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## BioInitiative report

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Last year a report was published that is playing an increasingly prominent role in the debate on electromagnetic fields and health: the BioInitiative Report. It contains recommendations to reduce the exposure limits for electromagnetic fields that are currently applied in the Netherlands and in many other countries. In an advisory report, the Electromagnetic Fields Committee of the Health Council now gives its opinion as to the scientific value of the BioInitiative report. The Committee concludes that this report is not an objective and balanced reflection of the current state of scientific knowledge and does not provide any grounds for revising the current views as to the risks of exposure to electromagnetic fields.

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