



For Immediate Release

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING AND ADVISORY FOR STANDING ROCK
"Possible Chlorophacinone (ROZOL) dangerous rat poison exposure"

Cannonball, North Dakota, Jan. 23, 2017 – This public health warning and advisory for Standing Rock is being issued by us as a precaution to those who have passed through the camps in and around the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Water protectors (aka known as protesters) who have been camped out since April 1st, 2016 at the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe reservation area may have been unknowing exposed to a dangerous and toxic rat poison known as Chlorophacinone (ROZOL).

An article appeared in the Bismark Tribune below that has more details for the poisoning incident.

Meyer ranch buffalo under quarantine for ROZOL poison, LAUREN DONOVAN Bismarck Tribune, Jan 22, 2017. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/meyer-ranch-buffalo-under-quarantine-for-ROZOL-poison/article_7230182c-a174-51e2-88f8-b2977a936462.html

Some 350 indigenous nations and up to 20,000 people passed through the camps to protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline, setting up camps in various locations in and around the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation. Many people have come back from the camps reporting symptoms and illnesses of what is referred to as the DAPL cough, bloody noses, fatigue and some people have reported to have coughing up blood.

The 900 buffaloes at the David Meyer's former Cannonball Ranch near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation as well as on the former Wilder Ranch to the south have been under quarantine due to the illegal application of Chlorophacinone (ROZOL) until September of 2017. David and Ernie Fisher who shared a grazing lease on the same pesticide laced Cannonball Ranch had another herd of 600 animals on the same ranch. They reported having as many as 14 dead or missing animals, which they claimed were killed and eaten by the water protectors (protesters).

The article in the Bismark Tribune states, "The situation dates to April, when six dead bald eagles and dead bison were discovered at the former Wilder Ranch. An Environmental Protection Agency-led investigation found that 40,000 pounds of ROZOL poison had been illegally distributed across more than 5,400 acres on both ranches, according to EPA documents." Upon investigation by the EPA, the ranch had dead bald eagles, dead prairie dogs, and dead bison.

Chlorophacinone makes creatures that ingest it bleed from every orifice and stagger around for the

week or two or three it takes them to die, attracting predators and scavengers. Whatever eats the anticoagulant-laced victim dies, too. The creatures meat is unfit for human consumption and can cause blood clots. Highly toxic if it enters the food chain. Exposure to Chlorophacinone can come from skin contact of an infected animal, handling feces and urine, consuming the meat of the animal and direct contact with land and water contaminated with Chlorophacinone.

Even the feces from the animals are considered bio-hazard material. The effects of long term exposure of Chlorophacinone is unknown and there are no safe limits to having safe amounts of Chlorophacinone in your system after exposure.

"The EPA order for the cleanup was to : tilling of all misapplied ROZOL to ensure there is no longer any ROZOL on the surface of the pasture land or any other land;"

This means the 40,000 pounds of ROZOL poison was just to bury it in the soil, contaminating the water and soil around the ranches area. This means there was no real clean up of the contaminated land.

The adult buffalo are under quarantine until September 2017, though yearlings were released from the no-sale hold on Jan. 1, 2017. Upon calling the EPA, it was reported that 100 yearlings under quarantine until Jan 1, 2017 were sold on Jan 7, 2017 to unsuspecting buyers who might put the bisons into the food chain. Beverly Fisher in the article says that none of these yearlings were ever under quarantine that was sold. The EPA reports that some of the bisons sold were those under quarantine. Someone is not telling the truth here.

From the EPA docket Docket No. RCRA-8-2016 for the bison incident was dated April 22, 2016, just right after protests started for the Dakota Access Pipeline. The case is still under investigation.
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About the Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is a campaign to create Buffalo Sanctuary Cooperatives to return and restore 250,000 buffaloes to their ancestral lands, starting with locations near the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is headed by Mother Earth Trust, a sovereign that manages World Heritage Sanctuaries and also manages the World Basic Income Program.

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is also supported by Free Nations United to Heal Our Mother Earth, a sovereign that manages Water is Life Unity Alliance that is supported by 20 indigenous nations and sovereigns.

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