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Health Alert: Are You At Risk for MESOTHELIOMA AND LUNG CANCER?

Mesothelioma is a very aggressive cancer caused by previous exposure to asbestos. Asbestos is a mineral that has been used in over 3,000 products. Individuals who worked at industrial sites, on Naval ships (*see back page*), on boilers, or at various construction sites were commonly exposed to asbestos. Asbestos is not harmful if it is completely undisturbed. However, many folks who worked at particular job sites disrupted this harmful product at the direction of their employer. For example, asbestos can be disturbed by cutting and/or installing asbestos-containing products (such as pipe insulation, gasket or packing materials, brake materials, etc). Other ways to be exposed to asbestos include wearing clothing or gloves made with asbestos, or simply being in an area where employees are working with asbestos-containing products and inhaling the fibers. Many employers, suppliers and manufacturers knew that asbestos-containing products were harmful and could be deadly. Sadly, many lives could have been saved and hard working Americans not harmed if employers, work-site owners, and manufacturers and suppliers of asbestos-containing materials would have warned and protected workers. These companies could and should have offered protective measures they knew about to reduce or possibly eliminate workers' exposures to asbestos dust.

James F. Humphreys and Associates, LC, strives to help working people who worked hard for their companies and were rewarded with life-long injuries or early death. We continue, as your law firm, to fight everyday to get the compensation that your family and you deserve.

We have a team of knowledgeable and dedicated staff who care about helping clients who suffer from asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma and lung cancer. We encourage you to let others you worked with know to contact us if they have mesothelioma or lung cancer.

RESOURCES

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www.aduk.org/help_and_info.php www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asbestosis

<http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ship/big-e-981217-N-8492C-015.jpg>

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Asbestosis, Pleural Plaques and Other Asbestos Diseases

Asbestosis and Pleural Plaques are non-malignant or non-cancerous diseases of the lung that result from exposure to asbestos dust. Asbestosis is a scarring of the lung tissue which occurs after long-term, heavy exposure to asbestos. Pleural Plaques attach to the outer wall of the lung, depressing the lung. Some individuals exposed to asbestos dust later develop cancers, including mesothelioma, lung cancer, or cancers of the gastrointestinal tract (including the larynx, pharynx and colon). It is crucial for you to contact us immediately if you develop an asbestos-caused cancer.

Asbestos was widely used in many industrial products, including, but not limited to, cement, brake linings, roof shingles, flooring products, textiles, and insulation. When asbestos fibers are released into the air, they may be inhaled or swallowed, and can cause serious health problems and even death. Many of you with pending

asbestos lawsuits have met with one of our staff in your home or at our office for what is called a Product Identification Interview. This is an interview where we sit down with you and discuss your work history and verify the asbestos-containing products you recall working with. Many more of you will be contacted in the coming months for one of these interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to maximize our ability to get you compensation from the companies who contributed to your asbestos exposures and your asbestos disease. To be successful in this effort, we must present specific medical and product exposure information for you to prove that specific companies harmed you. If you are asked to meet with us for a Product Identification Interview, please do your best to meet and work with us so we can get you the most compensation we possibly can for your asbestos-related disease.

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MONSANTO UPDATE: *Were You Exposed to Deadly Toxins?*

On December 17, 2005, James F. Humphreys & Associates, L.C., along with other associated counsel, filed a class action in Putnam County Circuit Court against Monsanto Company, Pharmacia Corporation, Flexsys America L.P., Flexsys America Company, Akzo Nobel, Inc., and Akzo Nobel N.V., concerning toxic contamination that has @ — the health and property of Nitro area residents for over fifty years. The primary toxin of concern addressed by this lawsuit is dioxin caused by the production of a chemical called 2,4,5-T, which was used in "Agent Orange" (a deadly defoliant widely used by the US military in Vietnam).

From 1948 until 1969 Monsanto produced 2,4,5-T and released substantial amounts of dioxin into the atmosphere which came to rest in the houses, schools, businesses, and inside the people of the Nitro area. Monsanto and other defendants continued to disperse dioxin into the air by burning dioxin-laden soil and contaminating area soil and waterways by dumping barrels of dioxin in area landfills. The extent of this contamination was discovered through extensive blood, soil, and indoor attic dust testing by experts. This lawsuit seeks for the damage caused to local property, as well as for "medical monitoring," which would provide medical testing to area residents to determine if they were injured by their exposure to dioxin from the Monsanto Nitro plant.

In addition to the property damage and medical monitoring class action lawsuit in Putnam County, the Humphreys firm also filed a personal injury class action lawsuit in Kanawha County on behalf of all of those persons who have developed a disease or other illness from their exposure to dioxin.

The types of illnesses associated with dioxin exposure include: cancers such as respiratory cancers, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, brain cancer, thyroid cancer, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia; skin disorders such as chloracne and porphyria cutanea tarda; biochemical liver-test abnormalities, elevated blood lipids, and fetal injury; hormonal, neurologic, and immunologic injuries such as thyroid problems; respiratory problems; genetic, reproductive, and developmental effects such as autism; type 2 diabetes; spina bifida; and, non-hodgkin's lymphoma, hodgkin's lymphoma, and soft tissue sarcoma.

Any person who lived, worked, or attended school within five miles of the Nitro plant for at least one year or who presently owns property within five miles of the plant can be part of one or both of these lawsuits. If you or a loved one would like to sign up to participate, please contact the Charleston office of the Humphreys firm at 1-800-442-1161. Both lawsuits are being led by experienced class action litigation attorney Tom Urban.

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These are only some of the types of cases we handle. We represent victims in all types of serious injury and death cases. Please call us for a free case evaluation.



Navy Ship Personnel Could Be Victims of Asbestos Exposure

Did you ever sail on, serve on, or repair a military ship built in the Western part of our country? Or, did you ever attend basic training in a United States Navy Training Center in the state of California? If so, please contact our office at 1-800-442-1161 and let us know the name(s) of the ships you worked on and the approximate dates you were on the ship(s); or, the name of the California city where you attended Naval training and the approximate year(s) you were there. We

are investigating the possibility of getting individuals compensation from the asbestos companies who provided asbestos materials to these ships and Naval sites or who disturbed those asbestos materials, exposing servicemen and servicewomen to asbestos dust. If we can determine with certainty which companies are responsible for these exposures, we will do all we can do to get them to compensate victims of these exposures.