

Food Scenario Pre/Post (print front/back)

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Scenario 3: Bug Killer Toxicity

Some pollution is quite local. Methyl bromide is a gas used to kill bugs on tomatoes, strawberries and peppers. While it is injected into the soil, it also propagates through the air, sometimes spreading to nearby houses and communities. The chemical also damages the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies methyl bromide as a "Class I acute toxin." In Florida and other states, the farm workers who come in contact with the gas are mostly poor people from Mexico, Central America and Haiti. Health risks range from nausea and headaches to cancer and memory loss ... though there is not much research on the question.

Bug killer
may have
health risks
for workers.

How much information
should farm workers be
given about the health
risks of exposure to
methyl bromide?

Does it matter that they
need to work to support
their families and might
therefore agree to be
exposed to risks that
better-off people would
refuse to accept?

Might it be OK not to
disclose any risks to
them to prevent them
from worrying too
much?

Why should we
worry about foreign
farm workers when
their labor helps
keep fruits and
vegetables cheap?

