

Chronic Kidney Failure 5 Times Higher in Glyphosate-Ridden (Monsanto Roundup) Areas, Study Confirms

Yet Monsanto claims it is safe

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The evidence for the abominable toxicity of Round Up chemicals like glyphosate is already overwhelming, yet there seems to be a never-ending stream of research and evidence pointing toward their dangers. A new study has just been published showing that farmers in Sri Lanka exposed to glyphosate through drinking water are 5 times more likely to develop chronic kidney failure than those who don't drink herbicide-polluted water.

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Farmers in this part of the world often wear scant protection when spraying glyphosate on their rice fields, but it seems that this protection is not enough. The fact that Round Up has contaminated their drinking water is an example of how multi-tiered the problem of herbicidal toxicity truly is.

Big Ag chemicals, more specifically, biotech's chemicals (since their GM rice, soy, corn, and other genetically altered seeds are meant to withstand copious amounts of spaying) are detrimental to humans and the environment from the moment they are sprayed to years later. In this case, the toxicity is felt when residents of small rural villages drink from wells that have contaminated ground water due to spraying.

The research abstract concludes:

"The current study strongly favors the hypothesis that CKDu epidemic among farmers in dry zone of Sri Lanka is associated with, history of drinking water from a well that was abandoned. In addition, it is associated with spraying glyphosate and other pesticides in paddy fields."

To summarize the study, Dr. Channa Jayasumana states:

"Drinking well water and occupational exposure to Herbicides is associated with chronic kidney disease, in Padavi-Sripura, Sri Lanka."

Simply put - but apparently not so simply solved.

Concentrations of glyphosate and metals are much higher in these abandoned wells,

increasing the risk of deadly chronic kidney disease (CKDu) by up to 5-fold.

The <u>Center for Public Integrity</u> says fatal chronic kidney disease of unknown origin, or CKDu, has killed more people in El Salvador and Nicaragua than AIDS, diabetes, and leukemia combined over the past five years. This wave of CKDu affecting numerous poor farming countries around the world simply didn't exist prior to 1990.

Another <u>study</u> published in the *Journal of Organic Systems* also <u>found a link between</u> <u>glyphosate</u> and the enormous increase in chronic diseases across the United States.

It has already been established, through <u>groundbreaking research</u> that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's broad-spectrum herbicide Round Up, might be "a crucially important factor in the development of multiple chronic diseases and conditions."

This is just more confirmation that the world should ban GMOs and their chemicals as fast as possible.

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