

# Mercury doesn't belong here! Did you know?



**Mercury is bad in our environment, and it's just as bad when it is in vaccines.** Many vaccines contained thimerosal, an inexpensive mercury-based preservative. Thimerosal is a dangerous and scientifically documented neurotoxin that has never been tested using modern safety standards.<sup>1</sup>

Children injured by mercury-containing vaccines have received compensation from the federal government's Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

Today most vaccines in the U.S. are mercury-free, except the flu shot. Flu shots are now recommended for pregnant women, infants, and children. Flu shots may contain over 10 times the federal safe limit for mercury exposure in infants and 3 to 4 times over the safe limit for young children. Mercury-free flu shots are available in ample supply.

Mercury-containing vaccines are still widely used in developing countries.

<sup>1</sup> 2003 CONGRESSIONAL REPORT *MERCURY IN MEDICINE*

## Mercury Free Kids Have SafeMinds! Support Increased Vaccine Safety Measures

**Close Alarming Research Gaps** - Require a comprehensive study of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children for long-term effects of vaccines to determine total health outcomes.

**Support a Vaccine Safety First Agenda** - Patient safety should never take a back seat to drug promotion. Congress and the Administration must establish a new independent agency to monitor vaccine safety.

**Take the Mercury Out** - Immediate removal of **all** mercury-containing vaccines from the U.S. vaccine supply and a ban from exporting mercury containing vaccines outside of the U.S. will prevent unnecessary exposure of children to this harmful neurotoxin.

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