

## Review of NM Dept of Health on Pulmonary Fibrosis Study in the Corrales Area

Below are the email message received from Dr. Jonathan M. Samet regarding the Pulmonary Fibrosis Study and Hugh Church's invitation to him to evaluate the study.

Hugh, I looked over the report from the NM Department of Health. They did a good job of working up the potential cluster. The finding that many cases were initially misclassified is not surprising. As you probably know, I carried out one of the largest epidemiological studies on the etiology of IPF and did not find much. I am not aware of any agent that could cause an apparent cluster of IPF (vs hypersensitivity pneumonitis). Also, hard to relate to fugitive emissions from the Intel plant. Let me know if I can help further.

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**Subject:** ILD in Corrales, etc. -

Dear Dr. Samet -

The email from me, copied below, to members of the CEWG and to fellow board members of the local ALANM, explains how I came across your recent activities at USC - wow! Anyway, being greatly impressed, I felt I had to share this knowledge with others here in Albuquerque, and I inserted some frivolous comments about pro bono work. Hope I didn't offend. One of our members suggested maybe you might be interested in a recent report by the NM Dept of Health on Pulmonary fibrosis in the Corrales area (downwind of Intel/NM). I'll attach the 6-page report and solicit any comments you, or your associates, might have regarding it's conclusions which could be useful in our deliberations of environmental impacts in our very small piece of the globe.

Best Regards, Hugh Church;

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