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COMPLAINT/REQUEST

Memo: Jim Durant, ATSDR/CDC

By Email

Subject: ATSDR/CDC Hides Asbestos Data and Operates in Secret

- **Second Request for Illinois Asbestos Activity-Based Testing Report to be Released for Public Comment and Public Review Before It's Finalized**
- **Request for Laboratory Raw Data Results for Asbestos Activity-Based Beach Testing in Illinois**

We spoke this morning about the need for ATSDR/CDC to have a public comment or review period for the Illinois asbestos activity-based testing document upon which your agency is working. When I asked you if you were going to put this out for public comment/review, you said that you had not considered it. I then reminded you that I had made that request to you almost three months ago.

Now you tell me that I should put it in writing and you would then send it up the management chain for a decision. Why didn't you do that three months ago?

I now request again that you initiate my three month old request immediately. This is my second formal request that you:

- **Second Request for Illinois Asbestos Activity-Based Testing Report to be Released for Public Comment and Public Review Before It's Finalized**
- **Request for Laboratory Raw Data Results for Asbestos Activity-Based Beach Testing in Illinois**

I have two questions:

1. **Have you or the consultant/laboratory released the raw laboratory data to any agency in the state of Illinois?**
2. **Does the Chicago regional ATSDR/CDC office have the raw laboratory data?**

The laboratory data has been paid for by public funds and we would like it released to us immediately since you have it in your possession. We do not need to wait for ATSDR/CDC to release the report for us to have the laboratory data. Please forward that to us immediately.

We have asked your agency several times to allow the stakeholders and the public to be involved at the beginning of your agency's activities. You have continued to operate in secrecy and in a duplicitous manner which is in opposition to your own agency's guidelines. Or, is the website just for show? Open this process up to the public. Or, is the agency hiding something from public scrutiny?

We certainly would not want to hear that you have a policy of not releasing raw lab data. That would be in opposition to open government. In this case, the raw lab data that you have received was apparently implemented and funded by state of Illinois tax dollars and by a state agency. We would not want to see ATSDR/CDC compromised in a scheme to keep this data from the public, data that was generated by state government.

This sounds like the same kind of cover-up that is being exposed at the World Trade Center's Ground Zero. Public agencies that are charged to protect the public seem to be continuing to jeopardize public health and safety by trying to fly under the radar with their sampling and testing protocols.

I look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

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