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I happened to notice that there is a cancer investigation with regards to former IBM Endicott, NY employees. I am one, having worked at the Endicott site from the [redacted] of [redacted] to the [redacted] before transferring to [redacted].

I was born in [redacted] NY the son of [redacted] and lived my childhood years on [redacted], attending [redacted] ana [redacted] Technical College.

My father had several bouts of skin cancer and one occurrence of bladder cancer prior to his death in [redacted] at the age of [redacted]. He worked some [redacted] years at Endicott [redacted] in [redacted] working at several of their factories.

My mother had four events with cancer in her life. In the late [redacted] she had a benign lump removed from her left breast. In [redacted] she had breast cancer and had her right breast removed by mastectomy. In [redacted] she suffered the same fate on her left breast. Lastly, in [redacted] she suffered a bout of colon cancer accompanied by a surgical procedure to reduce the amount of intestine without colostomy. My mother worked for [redacted] later to be [redacted] in [redacted] NY. Again, she worked in several of their facilities. She died of Alzheimer's disease at the age of [redacted].

During my career at IBM, I used several chemicals while working in the [redacted] I and [redacted] departments during the [redacted]. While at work, it was not uncommon to have my arms in trichlor (TCE) scrubbing to remove flux from solder repairs. It was also common to vapor degrease boards and cards for the same reason. (Vapor degrease is accomplished by heating the TCE to a vapor form. When the product is passed through the vapor, the flux is readily removed.) The tank that accomplishes this can be looked into and of course, inhaling the fumes. We could NOT smoke at these machines. I am now [redacted] years old and have never had any bouts with the dreaded cancer. I also have [redacted] and [redacted] who worked at the same facility and were exposed to the same chemicals at the same time and they also have not had a cancerous occurrence.

The area the IBM Endicott plant is built on was mostly originally owned by the Endicott Johnson Corporation and used in various stages of shoe manufacturing and leather preparation. In the [redacted], IBM bought several properties to build a warehouse on. I watched the property come down as my office was in the corner of a building where I had

*an excellent view of the operation. I saw rats running from that property the size of small dogs or large cats bleached pure white because of the chemicals used in preparing hides.*

*Further and throughout the area, Ozalid manufactured papers for making blueprints, General Electric manufactured jet engines and on and on. The whole area from eastern Binghamton to western Owego is a virtual toxic dump. In fact, a mall is built off Main Street in Endicott over a vacated dump and a hotel and ice cream store are built over an abandoned dump in Johnson City at Harry L Drive. (While under construction, the hotel blew up when methane fumes collected and were ignited by an electrician.)*

*So, is IBM to blame for the cancerous outbreak in the area? To my thinking, IBM is the best company to pick on since it's all that is left of a declining area that has any cash in its pockets. NO ONE COMPANY can justifiably be condemned for the cases. This in my humble opinion.*

*I hope that this information is helpful to you in your endeavor.*

*Respectfully,*