

# GERMAN STUDY TIES DIOXIN-TO CANCER

## Death Rate Is Found Higher Among Those Exposed to High Level of Chemical

Exposure to high levels of dioxin-laced herbicides substantially increased the rate of cancer deaths among workers at a German chemical plant, a new study has found.

The study, being published in tomorrow's issue of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal, is the latest round in a continuing debate about the relative toxicity of dioxin, an environmental contaminant. Research has indicated that even small doses cause cancer in laboratory animals. The issue of dioxin toxicity for humans, however, has been hotly contested amid ambiguous or conflicting research results.

The latest study found that cancer deaths were higher among workers at the now-dismantled Boehringer-Ingelheim herbicide manufacturing plant in Hamburg than the rates for a comparison group of workers with similar medical profiles at a nearby gas supply company or for the German population.

Among male herbicide workers, or three-quarters of the sample, the risk of dying from cancer was 39 percent greater than the risk to workers in the control group. Among men with 20 or more years of employment at the herbicide plant, the risk was 82 percent higher than that for the control group. Those who faced the most extensive exposure to dioxin, before the plant revised its production process in the late 1950's, were three times more likely to die from cancer than those in the control group.

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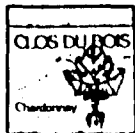
The study was conducted by Dr. Alfred Manz of the Center for Chemical Workers' Health in Hamburg and his colleagues. The researchers examined records for 1,184 men and 399 women who worked at the plant, which was heavily contaminated with dioxin, between 1952 and 1984. They found that 93 men and 20 women died of cancer, including lung cancer and cancers of the blood and lymphoma system.

Dr. Manz said heavy doses of dioxin over many years seem to stimulate tumor growth in a generalized way. The *Associated Press* reported. There was no specific increased risk of one type of cancer, like lung or stomach cancer.

The findings add substantially to the case for linking dioxin exposure to overall cancer risk, said Dr. James Dwyer, an associate professor at the Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. Dr. Dwyer, who took part in the research, said the detailed medical records made available for the German study provided researchers with stronger evidence than previous studies linking dioxin exposure to cancer in humans.

Dr. Dwyer said some scientists remain skeptical about the causal link between dioxin and cancer because a

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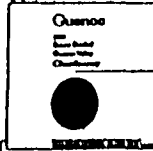
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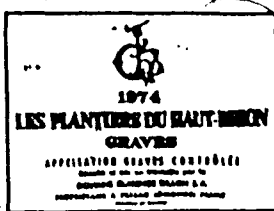
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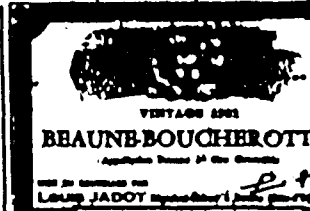
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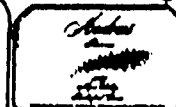
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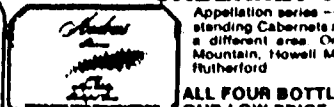
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Dr. Dwyer said some scientists remain skeptical about the causal link between dioxin and cancer because a number of types of cancer have been attributed to dioxin. "They really want to see an elevation of incidences of tumors in a specific site," he said. "They want to see a cluster."

The study does not address the issue of exactly how much dioxin is required to cause cancer.

The researchers said the plant workers were also exposed to other chemicals that are known or suspected carcinogens, but they said that these exposures could not explain the increased mortality from all cancers.

#### Standard Is Revised

In recent months, the World Health Organization has revised its standard for acceptable dioxin intake upward, and officials of the Environmental Protection Agency have started a one-year review of data on dioxin to determine whether its danger has been overstated.

"I would hope that this study would give them pause," Dr. Dwyer said. He said the latest findings would provide a clarification of the controversy over the toxicity of dioxin.

"For many people, I think it would kind of be the nail in the coffin," Dr. Dwyer said. "I was on the fence as to whether or not we would find anything and when we did I guess I was quite surprised. I didn't expect the findings to be quite this strong."

A recent Federal study suggested that dioxin may cause cancer in people when they are exposed to high levels, but may not pose a substantial risk of cancer at lower levels. Those findings, among others, have led Federal officials to consider revising the safe limits for dioxin, which now stand at 13 parts per quintillion in water, and one part per billion in soil.

The Department of Veteran Affairs agreed last year to award compensation to 1,600 Vietnam veterans suffering from various diseases they contended were a result of exposure to Agent Orange, a dioxin-contaminated defoliant used in the Vietnam War.

Research has shown that dioxin may pose a threat to humans by mimicking steroid hormones, extremely potent chemicals that occur naturally in the human body.

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Aglio-Marolo	750ML - 6
Moscato-Marolo	750ML - 6
Fragola (Strawberry)-B. Nardin	750ML - 6
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Grappa Nova-Turani-Mastroberardoni	750ML - 6
Barolo Rocche-Castello Barberesco	750ML - 6
Nebbiolo D'Aibe-Castello Barberesco	750ML - 6
Traminer-Mosby	375ML - 2