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OTTINGER CLAIMS ASBESTOS SPRAY CANCEROUS

NEWSCASTER: Pollution of the air consists of many different elements. One in particular asbestos. Is the target of Northchester Congressman Richard Ottinger.

Ottinger says millions of microscopic asbestos particles are released into the air from construction sites where asbestos is sprayed on in liquid form. The danger is that these unseen particles can cause cancer. The candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate says statistics are not available for the number of deaths caused by these particles, but Ottinger says that autopsy reports show that 50% of the people who die in New York City have asbestos in their lungs.

RICHARD OTTINGER: One thing is sure, and that is that the spraying of asbestos ought to be prohibited altogether. The city has taken a very good first step in imposing very strict controls on how it is sprayed. But the particles are so fine that just covering up the side isn't adequate. I'd like the City to prohibit the spraying, and I'd like the Federal Government to step in on a national basis to do

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the same.

MEMORANDUM: Officials in the Lindsay Administration met with representatives of Consolidated Edison this afternoon to discuss ways of avoiding a recurrence of last summers power failures in the City.