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To whom can satisfy me with an answer for something that makes sense.

This letter is a little late as I have incurred some personal hardships that have prevented my ability from getting to you any sooner. Please note I have relocated since my last correspondence and that I do request a response back.

San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District exposed me to formalin during my course of employment from the years 2004-2009 without my consent or knowledge during my course of employment.

During the first year of employment I was required to fill out 3 DWC-1 forms for unknown exposures. All of my treatment was done by their occupational provider Dameron Occupational Health. Their insurance provider AIMS was contacted by them and the injuries were billed for administrative costs.

My employer neglected to inform me, the treating physician or their carrier that I was spraying water, testing water and working directly with and around formalin, a cancer causing agent. For the remaining course of my employment I had symptoms that aligned with over exposure to the ingredient formaldehyde yet I was never informed. However my employer was fully monitoring my sick leave attendance and asked for a doctor excuse. I mention this to point out that my employer withheld knowledge from me while my evaluations and employee file reflect evidence of a attendance problem due to abuse of sick leave.

In 2011 the DA's office was contacted by the Grand Jury regarding my employers spraying formaldehyde without informing the staff of the treatments.

I had filed a complaint with the Grand Jury in 2009 to investigate civil matters of sexual harassment and hostile working environment, yet I had no knowledge of the formalin treatments. The DA investigator Mike Morris asked me for my medical records and for the first time I was told of the action in mid

2011.

The DA investigator died shortly after from a quick bout with cancer and the investigation ended with a unsatisfactory result. As I began to request my medical file I was handed falsified or tampered records. However I do have my medical records from my own provider as my employer allowed me to seek out my own care. My employer had me falsify my timesheet, yet they continued to keep the cause of my symptoms from me.

I endured my 8th on the job injury out of extreme duress while the Grand Jury was ending their investigation in 2011. (My complaint's were founded but no actions were taken) I lost my job, have been in 4 year battle with their insurance provider who has denied my valid claims while billing heavily at my expense.

To date the provider, employer or insurance carrier refuse to produce my full medical records. What has been produced are incomplete records. I am scheduled to see a QME this December 2015 a sheer 4 years after I had my last extreme specific exposure to pesticide and dairy water that resulted in six months of illness. I am not the only employee to be harmed.

My supervisor was required to work in the area where the product was stored and sprayed (without knowledge) he died 9 months after he retired at age 59. His wife committed suicide last August. They were very dear to me. Every employee had symptoms of over exposure and they were not informed.

Here is the hundred dollar question that needs to be addressed:

If my employer used a carcinogen in our workplace and intentionally withheld the information is it ok because we didn't know?

OSHA states that it's 2015 and my employer is in compliance. Well I say its 2015 and not one agency has done their job satisfactory. If they did I would not be writing one more letter requesting assistance.

To me it appears a crime has been committed and no one cares.

Can someone direct my concern to the proper authority who can justify the responses that I have received to date.

These are basic questions and concerns

What were the standards that should have taken place for the use and storage of formalin in the work place for employees who handled the water it was applied to daily?

What do I have to do to get the medical records I have been denied along with medical coverage to test for the cancers that formaldehyde causes.

To date they are told the spraying was done according to the law. If it was I ask that the evidence be provided. Purchase orders, treatment records, monitoring and IIPP. I have extensive medical records that need a proper response.

Please ask the SJCM&VCD to produce evidence that they informed my treating physician's and myself that they exposed me to formaldehyde during my treatment time for all exposures incurred during my scope of employment.

Ask that they produce evidence of the monitoring they did of my working environment during all exposures.

Ask for evidence of the training I received to handle formaldehyde?

Ask for evidence of not displaying adverse actions to my person after I was injured on the job in compliance to OSHA regulations.

And lastly ask that they prove that they did not display adverse actions to my person for reporting OSHA violations of unsafe working conditions.

Sincerely,

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

200 Constitution Avenue

Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear OSHA:

I am writing you today to bring you up to date on the status of my ongoing investigation into the conduct of my employer San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District ("Vector"). I believe that my rights and those of my co-workers have been violated pursuant to at least four legislative and administrative mandates, a combination of federal and California.

1. 29 CFR 1910.1048(d) Exposure Monitoring. Vector failed to monitor my three exposure episodes.
2. Prop 65. Vector failed to prior warning of my exposure to Formalin, formaldehyde products, and/or other chemicals for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and possibly 2010 and 2011.
3. California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8
  - Sections: 5217: An employer is required to take specific actions to protect workers like myself from reactions, irritation, and cancer that can result from exposure to formaldehyde;
  - Section 5194: An employer must tell employees, including myself, that they are working with hazardous substances, must train employees in their handling, and make MSDS sheets available;
  - Section 3203: No Illness and Injury Protection Program was in place during my active employment with Vector, 2004-2011;
  - Section 3204: I was denied access to employer-kept medical records and any records of toxic substance exposure monitoring.
4. My employer failed to comply with the Pesticide Illness Report for all three exposures. Neither Doctor First Reports nor Employer First Reports have been provided as required by the Occupational Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health.

If my employer is somehow hereby shamed into finally providing me with the

above records (despite my frequent prior requests), they can be mailed to my address as it appears at the top of the first page. If any of the other recipients wishes to follow up with me in this matter, feel free to also contact me.

Sincerely,

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James P. Willett, San Joaquin County District Attorney

Kamala Harris, Attorney General for California

Debra Bowen, California Secretary of State

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

California Environmental Protection Agency

California Department of Food and Agriculture

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