

## ABC NEWS REPORT: ARSENIC IN RICE



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- I. Before watching the video, try to find define or find synonyms for words and expressions:

Surprise warning \_\_\_\_\_

Consumer reports \_\_\_\_\_

What they called quote....quote \_\_\_\_\_

Senior national correspondent \_\_\_\_\_

Long-grain, jasmine, basmati \_\_\_\_\_

Top picks \_\_\_\_\_

To cut back (on something) \_\_\_\_\_

To exceed something \_\_\_\_\_

Infant \_\_\_\_\_

Worrisome \_\_\_\_\_

To conduct a study \_\_\_\_\_

FDA \_\_\_\_\_

Toxins \_\_\_\_\_

Rice paddy \_\_\_\_\_

To be likely to do something \_\_\_\_\_

To stop short of doing something \_\_\_\_\_

Contaminants \_\_\_\_\_

colander \_\_\_\_\_

- II. Comprehension Questions: Answer the following questions while listening to the news video. You may have to stop the video or listen several times before you hear all the answers.

1. How do humans ingest arsenic? What is the danger of eating rice?
2. How much arsenic does rice contain? How does it compare to another cereal Oatmeal?
3. How did Consumer Reports arrive at their conclusions?
4. What rice products were safe from Arsenic?
5. How much rice should an infant consume per day?
6. How do the FDA studies compare to those conducted by Consumer Reports?
7. Where does this Arsenic come from?
8. Why does the healthier brown rice contain more arsenic than white rice?

9. Is Arsenic safe for human consumption in small quantities? How is the Rice Federation defending its products?
10. What are the FDA's recommendations to protect yourself and your family from Arsenic poisoning?
11. Who is Dr. Richard Besser? In his opinion what is the key question? When will we know for sure?
12. How else can we be exposed to Arsenic?
13. What can a person do to reduce the levels of Arsenic that he's taking in?

III. Imagine you work for a food manufacturer which uses rice in some of its products. What would you suggest putting on the label to warn people against the potential risks of rice? How would you defend your company against eventual lawsuits? \_\_\_\_\_

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IV. Is this report going to change your dietary habits? If so, how? Are there any other food products that you avoid because of similar claims? If so, what are they?

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