



Sensible Action For Ending Mercury-Induced
Neurological Disorders

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White House Agrees with SafeMinds On Mercury Issue Administration Reconsiders Position After Further Review of Science

Washington, D.C.— SafeMinds—America’s leading non-profit scientific organization that investigates and reports on the risks to infants and children exposed to mercury-containing medical products—applauds Bush administration officials’ decision to be more proactive against mercury poisoning. “Exposure to mercury poses a serious health risk, especially children,” stated Lyn Redwood, RN, MSN, NP, president of SafeMinds. “We are pleased that government officials are recognizing and responding to the seriousness and science of this issue. Our hope is that officials will use this momentum to mobilize resources against all mercury exposures – including mercury-containing vaccines.”

A recent New York Times article described scientists at the EPA as providing “that of some four million babies born a year, 630,000 — double the previous estimate — might have been exposed...to unsafe levels of mercury. In January, a committee of doctors advising the children’s health office of the agency sent a letter to [EPA Administrator] Mr. Leavitt raising concern that the proposed rules did not provide enough protection for children.” (“E.P.A. May Tighten Its Proposal On Mercury” by Jennifer Lee, NYT 3.16.04) Responding to this print account, Redwood offered the following, “SafeMinds is pleased to see this response having been leading this issue and efforts to educate the [Bush] administration, EPA, CDC and the public.”

“For over fifty years, researchers led us to believe that there were actually ‘safe’ levels of mercury that could be introduced to our children without injury,” observed Redwood, “now, too late, we have learned that zero is the only definitive safe level. With what is already known about the dangerous effects that all mercury exposure poses to our children, we should immediately move to suspend the use of mercury in medical products also, especially children’s vaccines.”

Scientific research, available through SafeMinds, has concluded that mercury-containing medical products have been linked to neurodevelopment damage in children, such as ADD/ADHD and autism. “Until the administration removes mercury from medical products, parents should be extra vigilant to avoid giving their children vaccines containing mercury (Thimerosal)”, concluded Redwood.

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