

## Ontario nixes calls for added GM regulations

The Ontario government has rejected a call from two farmers asking the province to apply tough environmental assessment legislation on proposals to commercialize genetically modified alfalfa.

In a decision last week, a senior provincial environment department bureaucrat decided that since Canadian Food Inspection Agency rules already have cleared GM alfalfa as safe to grow, there is no need to apply the provincial Environmental Assessment Act to the file.

The department said that “a new provincial regulation making activities on the sale and distribution of GM seed subject to the EAA would overlap with the existing federal regulation. Therefore, the public interest does not warrant an (environmental bill of rights) review by the ministry.”

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