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**From:**

**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2006 10:24 PM

**To:** NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)

**Subject:** employee of Simonds Saw and Steel

I would like to know what has been the problems with past employees of the steel mill in Lockport, N.Y. I worked there from January 1969 through the mid 70's. I worked in all areas of the mill and was exposed to what ever a person could be exposed to. What problems have others experienced? I understand that these problems as with the Love Canal situation were swept under the rug. Has anyone ever been compensated for anything at this plant. I do know that at the time the company and the union may have been slightly unscrupulous. I understand that a lot of men gave most of their lives to that place and I too would probably have stayed had it not been for a serious injury to my back. I believe that the union worked with the company on that case to limit what I should have been compensated, but I trusted the union. My right hand looks like that so some one 100 years old and my left does not. I have had numerous ulcers (two serious bleeds) and a brain hemorrhage (sub-cranial bleed). I am currently having major problems with my joints and cartilage. I would have thought that the company or the state could and would have notified all employees that possibly had contact with anything that may have caused future injury. I worked with a lot of experimental steel and worked in the pickling area a few times and was in several different pits where all the slag and excess fell into. I am seeing doctor at the VA and if she knows what to look for she can help me with any of these problems.

Thanks for your prompt assistance and answers to my questions.

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