas of genetic and toxic chemical research.

What is genetic engineering ?



- * In genetic engineering, scientists transfer genes from one species to another with the hope of passing on a desired characteristic.
- * Once released, the new living organisms made by genetic engineering are able to interact with other forms of life, reproduce and transfer their characteristics to other species. In many cases, they cannot be recalled or contained.
- * According to experts worldwide, there is a very real probability that these releases could cause serious ecological harm or pose a serious threat to public health.

"There should have been clinical trials on human volunteers. Just because something has been shown to be safe in laboratory animals, this does not mean that it will be safe for humans." Geneticist Dr Antoniou [Omnibus, BBC1]

Frankenstein food

- * A statement issued by 21 scientists said that "With genetic engineering familiar foods could become metabolically dangerous or even toxic".
- * HLS are conducting research for Monsanto, one of the leading developers in GM crops.
- * Consumers have voted no to GMO by refusing to buy food containing genetically modified organisms.
- * They can greatly affect wildlife, including small mammals, birds and their food sources such as insects.
- * The simple fact is that no-one has any idea how these organisms will affect human health.

Horrific experiments

- * For the last 20 years HLS have been involved in xenotransplantation experiments, they have transplanted transgenic pig hearts and kidneys into wild-caught baboons, resulting in complete failure.
- * Scientists world-wide are very concerned about animal to human transplants as there is a possibility that pig retroviruses (HIV is a retrovirus) could transfer not only to the human recipient of the organ, but also to people they are in contact with and the wider population.

"Scientists need to develop a little humility and realise they cannot play God, they cannot assume everything is going to be alright and they cannot let genies out of bottles."
Norman Baker MP



Another victim of genetic research

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