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## **"Man-Made Chemicals Threaten All Life"**

from **Bad Chemistry** by Gay Daly, Natural Resources Defense Council, Winter 2006

- 1 This extremely important article, just out, looks at the big picture. We need to see the overall effect that synthetic chemicals are having on us and our children, born and unborn. I attach the entire article.
- 2 "Everyone knows that World War II left us, as a legacy, the atomic bomb. Far fewer people are aware that the war also left us a chemical bomb, silently, inexorably, ticking away, that may threaten our health, our intelligence, and even our ability to reproduce. It may be exploding as you read."
- 3 "... There are now more than 100,000 synthetic chemicals on the market, and these chemicals are everywhere. They enter our bodies and those of other animals through every possible route of transmission. They are in our food supply, so we eat them. They drift in the air so we breathe them. (Carried on thermal currents, they have long since reached the Arctic, so polar bears breathe them too.) Present in landfills, they leach into the water supply, so we drink them. Released as effluent into lakes and rivers by factories, they affect the habitat of fish, frogs, and all aquatic life, right down to plankton. Ubiquitous in cosmetics, they are absorbed through our skin. Pregnant women pass them to their fetuses; mothers feed them to their newborns when they breastfeed. . . ."