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# Heavy metals

an environmental concern

One of the most pressing environmental concerns worldwide in agricultural soils is the presence of heavy metals, such as cadmium, copper, mercury and lead, in concentrations above their toxic levels for human health and the environment, due to the use of agrochemicals and other soil amendments. Soils polluted with heavy metals are nonetheless used to grow our food!

Cd  
CADMIUM

Cu  
COPPER

Hg  
MERCURY

Pb  
LEAD

## Regulatory standards

and government policies should be harmonized, assessed and applied to agrochemicals and soil amendments in order to ensure food safety for all.

BE THE SOLUTION TO SOIL POLLUTION

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