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IMPORTANT READ!!

ONCE AGAIN THE OXIDE CHEMICAL CORPORATION, 560 S. HARRIS,
HAS BEGUN TO OMIT FUMES AND PARTICLES INTO THE AIR WHICH
CAN BE SEEN BY LOOKING FOR A WHITE POWDERY FILM ON YOUR
WINDOWS AND AUTOMOBILE, NOT TO MENTION YOUR LUNGS!!

THE POLICE DEPT. HAS SAID TO STOP THIS TREATMENT WE MUST
CONSTANTLY CALL THE INDIVIDUAL HYGIENE AGENCY 353-9765
AND OXIDE CHEMICAL CORP. 639-5321 EACH TIME YOU DETECT
THE SLIGHTEST FUMES OR DUST IN THE AIR!!

SINCERELY,

A CONCERNED NEIGHBOR

A lead smelter worker gets the 'treatment'

Mozel Starkey is what medical people call "leaded."
For 28 years he's been working on a blast furnace and then in maintenance for a secondary lead smelter operated by NL Industries in Indianapolis. Mozel has helped the company turn a profit at the expense of his own health.
The level of lead in Mozel's blood is more than twice what most doctors would declare as dangerous, but he still continues to work—when he's able.
During the past six years, he has been off work twice each year for the "treatment," as his fellow workers call it. It consists of going to a hospital as an out-patient twice each day for 10 days straight to get an intravenous feeding of a drug called versenate. The drug more or less is supposed to flush out the body of its high lead levels, so someone like Mozel can go back to work until the next treatment.
Each intravenous treatment takes about one hour, and Mozel does it all on his own time, while laid off by his employer and receiving only a meager level of state workers' compensation benefits. Some researchers suspect versenate as a possible cancer agent and a drug that could cause kidney damage.
Mozel is not unique in receiving the treatment, and the number of USWA members employed at lead smelters across the country getting either oral or intravenous treatments for high lead levels in their body is both astounding and criminal.



USWA member, Starkey gets his "treatment" at the local hospital.