

June 12, 2007

Senator Carl Levin
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Dear Senator Levin,

In 1998, a major health study known as "The Upper Midwest Health Study" was completed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The Field Neurological Institute (FNI) of Saginaw participated in that study and, along with the CAG has been trying to obtain data or any information related to that study since its completion.

A review of published peer-reviewed papers shows that there have been no significant publications that have come out of that study. The study is extremely important to the communities of Gratiot, Isabella and Saginaw Counties as it focuses on a type of brain cancer in which higher cases are reported in these counties compared with state and national averages. Also, results of this study may play an important role in helping the St. Louis region obtain a comprehensive health assessment of the type submitted to NIEHS by Alma College and Michigan State University, which, as you know was ultimately rejected.

FNI as well as Alma College acting on behalf of the CAG would like to have access to the data and to any published studies/reports or technical papers related to the results of that study. I would appreciate it greatly if you would look into this matter and free up information that is so important for mid-Michigan. I have included contact information below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chair: Technical Advisory Committee, Velsicol Superfund Community Advisory Group
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Study Title: *A Case-Control Study of Primary Intracranial Brain Gliomas Among Rural Residents (The Upper Midwest Health Study)*

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