

Florida community split on using GM mosquitoes against Zika

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With Zika creeping north towards the U.S., one company identified Key Haven, Florida as the perfect spot to experiment with a controversial method of combating Zika using genetically modified mosquitoes. However, this idea has created a divide among the residents in the Florida Keys.

Many say they don't want to be guinea pigs for an experimental technology that could fly into their homes.

"I don't want my kids to be used as lab rats," said Mila De Mier, a prominent opponent of the trial. Those against using GMO mosquitoes also say that there is not enough data on releasing them and that they are concerned that releasing these insects into the wild could lead to unintended consequences. Others, however, support the idea.

"We've got to stop that Zika virus from being a flash fire coming through us to the rest of the country," said Clay Greager, a retired local, with a sense of urgency. "And if they say it can't happen, they have no idea."

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