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been described. These include skin rashes and chloracne, gastrointestinal upset, and possible temporary irritability of some muscles and nerves. Of these, the only prolonged or chronic effect observed has been the chloracne.

A number of long-term studies are currently underway to further evaluate the possibility of whether or not any long-range effects which have not yet been seen might indeed exist.

In the meantime, it is important to know ^{that} while this material should be considered highly toxic, the likelihood of exposure for the general population is not very great. Special precautions, however, would be prudent where the likelihood of contamination from this material is present. It is a somewhat heavy (oily) type of material, ^{ranging from crystalline to oily or waxy} which does not (readily) dissolve in water. It would be considered a contaminant in certain chlorinated, oily, waste industrial processes. The likelihood of its getting involved in the food chain (at this point,) does not appear to be much of a problem. Dust contaminated with the material should be avoided and humans and domestic animals should avoid eating food, forage or other materials which are likely to be contaminated by sprayed material or settling dust particles which have a likelihood of being contaminated with dioxin. If soil containing dioxin is stirred up, there is a possibility of spread through dust particles to adjacent areas, but the distance that such particles are likely to travel is not very great because of the weight of the dioxin.

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If you have a problem which you feel might be related to exposure to dioxins, the most reasonable approach is to see your family physician, an internist, or a dermatologist.

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an internist, or a dermatologist. Before a diagnosis of "dioxin poisoning" is made, prudence would dictate that other potential causative agents for the ailments should be eliminated.

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