

Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Hazards

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

MSO Date

5/3/91

1. Complaint Number

2. Employer Name

Westinghouse Electric Corporation

3. Site Location (Street, City, State, ZIP)

TVA Gallatin Steam Plant

4. Mailing Address (if different from Site Location)

Steam Plant Road, Gallatin, TN 37066

5. Management Official

Terry Perkins, Project Manager

452-4023

452-2202

7. Type of Business

Gas-Fired Turbine - Energy Production

8. Hazard Description. Describe briefly the hazard(s) which you believe exist. Include the approximate number of employees exposed to or threatened by each hazard.

From November 5, 1990 through April 19, 1991, numerous workers of Millwright Local 1544, United Brotherhood of Millwrights, were assigned to work on the assembly of gas-fired turbines and overhaul four gas-fired turbine engines at the TVA Gallatin Steam Plant. The work was for Westinghouse Corp., the manufacturer and maintenance firm. During this job, despite requests for information, both TVA and Westinghouse concealed the fact that high concentrations of asbestos fibers were on pipe insulation and cloth over block insulation. 41,146 square feet of insulation ultimately were disposed of, according to the asbestos abatement report. TVA and Westinghouse exposed the workers to friable asbestos over a prolonged period by active concealment of the severe risk. No monitoring equipment, training, notice of risk, or hazard communication were provided. There were over 30 employees exposed to the risk at various times. See 29 CFR Sec 1926.58(k). The overhauling and rebuilding portion of the job is continuing. See enclosed documents regarding samples.

9. Hazard Location. Specify the particular building or work area where the alleged violation exists:

TVA Gallatin Steam Plant, gas-fired turbines, pipe insulation and cloth over block insulation.

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
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