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B.F. Goodrich Chemical Company today reported that an employee of its Louisville plant has been diagnosed as having angiosarcoma of the liver.

The diagnosis is based on a surgical biopsy performed this morning.

The employee is the third now living with the disease. Six former employees have died with this rare form of cancer.

The worker, now 43, joined B.F. Goodrich in 1955 and for most of his 19 years with the company, he has worked as a reactor cleaner in PVC production.

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Response to questions to be used only if asked by the reporter receiving the above:

1. The employee has gone through two medical screenings consisting chiefly of blood tests. The employee's liver function tests were found to be normal on both occasions.
2. We have been providing liver scan procedures for all employees who have shown abnormalities in tests.
3. In this case the employee was given a liver scan as one of the tests made in connection with an apparently unrelated illness.
4. If the question is asked where else did the man work, we will reply by saying that he was laid off for one period and briefly had other jobs. However, he was engaged in polymer cleaning a number of years ago when exposures to vinyl chloride were much higher than they are now.