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## **Bribing Low-Income Families to Ignore Environmental Hazards**

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In January 2006, the *Seattle Times* reported that the Environmental Protection Agency launched a two-year investigation, partly funded by the American Chemical Council, based on how 60 children in Duval County, Fla., absorb pesticides and other household chemicals. The chemical-industry funding initially prompted some environmentalists to question whether the study would be biased. Now, some rank-and-file agency scientists are questioning whether the plan will exploit financially strapped families.

In exchange for participating for two years in the Children's Environmental Exposure Research Study, which involves infants and children up to age 3, the EPA will give each family using pesticides in their home \$970, some children's clothing and a camcorder.