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Du Pont's Victoria plant has informed its employees of two studies carried out on present and former personnel. The studies show an excess rate of brain cancer among male, salaried workers at the plant. Investigation has led Du Pont to conclude that these cases are not job related, particularly since the cancers occurred in workers who did not work with chemicals, and because the Victoria site has no chemicals in use that are identified or suspected as causing brain cancer. NIOSH has been informed of this information.

Studies of active, male plant employees show no significant difference between the rate of all types of cancer at Victoria and the average incidence rate in the company. A similar study of death rates from cancer among active, pensioned and transferred male employees at the Victoria site confirms these results, and shows that there are no significant differences between Du Pont plant workers and residents of Victoria County.

No cases of cancer have been reported among female employees at Victoria.

In a study of active plant employees from 1956 through 1977, three cases of brain cancer were identified versus an expected rate of 0.5 among Du Pont employees, and of 2.5 in Victoria

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County. We are aware of three additional cases of brain cancer which did not show up in the studies, two among former employees who left the company, and one in a current employee.

Du Pont is considering additional studies to identify possible contributing factors, both occupational and non-occupational.

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Additional Questions and Answers

Q. What additional studies are you planning?

A. An expanded cancer mortality study to include former employees along with active employees, pensioners and transferees. Because of its magnitude and complexity this study would require about two years to complete.

Q. What known or suspected carcinogens does Victoria make or use?

A. We use benzene, which OSHA has proposed to classify as a carcinogen, and we make DCB, which Du Pont has recognized as an experimental carcinogen.

Q. How can you rule out the existence of brain tumorigens on the plant?

A. None of the chemicals above, or any other on the plant, have been shown to cause brain tumors in any species of test animal.

Q. NIOSH is currently studying brain cancer in the Texas Gulf area. Will the Victoria plant cooperate if NIOSH requests further information?

A. Yes, provided that reasonable conditions were met. For example, we would cooperate provided that employee privacy rights were respected.