

## **Nanoplastic Contamination in Bottled Water**

The latest United States study reveals an alarming reality about **bottled water**, uncovering the presence of hundreds of thousands of **nanoplastic particles** underscoring potential **health risks**.

- Each liter of bottled water contains 110,000 to 370,000 nanoplastic particles. About 90% of these particles are nanosized, posing a higher risk to human health.
- Nanoplastics are even smaller than microplastics, ranging below 1 micrometer in size.
  - Unlike microplastics (ranging between 5 millimeters and 1 micrometer), nanoplastics can move from the intestines and lungs directly into the bloodstream before reaching the heart and brain.
- The study found that common <u>plastics</u> in bottled water such as polyamide, polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) could play a significant role in micro-nano plastics exposure from bottled waters.
  - PET used in disposable beverage bottles could leach into water when exposed to heat or squeezed.

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