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Tech News, Millions Eating Food Grown With Polluted Water, Says UN Report



Foodborne viral infections are caused mainly by two types of virus, Norwalk-like viruses (NLVs, formerly named small round structured viruses (SRSVs) in the UK) which cause gastroenteritis and Hepatitis A virus which causes hepatitis. All foodborne viruses originate from the human intestine and contamination of food occurs either during preparation by infected food handlers or by contact with sewage sludge or polluted water. Control measures mainly depend on staff education and good kitchen hygiene; food handlers suffering from symptoms should be excluded from work immediately and all staff made aware of the ease with which viral contamination is transmitted. The use of clean water for irrigation of crops that are likely to be eaten raw and cultivation of molluscan shellfish in sewage-free seawater are also essential to prevent viral contamination of food. 2

A new United Nations report says at least 200 million people around the world are eating food grown with untreated waste water. As water scarcity increases, more and more people are facing health risks.