

this appears to be
a duplicate of
an earlier account

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Titled "Goodrich Vinyl Ch

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of liver cancer associat
fumes evidently did not do his research thoroughly. The accusing
finger is always pointed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company
because it is the only remaining vinyl chloride user in the area.
The deceased woman lived about eight blocks from the vinyl chloride
plant and with the direction of the prevailing winds, any fumes
from Goodyear would never reach that area, but there was a vinyl
chloride plant to which an accusing finger could be pointed. The
vinyl chloride plant disregarded by the government and medical
research agencies -- and that was the BFGoodrich plant at 164 53rd
Street. The first vinyl chloride plant in the US. It was in
operation from 1940 until they suddenly closed without a decent
explanation in 1971, which evidently was about the time of the
reporting of the deaths of three workers in the BFGoodrich plant at
Louisville, Kentucky, due to angiosarcoma of the liver. Between
53rd and 56th streets is a wide open field over which the vinyl
chloride fumes from the former BFGoodrich plant could flow freely
and the prevailing winds are such that continually blow toward the
residential area of the deceased woman, and there were plenty of
emissions, as any ex-BFGoodrich worker would attest to. It is odd
that in view of all the VC publicity no governmental or research
agency, if they were really interested in research, would check the
former employees of BFGoodrich, who have had the longest exposure
to VC of anyone in the country, many with thirty years of exposure.
Workers were given yearly hand x-rays, lung tests, finger
temperature tests, but the only report given to the workers was
that most of them had arthritis. Perhaps BFGoodrich had already
noticed the deteriorating effects of vinyl chloride and closed the
plant to save themselves from bad publicity and possible legal
action.

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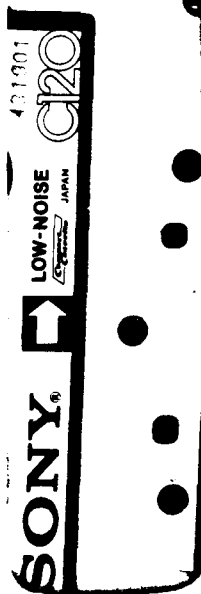
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