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Documents: Herbicides Increased Around Triangle Lake

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An analysis of herbicide application documents shows an increasing amount was sprayed on private timberlands in the Oregon Coast Range in the years before local residents began complaining that they were getting sick.

The complaints from residents around Triangle Lake west of Eugene are the focus of an investigation by state and federal agencies.

The environmental health group Beyond Toxics in Eugene posted the report on its website Saturday.

Beyond Toxics executive director Lisa Arkin says it marks the first detailed analysis of herbicides sprayed over a large area in Oregon.

Such records are not routinely available to the public. These became available after the Oregon Health Authority asked for them as part of its investigation into testing that showed 43 people in Triangle Lake had herbicides in their urine.

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