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SMART METERS: SAY 'NO' TO PROTECT HEALTH, PRIVACY AND SECURITY!

ANH-Intl urges UK citizens to join worldwide movement to resist dangerous and intrusive technology

Government-sponsored schemes to install utility 'smart meters' in every home must be resisted for the sake of health, privacy and security, says campaign organisation the Alliance for Natural Health International (ANH-Intl). The best science currently available suggests that there may not be a lower limit below which the wireless radiofrequency technology used in smart meters is completely safe for human health.

ANH-Intl today launches its 'Say NO to smart meters!' campaign, adding its voice to rising worldwide protests against the technology. Smart meters remove user privacy by providing a complete picture of household utility usage, which mainly benefits the utility companies while endangering the health of users. Concerned UK citizens can take action using information provided on the ANH-Intl website, which also includes similar options for citizens in other European countries, Canada, the USA, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere.

Commenting on the new campaign, ANH-Intl executive and scientific director, Robert Verkerk PhD, said:
"The UK smart meter rollout goes to the heart of the relationship between government, utility companies and citizens. We are told that the wireless radiofrequency transmissions used by smart meters pose no health risk beyond a heating effect, but this is simply untrue. In fact, radiofrequencies of the type emitted by smart meters may be linked to everything from fainting, dizziness and nausea to fertility problems, neurological conditions and even cancer. It may be impossible to set a lower limit below which adverse health effects won't occur. If enough people get together and say NO to smart meters, we can stop this unnecessary and hazardous technology dead in its tracks."

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Smart meters should be opposed not simply for health reasons, says ANH-Intl. A report by the European Data Protection Supervisor warned that data obtained by smart meters are insecure and could find their way into the hands of criminals or marketing companies.

“Put simply, it is in no way in the interests of citizens to install smart meters,” Verkerk emphasised. “It’s yet another case of citizens’ rights and informed consent being side-lined for the sake of big business’ bottom line. Thankfully, more and more people around the world are waking up to the potential risks of the technology and opting out.”

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EDITOR’S NOTES

Download ANH-Intl ‘Time to say NO to smart meters!’ story launching campaign (13th Feb 2013):

<http://anh-europe.org/Time+to+say+NO+to+smart+meters>

Download the BioInitiative Report 2012, the most up-to-date and comprehensive collection of scientific information on wireless technology: <http://www.bioinitiative.org/report/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/BioInitiativeReport2012.pdf>

The BioInitiative Report reviews around 1,800 new studies performed in the last 5 years. It has impeccable scientific credentials, having been written by 29 authors from ten countries, ten holding medical degrees (MDs), 21 PhDs, and three MsC, MA or MPHs. Among the authors are three former presidents of the Bioelectromagnetics Society (BEMS), and five full members of BEMS. One distinguished author is the Chair of the Russian National Committee on Non-Ionizing Radiation. Another is a Senior Advisor to the European Environmental Agency.

Download ANH-Intl’s response to the UK government consultation on the smart meter rollout: http://anh-europe.org/sites/default/files/130207_ANH_Intl_response_to_UK_government_smart_meters_consultation_FIN.pdf

Download the VaasaETT Global Energy Think-Tank report, which found that, *“As a technology, (without appropriate regulation) smart meters provide more benefits to the utilities than to the end consumers”*: http://www.worldenergy.org/documents/ee_case_study_smart_meters.pdf