

significantly alter overall mortality rates. Since their conclusion is a political one, perhaps a current political analogy will help shed light on this analysis. If one were to apply the same standard to the World Trade Center destruction, one could similarly conclude that this act of terrorism, that will change the world for years to come, was "innocuous" because it did not significantly impact on the US SMR for 2001. Certainly the Canadian miners and millers who died from asbestos related disease do not consider these exposures to be "innocuous." Similarly, workers and bystanders who follow the advice of the QAMA-McGill researchers and continue to be exposed to Canadian chrysotile asbestos and who die as a result of these exposures in the future will not consider their exposures to be "innocuous."