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FYI -

It's not clear to me they read the risk assessment or response to comments.

Jennifer Kuzma and other scholars voice concerns over EPA's May 1st approval of an experimental use permit for GE mosquitoes in Florida and Texas

- The authors are, "concerned that current government oversight and scientific evaluation of GM mosquitoes do not ensure their responsible deployment."
- The authors propose an official registry for GE organisms released into the environment and suggest a broader set of risks for assessment
- The mosquito release is planned this summer with Oxitec's "2nd Generation Friendly" male *Aedes aegypti*, which mates with females and limits survivability of offspring

The Conversation: Genetically modified mosquitoes could be released in Florida and Texas beginning this summer – silver bullet or jumping the gun?

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