

7. What is the government doing about the problem?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you think knowledge of the pollution in our environment is a good thing? Does it make you feel helpless or inspire you to take action? Explain.

2. Find out if your city or area was on the list of the AP investigation. What drugs did they find in the area? How do you feel about drinking your water? If your area was not in the investigation, do you feel safe drinking your water? Why or why not?

3. What do you think the government should do in response to this investigation?

4. What other types of pollutants are found in our water system and how do they get there? Give two examples.

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.