



## Collaborative on Health and the Environment - Washington



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This bulletin lists upcoming events plus recent announcements, news and journal articles, calls for proposals and other items related to learning environmental contributors to human health in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest. They are archived and searchable on our website: <http://washington.chenw.org/bulletins.html>

### CHE-WA Highlights

#### [Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum: Early Bird Registration.](#)

CHE-WA's Children's Environmental Health Working Group is hosting a Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum October 1-2, 2009, at the Tukwila Community Center. Early bird registration is available through September 9th. Confirmed speakers include many regional experts and these national leaders:



- Ted Schettler, MD, MPH, Science & Environmental Health Network
- Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH, Simon Frazier University
- Michael Skinner, PhD, Washington State University
- Shanna Swan, PhD, University of Rochester

#### [Call for Poster Abstracts: Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum.](#)

We invite all researchers, technical staff, students, and practitioners from educational institutions, government and tribal agencies, nonprofit groups, and the private sector to submit abstracts to the Forum's poster session. More information and a submission form are available on the Forum web page. Poster abstracts must be submitted by September 4th for consideration.

### Lessons Learned

#### **America's First Bioethicist - Aldo Leopold**

by Steven G. Gilbert, PhD, DABT

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." - Aldo Leopold, 1949, *A Sand County Almanac*.

Aldo Leopold (January 11, 1887 - April 21, 1948) is arguably the United States' first bioethicist. Ethical reasoning and philosophy have a long and deep history, but it is essential to develop our own system of ethics and values that addresses human health and the environment. The above quote by Leopold, although originally written to address ecological and land ethics, also speaks to child health. Exposing children to lead, mercury, PCBs, PBDEs, alcohol and many other agents can undermine their capacity to reach and maintain their full potential.



More on Aldo Leopold: <http://toxipedia.org/x/CAK>

Aldo Leopold Foundation: <http://www.aldoleopold.org/>

### Looking back to go forward

*Lessons Learned* is a CHE-WA bulletin feature focusing on an historical event that provides an important lesson for ensuring a more sustainable and healthy environment. Please feel free to send suggestions to [Steve Gilbert](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Online Calendar.** These and more upcoming events are listed in a searchable calendar: <http://www.chenw.org/cgi-bin/searchevents.cgi>.

### 1) Introduction to Ecological Statistics

Thursday and Friday, September 10 - 11, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Seattle, Washington

at NWETC Headquarters, 650 South Orcas Street, Suite 220

Sponsor: EOS Alliance

Many ecologists and managers often use statistical models that may not be appropriate or that violate basic model assumptions (i.e. independence), which can lead to erroneous conclusions. We will begin with an introduction to ecological statistics and then explore and discuss several methods: Non Metric Multidimensional Scaling, Classification and Regression Trees, and Non Parametric Multiplicative Regression.

Price: \$495, \$395 for Native American tribes; government employees; nonprofits; students; and NAEP, NEBC, NWAEP members

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: Northwest Environmental Training Center, 206-762-1976

### 2) Clean Pacific Conference & Exhibition

Monday through Wednesday, September 14 - 16, 2009

Portland, Oregon

at the Portland Convention Center

Sponsor: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Resource Agency California Department of Fish and Game, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Hawaii State Department of Health, Washington State Department of Ecology, US Coast Guard

Companies from throughout the oil- and chemical-spill, maritime-security industry and the marine salvage industry will be in attendance. Key professionals from regulatory agencies, the federal and state/provincial government and private industry will address the real issues of cooperation, regulation, preparedness, prevention and response. From planning through final response, the conference remains focused on the real challenges, trends and solutions that affect the energy industry, regulatory community and responders, including open discussion from both a regulator and industry perspective.

Price: see the [registration form](#)

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: see the [contact page](#)

### 3) A Tale of Three Neurotoxins: Lead, Tobacco, and Maternal Depression

Tuesday September 15, 2009

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern time

Sponsor: American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' Environmental Health Initiative

This presentation reviews what is known, and what we recognize that we still do not know, about the effects of low-level lead exposure, prenatal tobacco and postnatal secondhand smoke exposure, and maternal depression on child behavior and development. Although the research and knowledge bases concerning these extremely

common childhood exposures with extensive negative effects have developed separately, with different investigators and publications in disparate literatures and fields, their epidemiology (distribution, determinants and consequences) are quite similar, and even more worrisome, they tend to cluster and co-occur in the same children. At the end of this presentation the audience will have a much better appreciation of the risks for being exposed to, and the consequences of each of these exposures, as well as strategies for prevention and treatment. The speaker will be Michael Weitzman, MD, professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine.

Price: free

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: Laura Abulafia, [Laura@aaidd.org](mailto:Laura@aaidd.org)

#### **4) Healthy Homes Conference**

Tuesday through Thursday, September 15 - 17, 2009

Boise, Idaho

at the WGI Auditorium, 720 Park Boulevard

Sponsor: Idaho Healthy Homes Network

The Healthy Homes Conference brings together presenters to discuss the connection between health and housing and how to take a comprehensive approach to identify and resolve problems; new federal regulations requiring control of lead-based paint hazards during renovation, repair and painting; special considerations for children's health; health concerns related to housing, including radon and mold; public and private program funding for health and housing programs; housing code development and enforcement; relationship between green, energy-efficient and healthy housing; collaboration between health, housing and environmental professionals to develop state and local healthy homes programs. The conference is designed for professionals or students working in the areas of affordable housing, community service delivery, and environmental public health; people who provide health or inspection services of any type; agency, department, and division heads; child-care providers; Head Start agencies; community police officers; code officials; builders/renovators and others

Price: \$36

[Visit the website](#)

#### **5) Sustainable Ballard Festival**

Saturday and Sunday, September 26 - 27, 2009

noon - 5:00 p.m.

Ballard, Washington

at Ballard Commons Park, corner of NW 56th & 22nd NW

Sponsor: KBCS FM, Chinook Book, Goodfunds Wealth Management and others listed on the [Sponsors page](#)

The Sustainable Ballard Festival is a community fair and the culmination of all of our hard work - a showcase for the activities and initiatives our neighbors have engaged in throughout the year. The 2009 Festival will feature live music, how-to workshops, fun & educational activities, local and sustainable businesses and much more. Learn about transportation options, local eating, clean energy, waste and water reduction, and much more through activities such as Undriver Licensing, Chef and Gardening Demos, Green Home and Urban Farm Zones, test driving e-cars, ebikes and scooters, creating new fashions from old clothing, and lots of kids activities. Please browse our festival pages for information on volunteering, sponsoring, and festival speakers and schedules as they develop.

Price: free

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: [info@sustainableballard.org](mailto:info@sustainableballard.org)

## Announcements & Articles

A daily news feed with these articles and announcements is now available on CHE's website: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/news/announce>.

### [Job opening: Washington, DC.](#)

The nationally accredited journalism program of The School of Communication at American University is seeking an experienced journalist with a strong record/expertise in health, science, and/or environmental journalism for a tenure-track position beginning in August 2010.

### [Job opening: Richmond, California.](#)

Sequoia Foundation is seeking a full-time project coordinator for the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (CECBP) within the California Department of Public Health. The project coordinator will coordinate a variety of complex administrative activities to be conducted by the collaborating groups under a federally funded grant.

### [Job opening: Richmond, California.](#)

Sequoia Foundation is seeking a full-time field investigations coordinator (FIC) for the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (CECBP) within the California Department of Public Health. The FIC will facilitate and manage a variety of biomonitoring field investigations to be conducted by the CECBP under a federally funded grant.

### [Smart Guide: Hormones in the Food System](#)

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy has released a new Smart Guide examining the prevalence of synthetic hormones in the food system -- and the risks such hormones may pose to human health.

### [Request for comments: Perchlorate regulatory determination.](#)

EPA is considering a broad range of alternatives for interpreting the available data on the level of health concern, the frequency of occurrence of perchlorate in drinking water, and the opportunity for health-risk reduction through a national primary drinking water standard. The agency specifically requests comment upon alternative approaches for considering perchlorate exposure to different life stages and sensitive populations including pregnant women and children. EPA will consider the comments before making a final regulatory determination for perchlorate. Comments must be received on or before September 18, 2009.

### [CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute applications open.](#)

EPHLI is a one-year program of seminars and workshops, special projects and individual study. Each year, approximately 30 practicing environmental public health professionals participate. Applications for the class of 2010-2011 will be accepted until October 31, 2009.

### [EPA releases new guidebook to encourage smarter community design and healthier living for seniors.](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a new guidebook to help older adults access information about the importance of environmentally friendly community design and how to become involved in decisions about what is termed as "smart growth."

### [EPA seeks comment on options to reduce air pollution coming from Four Corners power plants.](#)

The US Environmental Protection Agency is seeking public comment on its technical analysis and options for reducing air pollution from two power plants in the Four Corners area that affect air quality and visibility at nearby national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments.

**[Housekeeping channel partnership to improve home cleanliness and health.](#)**

The Housekeeping Channel (HC) and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) have announced a collaboration that will bring consumers the research necessary to help them make informed decisions to keep their homes clean and healthy.

**[EPA makes preliminary toxics release data available to the public.](#)**

The US Environmental Protection Agency has published preliminary data on the release of toxic chemicals occurring in the United States between Jan.1 and Dec. 31, 2008.

**[The Researcher's Perspective.](#)**

Environmental Health Perspectives now publishes a new podcast series, "The Researcher's Perspective." Hear about the motivation and vision behind the research as well as the implications for human health -- all direct from the source.

**[CHEJ releases PVC-free back-to-school guide.](#)**

CHEJ has created a Back-to-School Guide to PVC-Free School Supplies to empower you to make smarter, healthier shopping choices for a toxic-free future. There's also a wallet-sized version of the guide. Center for Health, Environment & Justice.

**[Call for proposals: Materials Management Assistance Grants.](#)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10 is soliciting proposals to fund projects that address solid waste reduction, stewardship and materials management. Proposals are due October 5, 2009, and an informational webinar will be held on Thursday September 17, 2009.

**[Call for proposals: Pesticide Safety Program.](#)**

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting applications to support a national and international pesticide safety program to assess and develop health and safety programs aimed at reducing exposure to pesticides for agricultural workers, pesticide applicators, growers, health providers, pesticide producers and retailers, as well as local, state, national and international organizations and government agencies, and other members of the agricultural community. Applications are due October 2, 2009.

**[Call for proposals: Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant.](#)**

These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). The proposal deadline is October 16, 2009. US Environmental Protection Agency.

**[Brain experts check suntan nanos.](#)**

*Tuesday, August 25, 2009*

University of Ulster scientists are to examine a link between some man-made nanoparticles, such as those found in sunscreens, and Alzheimer's disease. BBC.

**[Nicotine in cars adds support for ban against smoking and driving: study.](#)**

*Tuesday, August 25, 2009*

Nicotine levels are "strikingly higher" in smokers' cars than in non-smokers' vehicles, and even exceed those found in public or private indoor spaces where tobacco use is allowed, a study has found. Canadian Press.

**[No mercury in most children's vaccines.](#)**

*Monday, August 24, 2009*

After hearing the warnings about the mercury we ingest when eating fish, it might seem like a bad idea to use mercury in vaccines. But some scientists say that the mercury used with some vaccines is much different than the methyl mercury that comes from fish. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pennsylvania.

*[See a related article: [Gulf War toxins in swine flu vaccine](#)]*

**[Impact of energy intake, physical activity, and population-wide weight loss on cardiovascular disease and diabetes mortality in Cuba, 1980-2005.](#)**

*Sunday, August 23, 2009*

Results suggest that population-wide measures designed to reduce energy stores, without affecting nutritional sufficiency, may lead to declines in diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevalence and mortality. American Journal of Epidemiology.

#### **[BPA industry fights back.](#)**

*Sunday, August 23, 2009*

Faced with the prospects of tighter government regulation of bisphenol A, the industry has launched an unprecedented public relations blitz that uses many of the same tactics -- and people -- the tobacco industry used in its decades-long fight against regulation. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin.

#### **[Debating how much weed killer is safe in your water glass.](#)**

*Saturday, August 22, 2009*

New research suggests that atrazine may be dangerous at lower concentrations than previously thought. Recent studies suggest that, even at concentrations meeting current federal standards, the chemical may be associated with birth defects, low birth weights and menstrual problems. New York Times.

[See related articles : [Lawsuit questions safety of herbicide](#) and [Atrazine acts in the brain to disrupt the hormones that trigger ovulation](#)]

#### **[Research shows why low Vitamin D raises heart disease risks in diabetics.](#)**

*Saturday, August 22, 2009*

Diabetics deficient in vitamin D can't process cholesterol normally, so it builds up in their blood vessels, increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke. Washington University in St. Louis.

#### **[Cholesterol in fried foods worse for arteries.](#)**

*Saturday, August 22, 2009*

Cholesterol that is oxidized in foods by frying or other high-heat cooking methods may be substantially worse for the arteries, according to results of an animal study. MedPage Today.

#### **[Chips and science out of sync.](#)**

*Saturday, August 22, 2009*

Mobile phone shields can be expensive and do little to protect people from radiation. Sydney Australian, Australia.

#### **[Minorities underrepresented in EPA outreach on Dow dioxin.](#)**

*Friday, August 21, 2009*

Black and Latino residents are less likely to know about dioxin fish advisories but more likely to fish for and eat the most contaminated varieties of fish such as catfish and carp. Michigan Messenger, Michigan.

[See a related article about industrial pollution's effects on a minority community: [The fire this time](#)]

#### **[What is wrong with estrogen-mimicking hormones?](#)**

*Friday, August 21, 2009*

A host of common chemicals is feminizing males of every class of vertebrate animals, from fish to mammals, including humans. Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin, Ontario.

[See a related article: [The new normal in puberty](#)]

#### **[Cigarette packaging may still mislead consumers.](#)**

*Friday, August 21, 2009*

While many countries have banned terms like "light" and "low-tar" from cigarette packs, other aspects of the products' packaging may also be misleading consumers, a new study suggests. Reuters Health.

#### **[CDC: Lead dust in cars source of kids' poisoning.](#)**

*Friday, August 21, 2009*

Some childhood lead poisonings in Maine last year came from an unusual source -- lead dust tracked into the family car. Government health officials said Thursday the six cases are the first ever attributed to lead dust on childhood safety seats. Associated Press.

**[Doing more harm than good.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

Why let hazardous, toxic, and even carcinogenic chemicals into your home every day? Here is a list of the 10 products to ban from your home forever, along with suggested alternatives. Vancouver North Shore News, British Columbia.

**[Sharp rise in liver cancer blamed on binge drinking and obesity.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

Cases of liver cancer have tripled over the last three decades, according to figures published today by Britain's leading cancer charity. London Guardian, United Kingdom.

**[Candle use linked to cancer risk.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

South Carolina State University experts analysed the fumes released by burning candles in lab tests. They found paraffin wax candles gave off harmful fumes linked to lung cancer and asthma -- but admitted it would take many years' use to risk health. BBC.

**[Scientists uncover new ocean threat from plastics.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

Scientists have identified a new source of pollution released by the huge amounts of plastic rubbish floating in the oceans of the world. A study has found that as plastics break down in the sea they release potentially toxic substances [such as bisphenol A polystyrene-based (PS) oligomers] not found in nature. London Independent, United Kingdom.

**[Mercury contaminates all fish tested in river study, U.S. says.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

Mercury contaminated every fish studied in 291 U.S. streams and rivers tested by scientists, and one in four had levels unsafe for people who eat average amounts of fish, a government report said today. Bloomberg News.

[See related articles: [Great Salt Lake stands out -- for mercury pollution](#), [Two studies show extent of mercury in environment and how it becomes toxic](#) and [DEQ to help polluter seek federal break on mercury emission](#)]

**[Discontinued pajama flame retardant detected in baby products and house dust.](#)**

*Thursday, August 20, 2009*

The new paper documents the presence of tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP or TDCP) in the foam padding of products intended for use by children, as well as in dust from U.S. homes. Environmental Science & Technology.

**[Respiratory and skin health among glass microfiber production workers: a cross-sectional study.](#)**

*Wednesday, August 19, 2009*

The results suggest that occupational exposure to glass microfibers is related to non-malignant adverse health effects, and that implementing exposure control measures in these industries could protect the health of employees. Environmental Health.

**[Urogenital abnormalities in men exposed to diethylstilbestrol in utero: a cohort study.](#)**

*Wednesday, August 19, 2009*

These results indicate that prenatal exposure to DES increases risk of male urogenital abnormalities and that the association is strongest for exposure that occurs early in gestation. Environmental Health.

**[Ill by mouth: smokeless tobacco risks multiply.](#)**

*Wednesday, August 19, 2009*

The discovery of a new range of cancer-causing chemicals [PAHs] in smokeless tobacco has backed up advice that it's not a "safe" alternative to cigarettes. New Scientist, United Kingdom.

**[Back to school - and healthy, too.](#)**

*Tuesday, August 18, 2009*

As a parent you do your best to make sure your child stays safe and healthy at home...then you send them off the school and hope for the best. The Health Show.

**[UVA/B-induced formation of free radicals from decabromodiphenyl ether.](#)**

*Tuesday, August 18, 2009*

Our findings strongly suggest the potential of negative consequences due to radical formation during UV exposure of PBDEs in biological systems. Environmental Science & Technology.

**[Popular herbicide more deadly to liver cells than its active chemical alone.](#)**

*Tuesday, August 18, 2009*

Very low doses of some types of the herbicide Roundup can disrupt human liver cell function; the formulations' toxicity may be tied to their "inactive" ingredients rather than the active weed-killing ingredient glyphosate. Environmental Health News.

**['The clunkers of the power-plant world.'](#)**

*Monday, August 17, 2009*

If a climate-change bill drives up the cost of opening new plants, but provides free emissions allowances or potential carbon offsets for existing facilities, companies could have an incentive to squeeze even more power out of their old plants, many of which are running well below capacity. Washington Post.

**[State bans BPA in plastics.](#)**

*Monday, August 17, 2009*

Gov. M. Jodi Rell Tuesday visited an infant and toddler day care center in West Hartford to highlight the signing of new legislation that will ban a chemical used in plastics and packaging -- bisphenol-A, that has been linked to health risks in humans, especially in the very young. Darien Times, Connecticut.

[See related articles: [Another BPA ban OK'd](#), [FDA to reconsider BPA's use in food packaging](#) and [Time to dump your bisphenol-A baby bottle?](#) about a bottle swap in Los Angeles]

**[Rise in thyroid cancer may be tied to radiation.](#)**

*Monday, August 17, 2009*

A medical mystery: As overall cancer rates fall, why are thyroid cancer rates rising? Diagnoses of cancer in this gland in the neck are increasing about 6% a year, faster than cancers found anywhere else, according to one National Cancer Institute analysis. USA Today.

**[Leasing space for cell towers is lucrative and controversial.](#)**

*Sunday, August 16, 2009*

Federal law says towns and cities have to allow wireless companies to provide coverage, and it also bars them from using health concerns to deny a project. Metro West Daily News, Massachusetts.

**[A gritty problem.](#)**

*Sunday, August 16, 2009*

As New Bedford is belatedly learning, the more you look for pollution in old brownfields, the more you are likely to find. Costs escalate, yet no cleanup or amount of testing may ever be thorough enough to make people feel safe, especially when children are involved. Boston Globe, Massachusetts.

[See a related article: [Redeveloping brownfield sites a complicated process](#)]

**[Air pollution, aeroallergens and emergency room visits for acute respiratory diseases and gastro-enteric disorders among young children in six Italian cities.](#)**

*Saturday, August 15, 2009*

Air pollution is associated with triggering of wheezing and gastro-enteric disorders in children aged 0-2 years. Environmental Health Perspectives.

**[Timing of toxic exposures crucial to disease.](#)**

*Saturday, August 15, 2009*

During early childhood, humans are most vulnerable to even small amounts of

environmental toxins. What's more troubling is that some of the effects of these exposures may only be seen or felt much later on in life. Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippines.

#### [\*\*AstroTurf to eliminate lead from fields.\*\*](#)

*Saturday, August 15, 2009*

AstroTurf agreed to reformulate its products, replace lead-tainted fields and playground surfaces installed over the last five years and pay thousands in fines, according to a settlement the California Attorney's General's Office will announce Friday. USA Today.

#### [\*\*Fatty foods affect memory and exercise.\*\*](#)

*Friday, August 14, 2009*

Eating fatty food appears to take an almost immediate toll on both short-term memory and exercise performance, according to new research on rats and people. New York Times.

[See related articles: [\*Battling inflammation, disease through food and Mediterranean diet, physical activity linked with lower risk of Alzheimer disease\*](#)]

#### [\*\*Environmental health 101: Should I remove asbestos from my home?\*\*](#)

*Friday, August 14, 2009*

EPA does not recommend removing asbestos containing building materials if they are intact and will not be disturbed. Examiner.com.

#### [\*\*Methyl iodide, a fumigant under fire.\*\*](#)

*Friday, August 14, 2009*

California just completed an assessment which indicates that the pesticide methyl iodide presents significant health risks to farm workers. The U.S. EPA approved the use of methyl iodide in 2008, after ignoring calls from leading scientists for an independent review. Environmental Science & Technology.

#### [\*\*New lead limits take effect for small businesses.\*\*](#)

*Friday, August 14, 2009*

Tighter limits on the amount of lead the government allows in children's products and a requirement for new tracking labels are stirring fear among small business owners, already hurting in a tough economy. Associated Press.

[See a related article about regulations relating to house renovations: [\*Lead-paint regs bring friction\*](#)]

#### [\*\*Biomonitoring data for 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid in the US and Canada: Interpretation in a public health risk assessment context using biomonitoring equivalents.\*\*](#)

*Thursday, August 13, 2009*

This case study demonstrates the value of biomonitoring data in assessing population exposures in the context of existing risk assessments using the BE approach. Environmental Health Perspectives.

#### [\*\*Iron nanoparticles can be toxic to human lung cells.\*\*](#)

*Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

Iron nanoparticles that are poised for use in large-scale pollution remediation can rapidly react with oxygen and cause lung cells to die. Environmental Health News.

#### [\*\*The severity of autism is associated with toxic metal body burden and red blood cell glutathione levels.\*\*](#)

*Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

This study demonstrates a significant positive association between the severity of autism and the relative body burden of toxic metals.

#### [\*\*Toxic water a genuine threat.\*\*](#)

*Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

A tide of toxic water laced with carcinogenic heavy metals, sulphates and radioactive uranium seeping into our water and food supply; radioactive dust particles carried on the wind -- these are a daily reality caused by more than a century of mining in South

Africa. Johannesburg Citizen, South Africa.

**[Author speaks on toxins in the home.](#)**

*Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

Authors Rick Smith and Bruce Laurie say their goal is to increase understanding of the chemicals so the public can avoid them, but also so the government will regulate what can and can't make its way into human bodies. And the campaign is working. Minden Times, Ontario.

**[Pesticides in your peaches: Tribune and USDA studies find pesticides, some in excess of EPA rules, in the fragrant fruit.](#)**

*Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

Five of the more than 50 pesticide compounds found on domestic and imported peaches headed to U.S. stores exceeded limits set by the EPA, while six of the compounds present are not approved for use on peaches in the United States. Chicago Tribune, Illinois.

*Many of the news articles above come from [Environmental Health News](#).*

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- For those interested in general children's environmental health: [http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working\\_groups/childrens\\_health/bulletins](http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working_groups/childrens_health/bulletins)
- For those interested in environmental health and learning and developmental disabilities: <http://www.iceh.org/LDDIbulletins.html>

While there is overlap with this bulletin, there are some events and announcements unique to those bulletins.

If you would like to join the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) and the Washington State Regional Group, please complete the application on the CHE website: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/application> Joining CHE means receiving up to four email messages a month from the CHE National listserv. CHE costs nothing to join and the benefit is shared information and opportunities for further engagement, if you choose. Be sure to mark that you want to join the Washington State regional group at the bottom of the application.

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