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We are all aware that of the risks of 1080 which include its persistence in the environment and its effects on non target species. I wish to address the the endocrine disrupting effects of 1080.

Background

1080 is a plant toxin that is known to cause endocrine disruption. I am allergic to another plant toxin called benzoic acid. During the recent two year application of an insecticide containing benzoic acid on West Auckland I developed chronic lymphocytic leukemia and nearly died from multiple failures within my endocrine system. Failures that can be directly related to benzoic acid.

These failures included pituitary gland, thyroid gland, prostate gland and the production of vitamin D and pregnenolone. The father of a friend mine died during the insecticide application, of the same endocrine failure.

The government refuses to accept that my injuries are a result of this insecticide. Yet they have finally, after forty years, compensated Vietnam veterans who got chronic lymphocytic leukemia from Agent Orange. Agent Orange blocks the bodies ability to detoxify benzoic acid. The soldiers were also exposed to Dicamba, an endocrine disrupting benzoic acid. The Dow Chemical Company make a herbicide called Banvine that is a combination of the 2,4-D of Agent Orange and Dicamba. They are obviously aware of the effects of benzoic acid.

The ingredients of Agent Orange have been extensively used in New Zealand over the last fifty years and we were told by the government that these chemicals were harmless to humans. New Zealand has one of the highest asthma rates in the world. Allergy Today magazine suggests that up to 30% of asthma in New Zealand is a result of allergies to the chemical 2-hydroxybenzoic acid which is another plant toxin. The question is, has low level exposure to 2,4-D and 2,4,5-D over the last 50 years created the benzoic acid allergy problems in this country?

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What effect does 1080 have on human endocrine systems? Especially as it can persist for months in the environment. Who might be more susceptible to its effects and at what level of exposure? Literature I have read addresses 1080's reproductive effects in animals but other endocrine effects are briefly mentioned. Also, the human endocrine system differs markedly in its ability to deal with natural toxins. Earlier this year I saw an endocrinologist about my endocrine problems. He had heard of the pregnenolone I take to help repair my endocrine system but other than that he knew nothing about it. Pregnenolone is a vitally important chemical produced in the body that is converted into DHEA and then testosterone. Does anyone have the knowledge to even understand endocrine systems let alone determine the effects of 1080 on humans? When I was unknowingly dying of endocrine failure all the doctors I saw looked at me blankly when I described my symptoms. These symptoms included severe vertigo and confusion. Symptoms that can't be measured in laboratory dissections. Symptoms, I later found out were documented overseas but unknown to the doctors I saw.

1080 has risks. The extent of which, are unknown and considering the governments previous lies about the effects of herbicides and pesticides, risks that should never be taken. Yet there is pressure to still indiscriminately use this poison. Why, I ask myself?

I conducted some research and found a paper published in 1951 in The Psychoanalytic Quarterly. The paper was called The Autistic Attitude in Medicine and Science, Authored by Alfred Plaut. Mr Plaut asserts that university, institute and government employees are influenced by the employment atmosphere without consciously recognizing the falsification of their observations. He further asserts that one of the powerful motives is the desire to appear clever at the lowest possible cost and with the least effort.

Is this why, hunters are not sent out to personally hunt, trap and kill pests? Instead we get the quick fix of indiscriminate poisoning.

Recently 1080 was used throughout the Waitakere water catchment. Last November I tramped through the Waitakere ranges and only saw seven birds in two days. Man in England same symptoms. Dioxin- chlorinated benzene compound. Nuclear guinea pigs in Pacific