

PA DEP/ OSHA Complaints Highlights



Department of Health and Human Services



1993

We have a letter from October 1993 sent from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that says: **"There have been no reported cases of chemical illness"**, in response to a former employee making a health complaint. This statement appears inconsistent with documented reports of illness and at least one confirmed death that had occurred prior to the letter.

By the time that letter was sent, there was already **one confirmed death caused by the chemical exposure to Benzene**. Along with numerous OSHA complaints made by employees.



Hazardous Waste

An employee made a complaint saying: **"There are buried barrels containing vinyl chloride"** - OSHA Inspectors were assured there was no violations at the time of their visit, so no fine was issued.

1993



Hazardous Waste

An employee made a complaint saying: **"Employees are instructed to dump chemicals down drains that go to the Lackawanna River"** - OSHA Inspectors were assured there was no violations at the time of their visit, so no fine was issued.



1995

Hazardous Waste

An employee made a complaint saying: **"Employees are instructed to dispose of chemicals and lacquers in regular trash"** - OSHA Inspectors were assured there was no violations at the time of their visit, so no fine was issued.

1997



Hazardous Waste

An employee made a complaint saying: **"Material buried under the facility is starting to resurface"** - OSHA Inspectors were assured there was no violations at the time of their visit (14 days later), so no fine was issued.



1998

