

Public Comments Submitted During the October 27-29, 2010 Panel Meeting

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I am not at the meeting today but a person on my staff is listening in for me on the phone. He indicated that Kyle Steenland dismissed the confounding exposures with the NIOSH cohort by saying the list of chemicals that were carcinogenic were in fact just lists of chemical inventories at the 8 plants. I figured this would be his response so that is why we pulled the site soil and groundwater data for Plant 1. If the substances are in site soils and/or groundwater, then there must have been releases from the facility when it was operating. Two good examples are DDT and HCB - both present in Plant 1 site soils at levels that are far above EPA preliminary remediation goals. To me, this documents that these substances were released from the facility and workers would have had ample opportunity to be exposed.