

Miller, Diane M. (CDC/NIOSH/EID)

From:
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2007 12:56 PM
To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)
Subject: 103 - Endicott Project Comments - Brain Tumors

April 1, 2007

To whom it may concern:

My name is [redacted] and my wife's is [redacted]. We both worked at IBM Endicott in the [redacted]. Most of our time was spent in [redacted] manufacturing, and both of us had to use Trichlor in our jobs daily. Both of us, since that time, have had multiple [redacted]. In addition, my wife has had a bout with [redacted]

[redacted] were [redacted] that so far have required three major brain surgeries including other related surgeries. As a result, she now has many deficits, including total hearing loss in the right ear, total left side body numbness, right facial paralysis, poor balance, right eye trauma which so far has required a cornea transplant, lens replacement and constant topical medication which blurs her vision in that eye. She needs to patch her eye every night before bed to keep her eye from drying out since her right eyelid no longer closes completely. She also has a constant tremor in her right arm/hand, which has make it impossible for her to remain a graphics designer and artist. She also has difficulty swallowing and chokes often due to damage to the nerve tha controls swallowing.

Mine has been a recurring [redacted], I have had two [redacted] surgeries, a gamma knife procedure and just [redacted], a cyber knife procedure. I have experienced one grand mal seizure which has not been conclusively related to the tumors, but it is suspect.

We both remain under medication, continued doctor care and supervision. Most obviously, the quality of our lives has been affected greatly by these health problems, which started for us in [redacted] and continue to affect us to this day.

One additional note: My father, [redacted] also worked at IBM and developed [redacted] after retiring in [redacted]. He, too, worked around these chemicals.

We very much wish to encourage you to complete this study and are available to provide further information. To help you in your search for IBM info regarding us, my IBM serial number was [redacted]. My father's was [redacted]. My wife cannot recall hers.

Thank you so much for your efforts regarding this terrible situation.

Regards,