BPA in Receipts

While many individuals associate BPA exposure to plastics and canned food, it is less commonly known that BPA is frequently found in receipts (roughly 40% of receipts contain BPA). The concentration of BPA in these receipts, according to the Environmental Working Group, is 250 to 1000 times greater than other common routes of exposure. Additionally, the BPA found in receipts is not bound to a polymer, which causes further alarm as the BPA can rub off on dollar bills, thereby contaminating the money supply. Also, recycled paper products are showing up with traces of BPA, and some link this finding with the recycling of thermal, BPA-laden paper. Since some receipts do not contain BPA, it appears that this exposure is unnecessary and could be avoided through regulation.

http://www.ewg.org/bpa-in-store-receipts/release

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- BPA is now found in the money supply and in recycled paper products