

Test Your Internet Credibility

The majority of US undergraduate students consider the web sites listed below to be factual. The first three sites (which contain extremely obvious and abundant errors) are all fake; they were created as part of an undergraduate general science class unit on evaluating Internet site creditability:

An expose on the great tree octopus found in the American Pacific Northwest:

<https://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/>

A discussion of famous explorers:

<https://www.allaboutexplorers.com/>

A serious study investigating whether or not the chicken or the egg came first:

<https://www.ovaprima.org/>

A scientifically valid/accurate description of the properties of a chemical, DHMO:

This chemical parody (written in an alarming tone) was initially written for a 1990's era April Fool's Day and subsequently expanded. As a result, more than 20,000 people in California signed a petition to ban the sale, possession, and use of the chemical substance, DHMO. (DiHydrogen MonOxide, the rigorous chemical name for H_2O , water).

<https://www.dhmo.org/>

Dihydrogen Monoxide (DHMO)



DIHYDROGEN MONOXIDE (DHMO)

WARNING
Avoid contact and inhalation. Can cause severe injury or death.

Alternative Names: Hydronium Hydroxide, Hydric Acid, Dihydrogen Oxide, or Hydrogen Hydroxide.
Appearance & Odor: Odorless, clear colorless liquid.
DHMO Dangers: Death by inhalation. Prolonged skin exposure to solid forms of DHMO cause severe tissue damage. DHMO in a gaseous state can cause severe burns. Found in biopsies of pre-cancerous tumors. One of the main components of Acid Rain.
Special Precautions: DHMO is considered a non regulated product, but has severe reactions with some materials.
Disposal Procedure: Dispose in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local Environmental Guidelines.

DHMO KILLS

Dangers:	Uses:	Places:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Death by inhalation• Corrodes metals• Bloating & nausea• Electrical short-circuit• Tissue damage & burns• Soil erosion• Brake failure• Disaster & destruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal research• Abortion clinics• Nuclear plants• Chemical warfare• Performance enhancers• Torture• Cult rituals• Fire suppression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cancerous tumors• Cleaning solvents• Prisons & hospitals• Acid rain• Pharmaceuticals• Lakes & streams• Industrial waste• Baby food & beer

Ban Dihydrogen Monoxide
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RECENT STUDIES SHOW BACTERIA THRIVES IN DHMO

SO WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT ALLOW DHMO INTO OUR WATER SUPPLIES?!?!

DANGER

DIHYDROGEN MONOXIDE
HIGHLY ACTIVE SOLVENT
VAPOR IS THE MOST POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS
EXPOSURE CAN RESULT IN SEVERE BURNS

THIS MATERIAL MAY BE FOUND MIXED WITH COMPOUNDS CONTAINING TRIMETHYLXANTHINE AND METHYLTHEOBROMINE WHICH CREATES A DRINKABLE BEVERAGE. WHEN THIS OCCURS THE PROPER ACTION IS TO DRINK AND ENJOY!

IUPAC NAME: WATER OTHER NAMES: OXIDANE, HYDROXYLIC ACID, OHMO

CAUTION



DHMO
CONTAINS DIHYDROGEN MONOXIDE

DANGER

DIHYDROGEN MONOXIDE CONTAMINATION IN WATER!

CAUTION

NO FISHING
WATER AREAS CONTAIN LARGE AMOUNTS OF
DHMO (DIHYDROGEN MONOXIDE)