

Nestle Gets B+ For Not Poisoning Us

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In a newly released "[Seeking Safer Packaging](#)" report, Nestle earned mixed grades in its effort to eliminate use of the chemical bisphenol-A (BPA), a commonly-used, suspected toxin found in cans and bottles. The company received an A for its effort to phase out BPA, [a B+ on risk disclosure](#), and a C for the company's efforts to find safer alternatives, reports the Glendale Press-News.

Swiss-based Nestle, with U.S. headquarters in Glendale, fared considerably better in the report than other large retailers and manufacturers like Costco and Whole Foods, which earned D grades. ConAgra, Heinz and Hain Celestial won A marks for disclosing dangers of BPA and seeking out safer alternatives.

Commissioned by Green Century Capital Management and **As You Sow**, the report aims to encourage private investors to support "publicly-traded companies that favor safe materials, sustainable energy use and other environmental goals," reports the Glendale News-Press.

BPA is a widely-used chemical suspected of causing health issues like reproductive problems and developmental disabilities. Seven states have banned its use in baby bottles and other products, according to the Glendale News-Press, and an effort to ban BPA in baby bottles passed in the CA Assembly this year, but failed in the state Senate.