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I don't have Dr. Pinkerton's direct address; please forward this to her.

Thanks

Frank

NIOSH REPORT Comments from WBESC Final 8/1/07

The following comments are from the Western Broome Environmental Stakeholders Coalition.

1. The exposure should be associated with a department or workers performing similar tasks.
2. The study should compare the IBM workers to healthy workers and not the general population.
3. If IBM does not provide workers' records, NIOSH should subpoena the records.
4. The study should use the existing study of Endicott residents diseases for reference.
5. The main concern of the study should be TCE; the other chemicals should also be studied.
6. The main concern is cancer, non-cancer diseases should also be studied. Included should be birth defects of children of workers.
7. NIOSH should summarize the comments and respond to the comments in forum such as a WBESC meeting.
8. The study should address such questions as the following:
What was the worker exposure? Skin, inhalation?
8. Prepare a task list and a timeline for the study. NIOSH should prepare a progress report to WBESC on a quarterly basis when the study begins
9. The records that will be used are as follows:
 - a. National death records
 - b. State cancer registry
 - c. Working history and chemicals used.
 - d. ECHOES database and Corporate Mortality File
10. The WBESC supports this study and will seek political support for the funding.
11. The WBESC supports the comments from Dr. Richard Clapp

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