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**From:****Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2007 4:02 PM**To:** Pinkerton, Lynne (CDC/NIOSH/DSHEFS)**Subject:** IBM Plant - Endicott, NY

Lynne,

I read a reprint of an article on TCE by Tom Wilber in the Binghamton (NY) Press titled "Health study planned for IBM plant". I grew up a mile away from the plant. My father worked there for years and I worked there briefly during . The article mentioned you specifically and said that your "agency could combine information from personnel and industrial hygiene records kept for decades at the plant to determine cancer rates of people working in manufacturing and various other departments". I'm not sure that their personnel records would provide you with the complete picture on TCE exposure. There were others working at the plant with TCE.

IBM normally hired college students to work there during the summertime. I worked there in the summer of in a room full of college students. We were given beakers of trichloroethylene and toothbrushes to clean circuit boards. I believe there were about 30 of us. - We worked under lab hoods which provided ventilation and (I believe) we used gloves. The hoods removed some of the fumes, but the smell of trichloroethylene was always there and it was fairly strong.

This is the situation, stated briefly. I can provide a lot more detail about the project if you are interested in looking into it. I'm sure that the project could be identified and you could tie back to it. If you would like to discuss this further, you can reach me at days and evenings. I am in the area. Or, we could do it via e-mail. Good luck with your investigation.