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The introduction of "super bugs" into natural environments is a very dubious proposition. Even if you could be sure the benefits outweighed the risks, it is very difficult to displace the normal "balance of nature" in advantageous ways just by planting new bugs. The innumerable competitors already in that environment most likely would take over.

I was interested that the last issue of Applied + Env. Microbiology had a couple of relevant articles, by people who write sensibly. You could do well to consult these hands for practical advice. But I would urge you to move very cautiously.

There are 1 or 2 points I will develop further when I have a chance.

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