



Beware of Computer Emissions

When a computer is used to calculate, its infamous microchips run through hundreds of thousands of computations a second and then spit out only a single, puny, green answer on its CRT.

What happened to all those other numbers? Where are they?

The answer is, they're still in the machine.

When you do calculations the old-fashioned way with paper and pencil, you *know* where all the extra digits are. They're spread all over the paper like tracks in the snow. And they stay on the paper when you don't need them any longer. They go when the paper goes.

Not so with computers. All the numbers between the question and the answer stay inside the machine. You can't get rid of them because there's a sign on the back that tells you not to open the machine or you'll die.

What happens when the machine can't hold any more used numbers? Boom! *Computer emission.*

If computers aren't stopped now, someday not very far off they'll all dump their numbers at the same time and the world will be buried in used integers.

And people think computers aren't dangerous.

