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US Environmental Protection Agency,

My father worked for Teledyne Wah Chang in Albany Oregon from 1967-1996. My father was a area foreman for the Special Metals unit,The scrap department he name is [redacted] he manufactured Titanuim Hafnium, and Zirconium. Many other chemicals are also involved and are a direct link to AML adult Leukemia, my father was 52 at age of death. Again a long story short, I have his medical records and many records from Teledyne that I have found myself and the findings about the radioactive materials are startling.

My father died in 1996 from AML Leukemia due to radioactive materials exposure that he was not protected against. I have a few samples of letters below that I have collected over time of other families that have had relatives pass due to cancer from exposure at this company during the same time frame as my father. I want to pursue Teledyne as every time I would try to call them after my fathers death they would only hang up on me. I have diaries, statements, investigation reports, and my fathers medical records. I am not sure why I was treated this way when the doctors even stated along with my father that the exposure from Teledyne caused his illness. I have a few out of my many letters from family members below that I have collected. I want to know what Teledyne is doing for the families left behind as I am now getting a much larger list and want something done about this..

Thank you for your time,

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Mailing:
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1. My father: [redacted]: Employed with Teledyne Wah Chang from 1967-1996 died in 1996 from AML Leukemia.

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2. (Letter) My grandfather worked for Wah Chang for 35 years and died from the most malicious, agressive cancer I had ever seen, heard about or read about. It seemed to have started in his lungs, or at least that is where they discovered it first, within a year is had spread from lungs to bones to brain, though we will never know in what order. From Diagnosis to death he was dead in a year. Suffered in the most horrible ways I have ever seen anyone suffer.

3. Well my father work in separations he was a foramen his whole crew all died in the last 10yrs of cancer we all said it was cause by work but really never look into it I dont know if they work with each other or not but he work their for about 25 years I know a (deleted) was the last one to died a couple of years ago they all died from some sort of cancer please let me know if I can help in any way I am sorry about your dad

4. My uncles, who are not brothers, both have had prostate cancer. I thought it was odd that they both got it.

5. I wanted to let you know that I found the spreadsheet that my Father aquired before his death. It is a list of employees names, ss#, dates employed, diagnosis of illness, their job title and the name of the companies that provided the materials to WC that contained the hazardeous materials. It is an incomplete list and I do not know of the date that it was printed. My Dad was diagnosed in approx. 2003 and he is not on the list. The name [redacted] does not appear on the list. I suspect that whoever compiled the information made it with information that they had available to them and that they did not have everything on everybody that was diagnosed so it only contains the information that they had at the time and they added more as they found out more. I cannot say for sure, but I suspect that this information was gathered by the Steelworkers Union Chapter here in Albany and I have no idea how my Dad got it. The earliest date I see of an employee hired is 1956 and the latest date of termination 2001. So I suspect that this must have been printed somewhere around 2002 - 2004. By having a list of WC's product suppliers at the time it should not be difficult to find out what they produced which would help to figure out what the exposure was to the employees. Most employees on the list were diagnosed with asbestosis which is what my Dad died from), BPD which I think is Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia or Disorder and Mesothelioma. However I know for a fact that Dad told me about people he knew that died for rare cancers and he spoke to me about one man (I think his last name was (deleted) and first maybe (deleted)) that he knew that died from a rare form of brain cancer.

6.My Dad worked there from the late 1960's til he retired in the 90;s I

believe. He died of cancer shortly after he retired. I can get the exact dates and form of cancer if needed. Why are you collecting this information? I know my dad died from the chemicals he was exposed to at Wah Chang, his doctor even said that. Please let me know.