

March 30, 2014

Dear Bob,

I would like to confirm what I understood you to communicate to me when you phoned me over a week ago. Regarding the content in the letter you received, attached below. The district has admitted to Formalin treatments made at the White Slough Facility during the years from 2002 through 2010. Formalin is a recognized carcinogen by the state and employers must comply to the MSDS label when applying it.

Employees were never informed and all medical symptoms of over exposure were ignored. It is imperative that the employees of the district have their rights protected. I believed you said to me that you would propose to Eddie Lucchesi that he provide a MSDS label to all employees alive and deceased to be taken to their physician and placed in their medical charts for 30 years to comply with Title 8. If I misunderstood you I am asking you to please correct me so I can accurately understand what you intend to do.

Three employees retired and left the district this week. Richard Capuccini applied the Formalin for 3 years but never had the label training. Richard is severely sick. Scott Andreas and I worked side by side from 2004 to 2006 and we both had the same rash. Fred Mortenson has worked at the White Slough Facility from 2008-2014 and has not been informed that he is at risk for cancer. Joe Sarale was admitted to hospital with pneumonia within the first few months of his employment and almost died. Ask Norm Hopkins about his surgery. Ask Janine Esau about rashes.

Bob, this is not about Tiffany Anderson; this is about doing what is right. These employees have been told by Eddie that no violations were found. Why was Formalin never mentioned during the 8 years of its use? I was treated for 3 individual exposures within my first year of employment. The second exposure I endured after working a full day at White Slough and my medical records remain missing. These are not allegations Bob, these are facts.

You may have prejudged me off of rumors from Larry Fraser and Steve Azevedo. Everyone used to be overly interested in my work schedule by claiming that I called in sick a lot and missed a lot of work. I have a stack of medical records to provide evidence that I was exposed and could not understand why I was always sick. John and Eddie watched me and instead of monitoring me and removing me from the source I was reprimanded for abusing my sick leave.

It is my hope Bob that you will ensure that the clients you currently represent are informed and protected. I again ask you to address this topic.

I was under the impression that you had read all the correspondence that I sent to you. It was lengthy and would have taken you some time to read. Here are the basic points:

How long do products give off formaldehyde?

Formaldehyde can outgas from household products for several months and sometimes years, the amount decreasing with time.

What are the health effects of formaldehyde?

Sneezing, coughing

Eye, nose, throat irritation

Long-term exposure causes impaired lung function, skin problems including eczema and dermatitis

The International Agency for Research on Cancer cites formaldehyde as human carcinogen and studies suggest it is a cause of throat and nasal cancer and leukaemia.

Who is most at risk of formaldehyde exposure?

People with asthma, rhinitis and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity are most at risk. Those with existing skin complaints and the elderly, the very young, and pregnant women are also more at risk.