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(This was a speech by Tony Mazocci(?) of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, delivered at an environmental teach-in held at Columbia University in April.)

MAZOCCI: You've all read in the paper about the asbestos problem here in the World Trade Center, and there have been a number of us screaming about that for years now, about what asbestos does to people.

In view of the fact that the statistics are there - about one of two asbestos workers dying of cancer - that building is going up and the total population is being exposed.

They've taken some superficial steps to protect the public by putting canvas around but all the people contained in that building will be exposed to the asbestos.

We have plants, a subsidiary of Standard Oil here, in Delaware, Addison(?). The workers complained in that particular plant that asbestos is spread around a parking lot and the plant. It's like snow, actually, floats down.

Of course the inspectors have come in and said this particular substance won't hurt, it's not above a level that we consider harmful. And no one has ever designated what is harmful, what amount you're allowed to breath before it may start affecting you.