

Unease About BPA Bubbling up Among Coke Shareholders

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Coca-Cola sells almost 570 billion beverages a year. The company recently greened its plastic bottles by incorporating recyclable plant materials. But what about the cans, which are lined with the increasingly controversial ingredient BPA?

The plastics ingredient Coke uses is the industry standard for the lining of aluminum and steel food and beverage containers. However, a 2010 report on food companies' efforts to eliminate BPA from products gave Coca-Cola, the world's largest beverage company, an F.

Studies have [shown](#) that such packaging is a significant means of exposure to BPA — which has been linked to breast and prostate cancer, infertility, and early puberty in girls, as well as obesity and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

More than a quarter of Coca-Cola's shareholders recently voted for a resolution asking the company to report back them on how it's addressing the BPA problem, according to a statement released this week by the San Francisco-based shareholder advocacy group [As You Sow](#). Shareholder resolutions can only ask for such reports; they can't force a company to change its practices.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 90 percent of Americans have detectable levels of BPA in their bodies.

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