

FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY SENT on 2023-10-19

To: media@ec.gc.ca

Subject: **Follow-up media inquiry regarding Geoengineering activities in Canada**

Dear Mrs. Allen,

Thank you for your previous combined reply, for the information provided therein was quite informative and useful.

I would like to **follow-up with some additional questions** for Part 3 of my article series on Geoengineering and Weather Modification in Canada. The **publication deadline for this part is set at Tuesday, October 24**. Should you need more time to reply, please send it along nonetheless, and I can always add an addendum to my article.

Here are my **follow-up questions**:

1) It seems that Canada had previously decided to **not adhere to the United Nations' 2010 Geoengineering Moratorium adopted at COP10 in Nagoya Japan** (for reference, see <https://web.archive.org/web/20201127012955/http://www.cbd.int/cop/cop-10/doc/advance-final-unedited-texts/advance-unedited-version-climate-change-en.doc>).

In short, **this moratorium was agreed upon by 193 member states to disallow geoengineering activities to take place which could affect biodiversity.**

As Canada is a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), it is a bit perplexing as to why Canada had not chosen to adhere to the 2010 moratorium.

My questions:

a) Can you confirm whether or not Canada has adhered to this United Nations 2010 moratorium?

b) If Canada has not adhered to it, can you explain the reason(s)?

c) As Canada is a strong proponent of biodiversity and a signatory to the CBD, *why* hasn't Canada decided to abide by the moratorium?

2) In your previous reply, the geoengineering practice of **Solar Radiation Management (SRM)** was addressed and for which you stated that Canada currently does not engage in such activities (apart from those using computer modeling simulations).

As you may or may not know, it has been officially announced that **the country of Mexico has prohibited experimental activities with Solar Geoengineering (another name for SRM).**

- [Government announces experimentation with solar geoengineering will not be allowed in Mexico](#), January 20, 2022
- Official Mexican government source and January 13, 2023 press release: [La experimentación con geoingeniería solar no será permitida en México](#) (see [English translation](#))

In addition, at least **two states in the U.S. have legislation proposed to prohibit geoengineering- and weather modification-related activities:**

- **Rhode Island:** [House bill 5866, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE ATMOSPHERE PROTECTION ACT](#), would prohibiting hazardous atmospheric polluting activities including cloud-seeding, solar radiation management (SRM), stratospheric aerosol injections (SAIs), and other weather modification activities.
- **Illinois:** Introduced on January 24, 2023, [Illinois Senate Bill 134](#), would create the **Weather Modification Act** whereby **any form of weather modification shall not be allowed in the State, including the seeding of clouds by plane or ground.**

My questions:

- a) As Canada is recognised worldwide as a beacon for the health and safety of its citizens along with high standards relating the biodiversity and the natural environment, are similar rules or legislation currently being explored or considered by ECCC which would ban or prohibit geoengineering activities such as SRM and SAIs from occurring in Canada?**
- b) If so, can you provide related details?**
- c) If not, can you explain why ECCC is not considering them?**

I thank you in advance for your kind reply.

Sincerely,

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