



Lead poisoning cases 2009

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December, 2009

Qingyuan, Guangdong province

Twenty-five children were confirmed to have excessive levels of lead in their blood due to pollution from a nearby storage battery company in the Qingyuan Economic Development Zone. A few adults were also diagnosed with abnormally high lead levels.

September, 2009

Shanghang, Fujian province

Two medical agencies tested 287 children younger than 14 years of age and found 121 of them had excessive levels of lead in their blood. 120 children had lead levels between 100 and 200 mg per liter of blood and one child had 218 mg/l.

August, 2009

Fengxiang, Shaanxi province

A total of 851 children tested positive for high levels of lead in Fengxiang county. About 1,000 people are to be relocated in the wake of the poisoning. Dongling Lead and Zinc Smelting Factory was held responsible for the incident.

August, 2009

Wugang, Hunan province

By Aug 23, an examination conducted by the Wugang government showed that more than 1,300 out of 1,958 children tested had excessive lead content. The boss of the company responsible was a deputy to the local people's congress.

August, 2009

Kunming, Yunnan province

As many as 200 out of 1,000 children given routine blood tests between June and August had excessive levels of lead, which local authorities said had been caused by car exhaust emissions and had no direct link with industrial pollutants.