

BRITISH HEALTH AGENCY ISSUES PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING ON TOXIC CFLs --- WHERE'S THE EPA?

Britain's Health Protection Agency was the first to confirm consumers' claims that exposure to Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) was making them sick.

Consumers in the United States, Canada, England and Europe have been complaining about headaches, skin burns, rashes, and neurological problems caused by CFLs because they emit ultraviolet radiation and electrical and magnetic field emissions, or **"DIRTY ENERGY."**

Health Canada tested the UV levels in CFLs and has since released a report stating that "some people are extremely sensitive to UV and may be affected by the amount of UV produced." **This includes people with autoimmune diseases, such as Lupus, and those who have sensitive skin.**

Researcher Peter Braun, who carried out tests on CFLs at the independent Berlin Alab Laboratory, said: **"For such carcinogenic substances it is important they are kept as far away as possible from the human environment,"** the *UK Express* reports. Braun added that the bulbs are especially harmful if left on near a child's head, or if used in close proximity to adults who use the light for reading.

"While it was known that harmful amounts of mercury are released if one of the new 'green' bulbs breaks, **experts have now discovered they also emit several carcinogenic chemicals.**"

"These include phenol - a poison used by the Nazis to kill concentration camp victims - and the toxins naphthalene and styrene, which are released as a form of steam when the bulb is switched on."

Several countries, including the U.S., have moved to ban and phase out manufacturing of traditional incandescent lights by 2012 - 2016, prompting their replacement with CFLs.

This is why Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), introduced the Better Use of Light Bulbs (BULB) Act that would keep **SAFE** incandescent light bulbs in the market, and **REPEAL** the Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection and Energy Efficient Act of 2007, a law that ends production of traditional incandescent light bulbs by including new lighting efficiency standards that **phase out the use of 100 watt and 75 watt incandescent light bulbs**, and requires the production of **toxic CFLs**, halogen bulbs that can cause fires, and expensive LED bulbs.

Last year, the Canadian Broadcasting Network reported that a Trent University study revealed that **DIRTY ELECTRICITY** produced by **CFLs can cause diabetics' blood sugar levels to increase, heighten neurological symptoms for people who have Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and cause breathing problems for asthmatics.**

CFLs, a light bulb invention that was once believed to be an energy and environmental solution to America's problems, is quickly becoming a more expensive and dangerous alternative. **CFLs produce high levels of electromagnetic pollution, producing electromagnetic frequencies between 400 and 800**

Sen. Enzi said **the amount of mercury in one bulb is enough to contaminate up-to 6,000 gallons of water beyond safe drinking levels.**

If members of Congress refuse to pass Sen. Enzi's **BULB Act** (S. 395), and its companion bill in the House, H.R. 6411 that was introduced by Reps. Joe Barton (R-Texas), Michael Burgess (R-Texas), and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), then **everyone who wants to buy and use traditional incandescent light bulbs in their homes or businesses will be forced to move to South Carolina!**

Since Congress in 2007 passed the federal energy law that bans the production of traditional incandescent light bulbs, **South Carolina legislators recently passed a bill that trumps the federal energy standards and will allow manufactures in South Carolina to make and sell traditional incandescent light bulbs; but they can ONLY be manufactured and purchased in South Carolina.**

According to *The Mercury News*, "CFLs account for a quarter of new bulb sales and each contains up-to five milligrams of mercury, a potent neurotoxin that's on the worst-offending list of environmental contaminants."

The Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers reports that: "Demand for the bulbs is growing as federal and state mandates for energy-efficient lighting takes effect, **yet only about two percent of residential consumers and one-third of businesses recycle them.** said Paul Abernathy, executive director of the Napa-based recycling association.

**TELL CONGRESS TO VOTE FOR THE BULB ACT!
We must ACT NOW to urge members of Congress to
REPEAL the 2007 green energy benchmark that would require
every American to buy expensive LEDs that cost up-to \$50 each,
toxic CFLs, or Halogen bulbs that are a FIRE Hazard!**

If the recycling rate remains as abysmally low as it is, then there will certainly be more mercury released into the environment," , whereas safe incandescent bulbs emit EMF levels of less than 50. CFLs can cause headaches and eye strain, and can hinder productivity for those who are dyslexic or suffer from attention deficit disorders (ADD/ADHD)..