



While studies regarding bisphenol A's (BPA) impact on human health and development abound, no conclusive evidence as to the effects of BPA have been identified. Due to growing consumer concern, the Obama administration allocated \$14 million to the National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS) to fund BPA research 2010 to 2012. On its website, the NIEHS states, "The innovative two-year grant provided through the Recovery Act will support human and animal studies that address many of the research gaps identified by expert scientific panels, and provide a better understanding of how this chemical may impact human health."

The most recent European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) release (June 7, 2010) noted that the Agency has not completed its bisphenol-A study. However, there is **insufficient** data to indicate that the BPA guideline should change from 50µg/KW of body weight. This is the current guideline in Europe as well as the US. EFSA is planning on presenting its final decision in September.

At Primo water, we always seek to put the customer first. Tests conducted by an independent, certified laboratory verified that no BPA was found in Primo Water.

We will closely monitor research, and if any conclusive evidence that BPA causes adverse health effects arises, we will certainly identify and implement an alternative material to polycarbonate. In the interim, we will remain in compliance with federal regulations which maintain that polycarbonate, a plastic containing BPA, is an acceptable material for bottled water containers.

For more information, see the following sources.

Statement from the American Chemistry Council (1/15/10):

http://www.americanchemistry.com/s_acc/sec_news_article.asp?CID=206&DID=10627

A good scientific analysis, by Britain's top endocrine disruptor expert, entitled "Is BPA the new MMR? Debate in top scientific journal exposes flawed science" http://stats.org/stories/2010/bpa_debate_apr7_10.html

Scientific paper which demonstrates that BPA had no neurologic or neurobehavioral effects at the dose tested, entitled "Developmental Neurotoxicity Study of Dietary Bisphenol A in Sprague-Dawley Rats" <http://toxsci.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/115/1/167>