

# Cadmi-Yum?

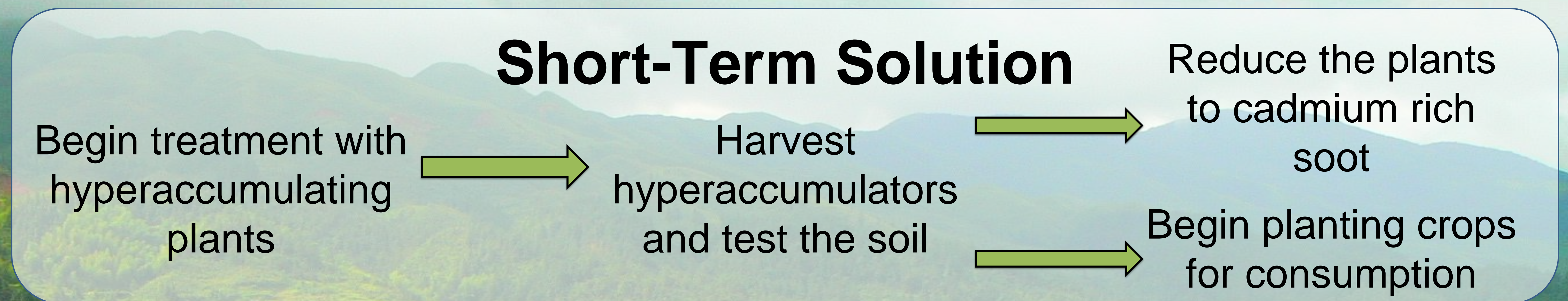
## Removing Cadmium from China's Crop Soil

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### Problem

Cadmium-rich waste is in crop soil in the Guangxi Region of China. Agriculture absorbs the cadmium, and the local population eating this food is getting sick.

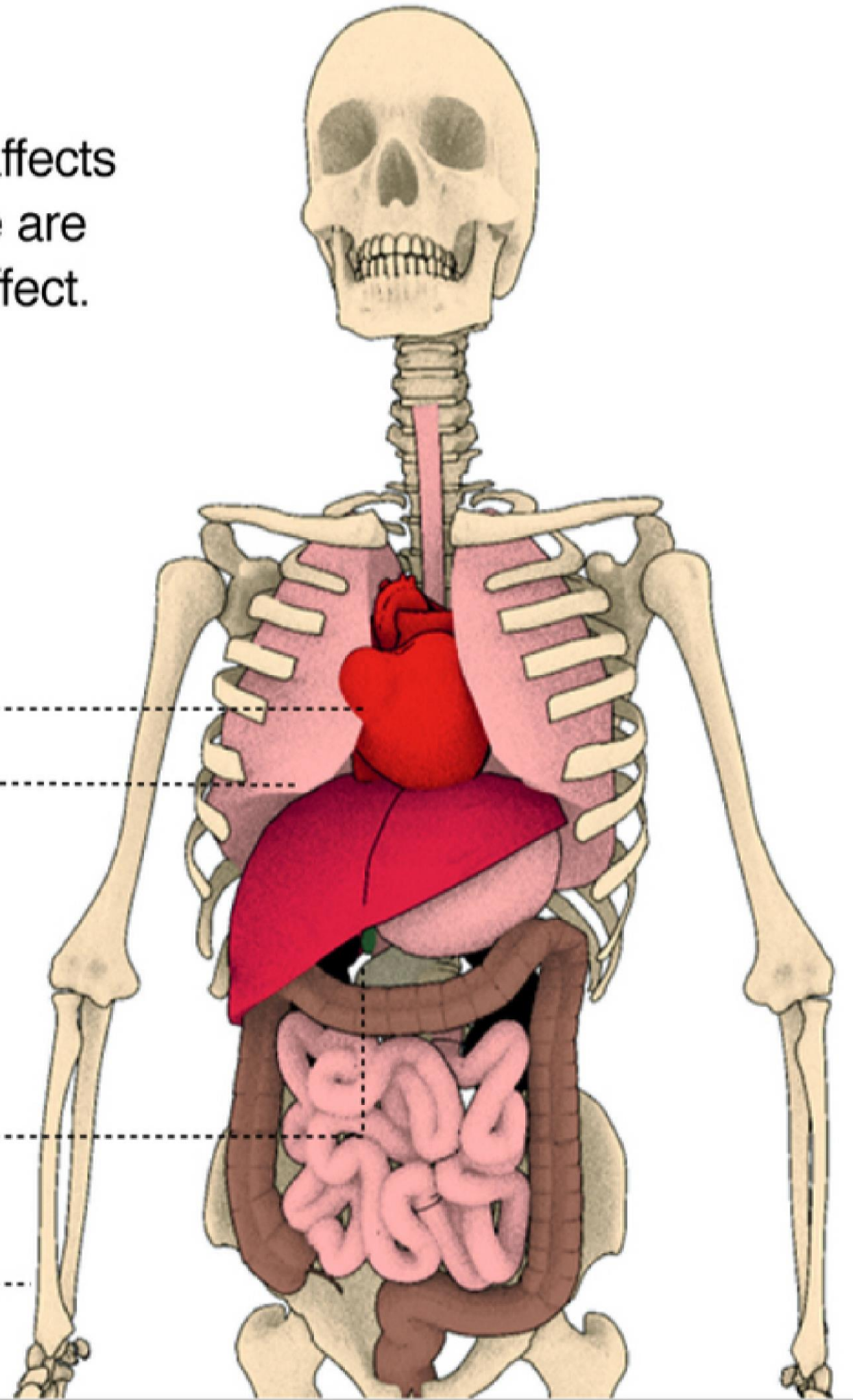


### Cadmium toxicity

Research has shown that cadmium affects the developing brain in children. Here are some other parts of the body it can effect.

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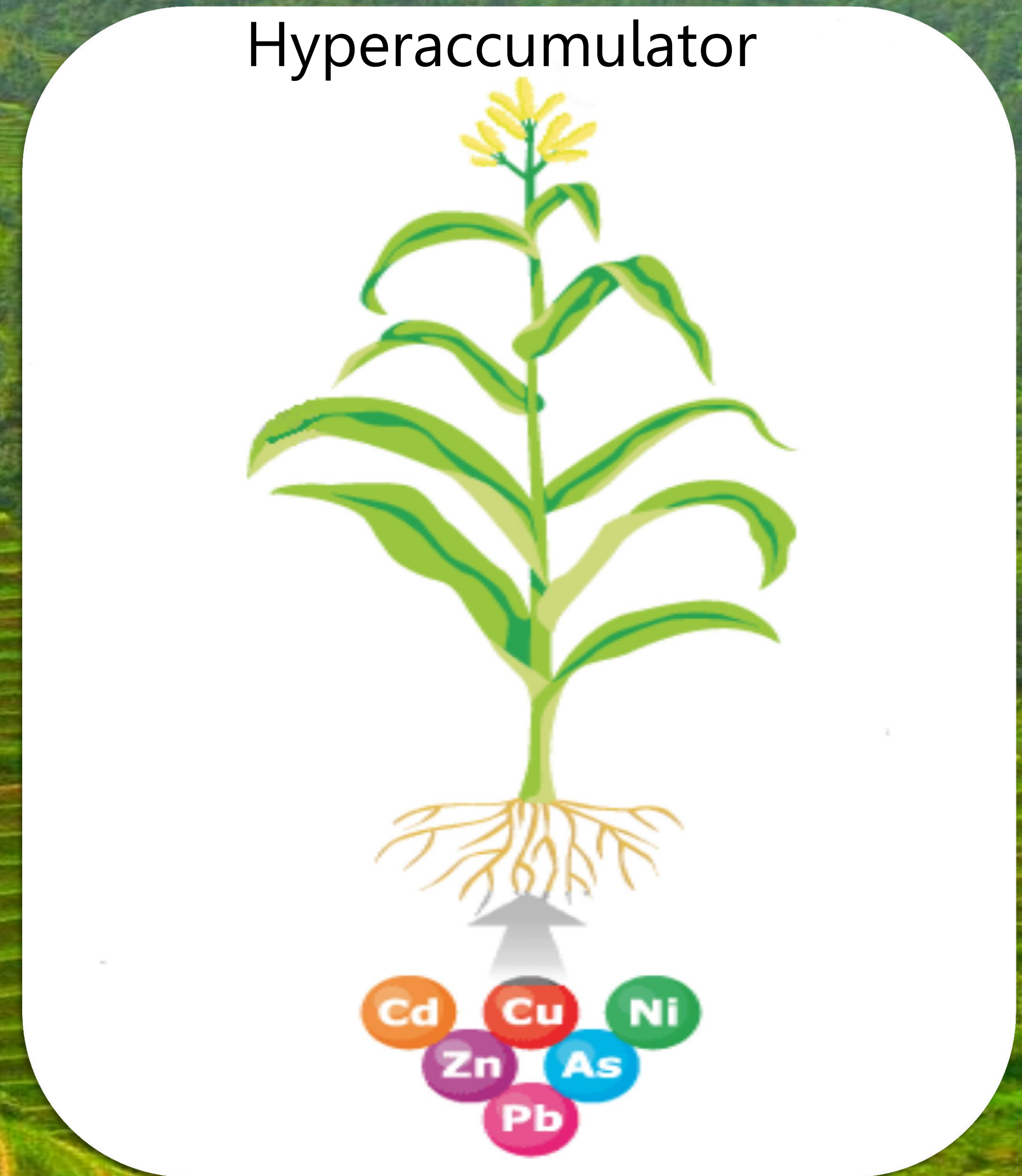
- A recent study has linked it to breast cancer.
- Cardiovascular disease
- Obstructive pulmonary disease
- The kidneys lose function, which can also cause gout, a form of arthritis.
- Bones lose density and fracture.



SOURCES: Dr. Aimin Chen; Casarett & Doull's Toxicology, (Curtis D. Klaassen); Environmental Health Perspectives, Dec. 2009

### Assessment

- Take soil samples before, during, and after the treatment
- Once the soil tests show cadmium at below harmful levels, treatment can stop
- Keep statistics on the diagnoses of kidney failure and osteoporosis within the region



### Cost

- 2% of China's Environmental Budget (Est.)
- Less farmable land during treatment periods
- Planting the hyperaccumulators
- Disposal of hyperaccumulators

### Background

- The Guangxi Region has high amounts of Cadmium in the agricultural soil
- Cadmium is very toxic to humans
- Due to similar events in Toyama, Japan the people of Guangxi are at risk for adverse health effects



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