Congress demands EPA explain why it's delaying 'final' report finding glyphosate safe

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Two congressional committees — the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology and the House Agriculture Committee — have asked EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to explain why her agency took the [glyphosate] assessment offline and is continuing to delay its release. On April 29, the EPA posted a report concluding that glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup herbicide and other products) is "not likely to be carcinogenic." But the EPA took it down on May 2, claiming the documents were "inadvertently" posted and only a preliminary report. "EPA has not completed our cancer review. We will look at the work of other governments. . . . our assessment will be peer reviewed and completed by end of 2016," said an EPA spokeswoman.

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[House Science Committee chairman Lamar Smith] . . . senses that EPA foot-dragging might be based more on politics than on science: "That the EPA would remove a report. . .appears to be yet another example of this agency's attempt to allow politics rather than science [to] drive its decision making. Sound, transparent science should always be the basis for EPA's decisions."

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