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Beyond GE – Next Generation Technologies Promises, Panaceas, or Problems in the Making?

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Nanotechnology, Synthetic Biology and Geoengineering—these are just some of the hot high-tech industries with billions of dollars at their disposal and virtually no oversight. Their proponents claim they hold the solutions for ending hunger, improving our minds, cleaning up water and the environment, defeating climate change, overcoming oil dependence, and curing disability and disease. But what if they don't?

As with previous technology revolutions (nuclear power, GMO crops, etc.) it is unlikely these new tech solutions will live up to all the hype and, in fact, may already be ushering in deeper problems.

So what does this mean for you? You may not fund science, or the tech world—but these technologies will likely impact everything from worker safety to climate to the food we eat. At the briefing we'll learn how these technologies work, what they're used for, as well as their health, social, environmental, economic, and ethical implications.

Joining us will be *Pat Mooney* and *Jim Thomas* of the ETC Group, *Mike Wright* of United Steelworkers, and *Andrew Kimbrell* and *George Kimbrell* of the Center for Food Safety. *Leslie Lowe* of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility will facilitate our discussion.

We hope you will join us for this important opportunity to explore the critical issues arising from these emerging technologies!

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