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Dear Folks

We have been reading your minutes on the website and have to thank you for your approach and thoroughness.

I do not know if this is the appropriate venue through which to contact the Board and suggest areas for review but wonder if you could examine a recurring question, assumptions of exposure or lack thereof for the job category “guards”.

At the sites I am most familiar with, IAAP and Ames Laboratory in Iowa, Guards had bystander exposures to many of the production processes, often in relatively confined spaces indoors. At the IAAP, guards had routine exposures to the “Firing Sites”, and Burn Yards with unmeasured but by historical report ‘significant exposures to pyrolysis byproducts of various wastes including massive quantities of waste high explosives which were used to destroy used industrial equipment such as lathes and presses once contaminated by said explosives.

There has not been a consistent pattern of exposure assessment by the CE’s, IH’s or DMC’s in evaluating causation of lung disease in this group and I suspect this is a system wide issue.

Thanks much for your attention

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