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Dear Ken:

In reply to your letter of October 29, it does seem imperative that someone get more detail on the individuals who lived near plants and later got angiosarcoma.

It is most important that every effort should be made to determine whether vinyl chloride is likely to have caused these deaths.

1. Was their cancer typical of PVC - apparently not.
2. What was their work and health history? Are there other possible explanations?
3. How great and how long was the likely exposure? Was PVC really used in the plant? A house located downwind a short distance from a large source could have had significant exposure.

CDC or NIOSH should develop this information as rapidly as possible and make it available. If they are not going to do it, then we should see that it is done.

Very truly yours,

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