New Evidence Suggests Mesothelioma Risk from Ambient Asbestos Same in the City and the Country, According to Surviving Mesothelioma

Scientists say rates of the asbestos cancer appear to be unaffected by higher levels of airborne “ambient” asbestos in cities.

Raleigh, NC (PRWEB) September 07, 2017 -- A 40-year study of mesothelioma patients in rural and urban areas finds that so-called ambient asbestos, asbestos that is free in the air as dust, may not significantly raise the risk of mesothelioma for city dwellers. Surviving Mesothelioma has the full story. Click here now to read the new article.

Researchers at Cardno ChemRisk focused primarily on women since they are the least likely gender to have been exposed to asbestos in the workplace and are about six times less likely than men to contract malignant mesothelioma.

“The results suggest that differences in ambient asbestos concentrations, which have been reported to be 10-fold or greater across regions in the United States, have not influenced the risk of pleural mesothelioma,” concludes Meghan E. Glynn, lead author on the paper.

The risk analysis was based on data from the government’s SEER cancer database and was published in the latest issue of the journal Risk Analysis.

“Although this report appears to offer a bit of good news for city dwellers, it does not suggest that exposure to asbestos is without risk,” says Alex Strauss, Managing Editor for Surviving Mesothelioma. “Asbestos remains the primary cause of this rare cancer, which impacts an estimated 2,500 Americans every year and in all parts of the country.”

To learn more about ambient asbestos and mesothelioma incidence, see Mesothelioma Incidence Unaffected by Ambient Asbestos in Cities, now available on the Surviving Mesothelioma website.


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