

Polyethylene bags and asbestos dryers were allegedly the primary culprits in this oil contamination.(Gibbs 1969) However, even Gibbs, recognized the lack of mesotheliomas occurring in animals exposed to organic compounds, and stressed the need for further investigation into the alleged link to lung cancer. Emphasis was placed on the importance of assessing the differences in organic content of asbestos to which workers were exposed, but in the end there was no evidence that organic contaminants accounted for increased cancer rates. In 1969, Wagner and Berry published a report in the *British Journal of Cancer* demonstrating that removal of organic contaminants from asbestos did not decrease, and in fact possibly *increased* the ability of the fiber to cause mesotheliomas in rats.(Wagner and Berry 1969) [REDACTED] Therefore the argument that oil contaminants were the chief cause of the carcinogenic effects of chrysotile exposure was no longer plausible, and had to be scrapped in exchange for more other explanations as to why chrysotile was safe.