



Activities under the Community Strategy for Endocrine Disruptors

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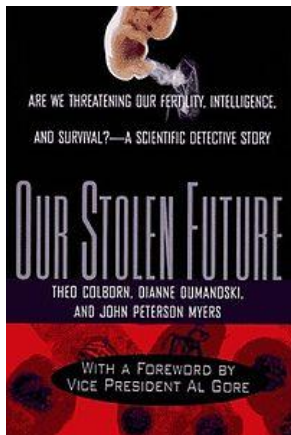
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Strategy for Endocrine Disruptors



December 1996
European workshop on
the impact of endocrine
disruptors on human
health and wildlife held
in Weybridge,
“Weybridge workshop”



March 1996
Endocrine
disruptor
hypothesis



October 1998
Parliament resolution
Call to COM to take
specific action



March 1999
SC for Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the
Environment (SCTEE)
“potential global problem” for wildlife

Strategy for Endocrine Disruptors

- *Objectives of the paper were:*
 - **To identify problem of endocrine disruption, its causes and consequences**
 - **To identify appropriate policy action on the basis of the precautionary principle in order to respond quickly and effectively to the problem, thereby alleviating public concern**
- *11 actions identified*
 - **7 Short-term actions**
 - **3 Medium-term actions**
 - **1 Long-term action**

Main achievements

- *Endocrine specific provisions in REACH, Plant protection product and Biocidal regulations*
- *11 OECD test methods for identification of EDs developed + guidance document*
- *Research and development in this field supported by over 120 millions of euro*
- *Priority list of substances for further testing of their role in endocrine disruption established*

Current focus

- *Development of horizontal criteria for identification of endocrine disruptors*
 - **Required by regulations on plant protection products and biocidal products by December 2013**
 - **Need for horizontal criteria across legislations**
- *Review and possible revision of the strategy*
 - **Need to review whether strategy is fit for purpose**
- *REACH review as regards endocrine disruptors*
 - **Required to review the way how endocrine disruptors can be authorised**

Process

- *Scientific review*
 - **Contract 'State of the art of the assessment of endocrine disruptors', January 2012**
- *EU Conference on EDs: current challenges in Science and Policy, June 2012*
- *Consultation bodies:*
 - **Ad hoc group**
 - **Expert group**
 - *Request for opinion of EFSA*



Activities outside the Commission

- *EEA report on endocrine disruptors, May 2012*
- *WHO report on Possible developmental early effects of EDs on child health, End of 2012*
- *UNEP/WHO/IOMC report on State of the Science of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals, February 2013*
- *Several Member States are taking legal action at the national level (e.g. Bisphenol A)*
- *Emerging issue on EDs under SAICM, Sept. 2012*

Activities outside the Commission

- *Council Conclusions (11 June 2012) on setting the framework for a 7th EU Environment Action Programme*
 - **to ensure the continuation and enhancement of policies to protect human health and the environment by addressing endocrine disruptors, based on scientific achievements, including in all relevant EU legislation with the aim of reducing exposures to EDs and protecting human health and the environment, in particular children**
- *European Parliament's own initiative report on EDs*

Thanks for your attention