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# BACKGROUND EXPOSURE - NO INCINERATION

Dioxins and furans are known to be among the most toxic man-made substances. Our diet accounts for the greatest sources of dioxin. Dioxin is fat soluble, and according to information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the main dietary source of dioxin is beef. This is illustrated by the following chart from the US Environmental Protection Agency which shows that beef, dairy products, milk, chicken, pork, fish and eggs are the chief sources of dioxin, in that order.

Chart from **EPA Dioxin Reassessment Summary 4944** Vol. 1, p. 37  
(Figure II-5 Background TEQ exposures for North America by pathway)

