

The Thing strangles computer

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The Thing has struck again.

The sickening "thing" in a Kitchener house that grips its victims by the throat and lungs and has baffled waves of experts has added another victim to its list.

A computer at the ministry of the environment mysteriously coughed to a halt while analysing the amorphous menace and no one seems to know why.

"We had gathered all the evidence from the house in Kitchener where the gas originated and fed it into the computer in Toronto," said regional environmental office Fred Hicks. "Then the computer simply broke down."

The evidence was gathered by a sensitive metering pump which was installed for the weekend in the two-bedroom bungalow owned by Isabel and Wilmer Shortt.

The couple requested the test after complaining of nausea and choking last summer. Since then a score of experts has passed through the house but not one has been able to put their finger on it.

"There does seem to be something there," Hicks said. "When we get the computer fixed we may find out what it is."