

## **Supreme court of France rules against cell tower**

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The French supreme court in Versailles ruled against mobile phone operator Bouygues Telecom in a new landmark ruling.

Citing the Precautionary Principle, the BioInitiative report and the fact that the national radiation standards are only based on thermal effects, the high court upheld the court of Nanterre's ruling that Bouygues Telecom must take down one of their masts and compensate four families.

The French mobile phone industry have appealed to the government for help against the many new lawsuits that are expected to follow.

The entire ruling is available in English at:  
<http://www.next-up.org/pages/Justice.php>

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