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I ask that you please do not release my identity to IBM or in any sort of publically accessible forum without contacting me prior as I don't want to be seen as a troublemaker to my employer.

I was formerly in IBM Endicott building -- I recall seeing brand new PCs deployed to people working in -- and seeing those very same machines 6-7 months later so rusty and corroded they look as if they were left out in the rain. Touching these machines or any other parts removed from that building (including network cables, keyboards, mice, CRTs) would cause my skin to immediately start burning and no amount of hand washing seemed to help.

With whatever is in the air in that building capable of causing severe metal oxidation in mere months, I can only speculate as to the type of damage it would cause to human tissue. Oxidizers are usually free radicals and thus carcinogenic.

The building that I work in is in a spare office which included latex balloons. We forgot to take down the decorations for about 3 months afterwards. When we went to remove the balloons, we discovered that they had turned into a hard, powdery substance. None of us have ever seen balloons do that before. We suspect the air in buildings however, we had a for a colleague may contain hazardous substances also.