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Regarding a request for comments from former employees of the IBM Endicott plant I felt compelled to offer my personal experiences for your study.

I was employed by IBM in Endicott, from [redacted] My entire career was in the [redacted] starting as a [redacted] and being promoted into [redacted] for more than a [redacted] period of time. The responsibilities of both [redacted] personnel were - [redacted] within IBM's premises. We had many Chemical spills that required our response and actions. I know that I was most definitely exposed to the fumes generated by the many chemicals in use at this facility. There were many occasions when I had to use the chemical gas masks for personal protection.

I was never too concerned however since IBM had always showed what I considered to be, great concern for employee Safety. However, now I believe the chemicals were an obvious threat to all emergency response employees.

I was diagnosed with [redacted] and underwent two operations in [redacted] to remove tumors from within my [redacted] I underwent Chemo-treatments and continue to have follow-up examinations. I know also that other employees, from both [redacted] have had similar problems. Many are no longer with us.

To aid in your investigation you may want to check the health records of the many employees who worked in both [redacted] There were many, many, exposed and will most likely show the record of associated problems.

Sincerely,