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Starbucks now serving up a full dose of electropollution with coffee

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(NaturalNews) Starbucks is the largest coffee shop chain in the world. Its popularity stems from trendy marketing, appearance and comfortable, upbeat stores more than quality coffee. Their latest gimmick is meant to attract iPad and cell phone users with wireless phone chargers on tables and countertops.

Maybe Starbucks had become aware of a UK study which showed that cell phone batteries giving out during a work day were a major source of stress for many of those surveyed, even to the point of panic. A cell phone battery could drain completely in the middle of a phone conversation, and not many people carry a portable charger with them.

Starbucks outfitted their stores with WiFi in 2001 and started a trend that other similar eateries and coffee shops soon adopted. But now Starbucks has gone a step further.

They're installing Duracell wireless phone chargers on countertops and tables. Starbucks' San Francisco Bay area locations will be the first to offer this service. From there, it's projected to spread to all other worldwide locations. [1]

If you're familiar with EMF (electromagnetic field) and RF (radio frequency) health hazards, you'll realize what area of the body is getting zapped while you're sitting there, sipping your latte and waiting for that phone to recharge.

Too few are aware of EMF and RF health hazards

Although a minority of humans are ultra-sensitive or "allergic" to electromagnetic radiation, most are simply unaware of the effects produced from chronic EMF exposure. In some cases, those exposed attribute their dizziness, fatigue or spells of minor illnesses to some other cause.

They don't know that there are many reports on how EMF radiation exposures damage DNA and cells and cause immediate adverse health reactions in some and potentially-long term disease for many. In May 2011, even the WHO (World Health Organization) reported "radio-frequency electromagnetic fields as possibly carcinogenic to humans." [2]

Thanks to pressure from the telecommunications industry with its influence on the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and complicity from most of the mainstream media, factual scientific reports are easily dismissed as exaggerated or "unscientific," and the public remains ignorant. [2]

Of course, many would rather be in denial in exchange for the conveniences that EMF products offer. Here's a summary of different types of man-made electromagnetic pollution and their sources:

Magnetic - Can come from electric motors, transformers or even wires, especially the long-distance-delivering high-tension cables that go through some neighborhoods.

Wireless transmission (RF, WiFi, Microwave) - Anything that communicates with a wireless signal using radio frequency, such as modems, smart meters, microwave relay towers, cell phones and other wireless devices.

Ionizing - Gamma rays and X-rays, including airport screening machines. [3]

The WHO report was swept under the rug by the FCC, which stood by its policy of enforcing RF smart meters on homes and offices that will transmit usage reports to the utility companies instead of needing meter readers to examine analog meters at their locations.

Ostensibly, smart meters are hailed as part of carbon-reduction measures, because they can isolate different electrical power applications in each home.

But there have been many reports of poor health and weird ailments from people who had smart meters installed. Their symptoms cleared upon installing protective shielding from smart meter RF radiation or avoiding the hottest areas of the dwelling. [4]

Besides health issues, many are concerned about privacy issues with such an invasive monitor of specific electrical usage and its potential for filing yet more personal records into government databases. Besides, these meters are being *forced onto dwellings* regardless of health issues.

This looks like a major part of Agenda 21 to many. [4] So, would you sit at a table or counter with a smart meter or modem directly exposing your lap and chest to EMF radiation for an extended period? That might be close enough to sitting at tables with wireless phone chargers.

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