



Toxics 'R' Us

Everyday folk found to be contaminated with toxic chemicals

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Volunteers across the U.S. were found to have toxic [bisphenol-A](#), [PBDEs](#), and [phthalates](#) in their blood and urine, says a small study sponsored by a coalition of environmental health groups. The "Is It in Us?" study analyzed 35 people from seven states; while the sample size was too small to be representative of the larger population, the results were quite similar to those of a huge ongoing study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which published research last month suggesting that 92.2 percent of Americans are contaminated with toxins. "Everybody has these toxic chemicals in them," says Max Muller of Environment Illinois. "Most people don't even know it." But now you do. Sorry 'bout that.

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