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Subject IBM Health Study

To whom it may concern,

As a former IBM employee, I am very interested in these studies. I worked there from approximately to then being transferred to for several years. I spent a lot of my working years in and a few years at the We all used chemicals/or were around them. In where I started, chemicals were used to clean parts after assembling and wiring processes.

In the chemicals were used all the time to test the waste water, we were exposed to fumes of all kinds.

I followed all the safety requirements thinking they were made so our exposure would be minimized. If I recall correctly, these didn't always completely eliminate exposure. I think that would be impossible due to the required procedures.

I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in of 95% of this type of cancer is usually benign. I was one of the 5% that was malignant. It was removed and now I take thyroid hormones for the rest of my life. I, personally cannot make a connection, being that I am not an oncologist; but I do wonder about all the years of chemical exposure. I, also worked very frequently in Bldg. It always had a strange odor all the time. I had asthma as a child, and it also came back during my early years of working there.

I don't know if this is relevant, but my husband worked for Endicott as an IBM . He was exposed to barrels of chemicals every day for years. He developed a lung problem that became quite severe and has to use breathing medications. It's quite possible that emphysema can very well be developing. I think any employee or chemical worker should also be considered in this study. I'm doing OK, but don't know what will happen down the line for us and it's scary.

Sincerely yours,

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