

## What's New with Dioxin?\*

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Many lawyers and scientists who were engaged in toxic tort litigation in the early 1980s thought that virtually everything about dioxin would have been analyzed and understood by 1994.

Interestingly, we were wrong. Even though we have spent over \$1 billion in research, and we know a great deal more than ten years ago, there remains enough uncertainty about the adverse effects dioxin can produce in humans that it continues to be one of the most studied (and litigated) chemicals. This is not to say that we need to know more to have a good understanding of the likely health hazards at low doses, just that our knowledge is less than complete.