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A News 8 I-Team Investigative Report
Air of Controversy, Part 1
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When Market Square Arena was imploded, it was a city event like no other. There was a monstrous dust cloud. Montel Giden who was watching with thousands of others says people were choking and gasping for air. Giden said he wondered if there was something harmful in the dust.

The city of Indianapolis was also thinking about the dust. The city's Capital Improvement Board hired a company to test the air during the implosion. The results of the tests have caused an explosion of their own.

"It (the report) was poorly done in terms of what should have been looking for and two it did a poor job of comparing what the true underlying risk was," says Tony Havics, an environmental engineer the I-Team consulted. Havics is an asbestos expert called in on major jobs like the World Trade Center. Other experts the I-Team consulted agree with Havics. They say the CIB asked for too little to determine if the dust was truly dangerous. Then the CIB kept the results secret for nearly six months.

Another board, the city's own Air Pollution Control Board had been asking for the results since MSA came down. Air Board member Bruce Wallace got fed up. "There was this huge dust cloud when we imploded the thing and there were air samples taken during that time and after that time and there was a report written. What does it say? asked Wallace.

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MSA was a public building, built and taken down with public money. Then, two public boards in the same government were fighting about what's in the dust. The Capital Improvement Board withheld an environmental report paid for by taxpayers. The city's Air Board struggled to get the results. Finally the CIB tells the air board the report will remain confidential, due to attorney/client privilege.

"This was a study done for the Capital Improvement Board for its own purposes," said David Dawson, the CIB's spokesperson.

"When you run from me and you tell me I can't give it to you or you cloak yourself in attorney/client privilege, I have some issues with that," said Wallace.

"They must have something to hide that was detrimental to the general population that was down here that day," said Montel Giden.

The News 8 I-Team asked Mayor Bart Peterson why the city wasn't releasing the results. "I'd have to know more about the facts. This is the first I've ever heard of it without knowing more. There's just nothing more I can say about it," said Mayor Peterson.

But within hours that soon changed. The mayor got involved and the CIB released the report to the I-Team. We then brought the report to the same Air Board member who spent the last six months trying to get a copy. As it turns out, this once-secret report found very little that was unhealthy: just a few "potential" asbestos fibers and too much dust at two locations.

Nothing to worry about? Maybe not. But the report only tested how much dust was in the air and not what was in it.

"I would like to know, personally. I'm an Air Pollution Board member. Was there lead in the dust? Was there polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the dust? Were there other contaminants?" wondered Wallace.

The building's gone, but the dust hasn't settled yet. The I-Team's environmental experts say it may be how this report was done that presents a problem. "We would call it a health concern at this time," said Havics.

A News 8 I-Team Investigation
WISH TV8, Indianapolis, Indiana
Air of Controversy: The Investigation Continues
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We watched it disappear into dust six months ago. Now, a News 8 I-Team investigation uncovers new information about the implosion of Market Square Arena and what experts say is a possible health concern.

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Tonight, the results of the I-Team's own environmental testing in the neighborhood around M.S.A. When we found out a city board was keeping air quality tests taken during the implosion secret, the I-Team did it's own testing. Since it is now six months later. Our experts test dust that had settled in the neighborhood.

When Market Square Arena came down, no one knew then the air of controversy would come down with it. "It was very thick, enough to settle in your eyes and up your nose and down your throat," remembers Montel Gyden, an eyewitness to the July 8th explosion.

The dust was tested to see what was in it. First, the owner of the property the Capital Improvement Board kept it secret, now the board says everything turned out fine. "They concluded the implosion should have no negative short term or long term health effects to the community," says C.I.B. spokesperson David Dawson.

But the I-Team found that may not be the case. In January, we asked one environmental engineer to test several locations around M.S.A for asbestos, and a second engineer to test for lead. Even though it's now six months after the implosion, we're testing for what has settled downwind and is still there. "The results of the testing showed there was asbestos in high concentrations adjacent to where M.S.A. was imploded," says Tony Havics, an environmental engineer.

Asbestos testing is Tony Havics' specialty. He's currently working on the World Trade Center case and how bad the air is there. Near M.S.A. the asbestos hot spot Havics found is right here near the corner of New Jersey and Ohio Streets, a location downwind during the implosion. The levels are five times higher than normal and unsafe. Compare that to a few blocks away, not downwind, where we find little asbestos.

And the experts point out M.S.A. likely had lead based paint covering many areas. Tom Neltner, a former assistant commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management knows a lot about the effects of lead especially on children. "For children it gets into the blood," says Neltner. "They eat it or breathe it and it get into the blood." Neltner finds high levels at East and Ohio Streets, also downwind during the blast.

Havics also found high lead levels at same spot he found asbestos. So the testing the I-Team did showed levels of asbestos and lead higher than normal months later in the area downwind from the implosion. Why

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didn't the Capital Improvement Board tests pick it up in the air during the implosion? The C.I.B. did not ask for lead tests. As far as the asbestos, our experts tell us the reason may be the way the tests were done. The company hired by the C.I.B. used one kind of microscope to check for asbestos. But it couldn't cut through everything else to even see the asbestos fibers. They failed to send the samples for more sophisticated testing.

The I-Team has also confirmed Patriot Engineering, the company hired by the city, is not certified to do the asbestos tests they did do, according to the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Remember our test results show asbestos levels five times more than healthy limits. "If we found these same levels in a school you would be doing cleanup of that area," says Havics. "You'd be sealing it off and doing cleanup."

Bruce Wallace, a nine year member of the Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board is also concerned that the C.I.B's engineering firm didn't go far enough to test for asbestos. And Wallace points out the fire in the M.S.A roof two months before the implosion is significant. The roof had asbestos in it. Patriot Engineering says the fire never reached the area where the asbestos was, but Wallace questions whether patriot was qualified to make that judgment. "Once you burn non friable asbestos material you've made em friable you've made em regulated," says Wallace. "That's the dangerous stuff." Translation: Before the fire the asbestos in the roof wasn't a problem. Afterwards it could have been. If it was burned, and never cleaned up, did that asbestos end up in the implosion or in the neighborhood?

After the roof fire, Patriot Engineering sent a letter to the Capital Improvement Board saying there was no release of asbestos from the fire. So the C.I.B went ahead with the implosion. The board also sent out a press release warning the public to stay away saying there could be dangerous particles in the air.

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It is appropriate which in air

The World trade center set free obviously much with the collapse more asbestos, than the US environmental protection authority wants to admit

Of Eva of Schaper

The inhabitants of south Manhattan have again fear. Even ones are final the first clearing up work, some dwelling are referred again and the number of the dead ones seem to be nevertheless not as high as initially feared. But the impact will possibly require new victims on the World trade center still after decades. Because now obviously it became that the asbestos content could be dangerously high in the dwellings and offices Mannhattans. In the worst case each tenth inhabitant at cancer of the lungs could get sick.

" we are very relieved that there is apparent no considerable asbestos load in the air of New York town center ", had the chief of the US environmental protection authority EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Christie Whitman still two days after the terrorist attack said. A half year later shows up now however that this information was simply false.

" I have fear that I will be in five or ten years part of a cancer statistics ", told George Tabb now the Washington post office. He spent the time after 11 September in his dwelling north the World trade of center. Independent measurements permitted as much asbestos in its hall 555-mal found as. Thereupon the environmental protection authority at the beginning of of Decembers sent its own examiners into the building. " the tests were negative ", said a EPA speaker.

Deadly dust

How it could come to this contradiction, Cate Jenkins believes to know: " the methods of the EPA are old over 20 years ", say the woman employee of many years of the authority. Besides the procedures are appropriate only to seek out minimum asbestos remainders which are still available for instance after a complete reorganization. A further weak point of the EPA of proofs: " the authorities tested only outside air. They cannot know whether the city is really safe ", criticized for example the delegate of the house of representatives Jerrold Nadler. Because independent companies measured even quantities of the deadly dust increased in the houses. Of the EPA no statement was to received, but EPA

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Ombudsmann Richard Martin requires in the meantime a thorough examination of the used test methods and also the information policy of its authority.

Founded guessing

Even the EPA fibers found: " only in the direct proximity of the World there was trade of center asbestos quantities, which were situated, calm down over our limit values " the office on its Internet page. " it gives however with asbestos no limit value ", moniert to Rolf Packroff of the Federal Institution for industrial safety and industrial medicine. " a unique short high load can be enough to release around cancer. "

Since short now first risikoabschaetzungen for south Manhattan are present. By using the measuring data of independent institutes, Cate Jenkins enumerated from the EPA that the fibers for at least each thousandth, possibly even each tenth inhabitant could become deadly. Jenkins however calls their calculations " very still uncertainly ". Because they were based only on limited data, and the risks were too highly set after caution for the sake of EPA standards. This estimate divides also the toxicologist Thomas Gebel of the Federal Institution for industrial safety and industrial medicine: " that is a partly founded guessing. " The risk is to be quantified only with exact knowledge of the asbestos load.

Asbestos occurs in nature in finest fibers, which einnisten themselves in the lung. There they can release a Vernarbung of the lung still after decades cancer of the lungs, cancer-similar Geschwulste or a deadly Asbestose, thus. How many of these finest particles float still in air over Manhattan, cannot be said exactly, because the distribution is very different. Besides is unclear, how much asbestos was at all blocked into the twin Towers and how of it much is geriesel on the city already. " the asbestos concentrations in the dust and in housing air were substantially increased ", found a company, which created an appraisal in October over the pollution impact. It guesses/advises to assume caution for the sake of " all types of dust are asbesthaltig ". Only experienced Asbestsanierer with special equipment should clean dwellings and offices.

But but it is already too late in many cases: Numerous humans returned to the misfortune to their dwellings and offices. By the chaos, which developed after the collapse of the twin towers, thereby much ran inclined. " our dwelling was cleaned by three auxiliary workers with brooms, turning sheet metals and rags, reported about Steve Swaney of the newspaper St.Louis post office Dispatch. " you did not have yet times protective masks. " In Germany such a thing is " strictly forbidden ", means asbestos expert Packroff.

Partly the authorities themselves gave lethal pieces of advice: It is not necessary to carry when clearing up protective masks spread it for example. Pure calculation, believes Swaney: " someone does not want that the truth rauskommt. " Finally go it around much cash and many jobs. " you do not want to close Manhattan, but I want to know, whether it is safe, here to live. "

According to opinion of Cate Jenkins might rather not be that the case. " the past clearing up work is useless ", means them. Because

the owners of house did not know in the first days, how they should proceed. Some the hall by Asbestsanierer clean would have let. Then however the tenants would have deseamed the dwellings themselves - without each expertise. In this type can have spread asbestos remainder from a simply only output-swept dwelling easily over the hall or the air conditioning system. Also curtains or pad references can deliver the asbestos fibers in the cleaning easily to other textiles.

Even quite well cleaned dwelling houses save to today dangers: On the roof of such a building was, says Jenkins, still substantial quantities asbestos-deaf, which can contaminate the dwellings with each gust of wind again.

South Manhattan is to be explained as a " Superfund Site" der EPA, requires Cate Jenkins therefore. It concerns a status, which the environmental protection authority assigns to on particularly contaminated areas. " the government would have to then monitor the clearing up work. One would have security that all dwellings and offices are cleaned for Jenkins according to the same methods ", so.

Contaminated as at the mine

Their demand justifies it with the experiences with clearing up work in a mine village in the US federation State of Montana. In the mines of Libby for many years asbestos was diminished - probably even that, which was used with the building of the World trade of center. The city got superfund status, after the EPA in the houses Libbys asbestos concentrations had found, those after Jenkins calculations was partly even lower than in south Manhattan. The EPA had used those fine measuring methods, to which she did not fall back in New York in Libby.

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