
Vinyl Chloride May Contaminate Air

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Federal health agency today reported finding "suspicious, highly suspicious" indications that vinyl chloride may cause a rare form of liver cancer in persons living near plastics-fabricating plants.

The U. S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) said its exhaustive probe of two angiosarcoma deaths in Connecticut was "worrisome but established no causal connection."

IF CONFIRMED by data

from other states, however, the report would add a new dimension to the possible cancer hazard from vinyl chloride.

Until now, most public attention has been focused on the danger to 6,500 workers who make the industrial chemical and tens of thousands of others who use it in the manufacture of plastic products ranging from furniture fabrics to coated cables.

At least 13 exposed workers were confirmed victims.

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