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NPR just released a study today linking metals exposure to critical brain development windows in babies and the health effects that show up later in adolescence.

<https://www.npr.org/2026/04/29/nx-s1-5803561/baby-teeth-toxic-metals-brain-infants-kids> NPEDS permits do cover metals exposure but you do need to factor in data centers and how they contribute to the metals equation and the MPCA needs to be monitoring studies like this to ensure that the regulations are up to date regarding quantities. Environmental review needs to be addressing issues such as as this because this will then again show up in the biosolids. The effects will also impact the plant and animal species.