

Dear Sirs and Ladies,

I wish to make some comments regarding the Toxic Exposure in the workplace.

My work took me into most Laboratories in Australia. What I say I understand is safe from prosecution? However having signed the UK National Secrets Act I am limited in just what I can say on matters relating to The UKAEA. Windscale, Calder Hall, Advanced Gas Reactors and Sellafield. So please assume I know more than I can say.

In relation to Alumina and Mineral Sands one experience stands out. CSIRO Fisherman's Bend. Three of my very good mates died from exposure while working with Sid Brisbane on mineral sands. Jim James, Like me ex Pom, liver cancer, Electrician repairing furnaces. Ken ex Pom, unknown sir name, suffered mental problems which he told me were related to fumes from the work he did in the lab. George ex Egyptian, died from unknown causes. Both these men were exposed due to the location of the office they sat in. In the top of the open lab.

I have heard of cover ups by companies regarding illegal dumping to air on the week ends which was standard practice. Dumping of Atomic waste, mercury, cyanide. After 50 years you tend to accept this is normal. WA has cyanide dumped into ground water. GMH dumped cyanide into mine shafts in Victoria.

Please remember Atomic waste requires constant cooling? for 20 years of energy, 23,000 years of cooling to the half life is not a good idea. Not cost effective either. Windscale concrete structures will not last 23,000 years It is even now falling apart laying radiation all over the hills in the lake district of the UK and the Irish sea. Do we have to leave such a terrible legacy for our children?

Regards Albert Feather