

HOW INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION MIGRATES

FROM THE FARM TO THE GLOBAL TABLE

1 In low and middle-income countries, rapid industrial growth combined with poor environmental protection has resulted in a pollution crisis that is impacting us all.



3 Crops are harvested and sold in nearby cities, some flowing into the global food processing system. Children are at greatest risk from exposure to toxic chemicals in irrigation water.



2 Farmers in climate-stressed areas often have no choice but to use industrial wastewater contaminated with heavy metals to irrigate crops.



4 Only a small fraction of food imports can be tested. Products contaminated with heavy metals, banned pesticides or pathogens can make it through into food store shelves around the world.



5 After people become ill from consuming a tainted product, a recall may be issued and the product taken off the shelves.



6 Children are being hurt on both ends of the production and consumption chain. Long-term damage to developing brains is especially pernicious.



The global food production system is complex and interdependent. Stopping imports is not feasible. Investing in stopping pollution at the source is the answer.