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Subject IBM investigation

Hi,

I need to keep anonymous here since I still work for

Just want to let you know that when you do your research, there was a group in IBM Endicott called . It was in . and .

We used extremely dangerous chemicals in our everyday work. Some examples would be cyanide, sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid, persulfate, formaldehyde etc. We also had full access to the Chemical Service floors on in and were on that floor several times each shift. That service floor was loaded with dangerous chemicals used throughout manufacturing.

I distinctly remember (and still am concerned with) one period of time when they were modifying the formaldehyde pumping station on . During the transition, the ventilation system was inadequate. Thus, every time you changed out formaldehyde barrels you got a large inhalation of formaldehyde. This could happen as often as once per shift and went on for about a month. I still remember the burning sensation, tears in the eyes etc. This happened probably somewhere in the timeframe.

If I really sat down and thought about it, I could probably think of other examples that were not at egregious as this but would still be considered very dangerous.

Please pay special attention to Buildings and when you do your research. You should also find out who had badge access to the Chemical service floors in these buildings. This access was not limited to only the chemical maintenance teams. There were manufacturing and engineering people who also had

access to these areas. Please remember that the folks working in ... were exposed to very dangerous chemicals everyday. This would not only include manufacturing people but also the engineers who worked in there.

Thanks

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