# ECO REP INSTALLMENT

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#### Brain

Climate Change & Health

When it rains, mercury pollution from power plants enters waterways, where it is converted to methylmercury and bioaccumulates to affect brain development.

- Trasande et al. (2007)

## <u>Lungs</u>

Changing seasons mean trees experience longer pollination seasons, which means we're seeing more, and increasingly severe cases of allergies and asthma.

- Patterson & Verchot Scientific American, (2015)

### **Medications**

Human medications are adversely impacting the environment. From intersex fish due to estradiol, to irregular mating patterns in response to fluoxetine.

- Lovett, Nature (2012)

#### <u>Heart</u>

Particulate matter and nitrogen oxides from car exhaust can prematurely age blood vessels and contribute to calcium buildup - leading to higher risk for heart attack and stroke.

- Kaufman et al. (2016)



