

1 BY MS. MINTZER:

2 Q. Dr. Stokinger, was Dr. Schwartz an
3 employee of the United States Public Health Service

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5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- in 1949?

7 A. Um-hum.

8 Q. And were you an employee at that time?

9 A. No, I was still on the Manhattan Project.

10 MS. MINTZER: Please give me two minutes
11 to take a break?

12 (Short recess.)

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14 Q. Did there come a time, doctor, when you
15 became aware that the Diamond Alkali or Diamond
16 Shamrock Corporation had difficulty with chloracne?

17 A. No, I didn't.

18 Q. And did there become a time when you
19 became aware that the Dow Chemical Company had
20 chloracne problems in the manufacture of 2,4,5-T?

21 A. I guess I must have heard that from V. K. Rowe.

22 Q. And do you recall when it was that Dr.
23 Row told you that?

24 A. Well, I don't know as he told me, personally,
25 but he may have -- you know, he made frequent

presentations before the American Industrial Hygiene Association annual meetings and it may have come out in one of those meetings.

Q. And can you tell me when that was?

A. Well, it was sometime subsequent to 1954.

Q. Subsequent to '54. And can you tell me -- can you put it as to when it was--

A. No, I couldn't say --

Q. Was it before any particular period that you can recall?

A. No, but you must know that at that period in time, companies were reluctant to admit to any health injury or hazard in the plant. It was only in later years that they came clean with the information.

Q. But you do recall Dr. Rowe talking about the chloracne problem in the Dow plant?

A. Yes.

Q. And was that while you were still at the Cincinnati facility?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. So that it would have to be before what date, again, '77?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. You're sure it was --

1 A. It was way before '70, even.

2 Q. Way before '70?

3 A. Oh, sure.

4 Q. Would it have been in the mid-sixties, is
5 that --

6 A. Could be, yes. That would be a reasonable time.

7 Q. And do you recall what it was that Dr.
8 Rowe told the meeting about the chloracne problem at
9 Dow in the mid-sixties?

10 A. Oh, if he said anything about it, he would have
11 just mentioned that this was a common occurrence if
12 you had overexposure to the material. But
13 presumably, not unless it exceeded the recommended
14 threshold limit.

15 Q. Okay. Do you recall, doctor, that might
16 help in terms of a time frame, do you recall whether
17 you learned about the Dow chloracne problem after
18 the 1962 threshold limit?

19 A. Yes, I'm sure of that, yes.

20 Q. Was it -- so that it was after the
21 proposed limit. Was it after the -- or was it
22 before the final limit or the permanent limit was
23 set?

24 A I would say it was about that time, yes, '66 or
25 somewhere -- '65- '66.