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{1} products at the Bound Brook plant?
 {2} A: No.
 {3} THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
 {4} record.
 {5} (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
 {6} THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
 {7} record.
 {8} Q: Mr. Andresen, during your tenure with
 {9} American Cyanamid, do you recall the company being
 {10} concerned with exposure of certain chemicals to
 {11} women of childbearing age?
 {12} A: Yes.
 {13} Q: What do you recall about that, sir?
 {14} A: Well, what I recall about it was that
 {15} it was my fault.
 {16} Q: Okay, can you explain.
 {17} A: Well, it was at the Willow Island plant
 {18} where we were making lead pigments, chrome
 {19} yellow, and this was right after, I guess, the
 {20} ERA or something, where before this particular
 {21} survey made all of the employees in the plant were
 {22} males, and when I went out to the plant, I noticed
 {23} a number of women working in the plant, some of
 {24} whom were childbearing age. Now, lead is
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{1} undergoing sterilization as a result of that?
 {2} A: I don't know whether they did or not.
 {3} There was no recommendation from the central
 {4} medical department to that effect.
 {5} Q: Did you have any role in the litigation
 {6} that was filed?
 {7} A: No, once the litigation was filed, I
 {8} think it was the people who were — or it would be
 {9} our legal people and so on. It wasn't me. I
 {10} wasn't involved at all. I was the one that caused
 {11} the problem — not caused the problem, but brought
 {12} it to light.
 {13} Q: Do you recall at any of the other
 {14} facilities having concerns of women being exposed
 {15} or women of childbearing age being exposed to
 {16} certain chemicals?
 {17} A: That I cannot recall.
 {18} MS. McKENNA: I'll ask the court
 {19} reporter to mark as Defendant's Exhibit 718 an
 {20} October 25, 1978 memo to J.B. Reed from J.S.
 {21} Tobin, T-O-B-I-N, M.D., regarding ethylene oxide.
 {22} And this is at ACV 24014 through 24017.
 {23} (Whereupon, Exhibit No. D-718 is marked
 {24} for identification.)
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{1} extremely toxic to children and fetuses. So, I
 {2} went back to central medical and told my boss,
 {3} Robert M. Klein, the central medical director,
 {4} that this was happening, and we recommended that
 {5} the women be removed from this particular
 {6} operation.
 {7} Now, as far as we were concerned, we
 {8} had no exposure to the employees that would be
 {9} considered above the TLV, but we had no TLV for
 {10} fetuses or little children. So, we thought the
 {11} expedient thing to do was to require that they not
 {12} work on that particular operation. That's how it
 {13} came about.
 {14} Q: What happened as a result of that
 {15} recommendation?
 {16} A: Well, there was a big to-do with the
 {17} unions and so on about it. I forget what the
 {18} final thing was, but the recommendation was made.
 {19} My boss got on the "Donahue" show because of it.
 {20} Robert Bork was involved. I think we got sued by
 {21} the unions, and Robert Bork was involved in it,
 {22} and he said that we did the right thing. I can't
 {23} remember any more of the details.
 {24} Q: Do you recall any women employees
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{1} Q: Mr. Andresen, you're indicated as being
 {2} a recipient of this document. Do you see that?
 {3} A: Yes, I do.
 {4} Q: Do you recall receiving this document
 {5} on or around October of 1978?
 {6} A: No, I don't. But that doesn't mean I
 {7} didn't.
 {8} Q: Would you be copied on documents from
 {9} the medical director at American Cyanamid
 {10} regarding allowable concentrations of chemicals
 {11} being used at the facilities?
 {12} A: Tobin was not the medical director.
 {13} Q: What position did Mr. Tobin have?
 {14} A: I think he was assistant medical
 {15} director.
 {16} Q: Was it within your ordinary course of
 {17} duties at American Cyanamid to receive these
 {18} documents regarding allowable concentrations of
 {19} chemicals?
 {20} A: The only reason I can think for that is
 {21} that I reported to Dr. Tobin, so he sent me a copy
 {22} of it. There's supposed to be a memorandum, a
 {23} copy of my memorandum, which I don't see here.
 {24} Q: Right, I don't believe that that
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