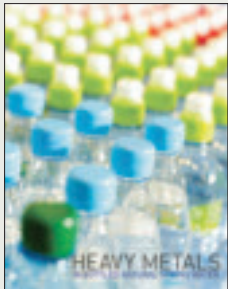


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Given bottled water's ever-increasing popularity in this country, it is prudent to consider its safety and the need for more oversight to ensure that safety. The authors of

our cover feature this month, "Heavy Metals in Bottled Natural Spring Water," analyzed bottled water for the presence of 17 heavy metals and found 14 of these metals in at least one of the bottled water samples. They recommend that bottled water should be regulated with the same criteria as tap water and that consumers should have the ability to quickly and easily obtain bottled water testing results.

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