

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



TOXIC EXPOSURE FROM YOUR MARITIME SERVICE?



Working on or around ships can expose the worker to many toxic substances. We all have heard of asbestos, but there are many others. Crew members who have worked on petrochemical tankers are at an elevated risk of exposure to the benzene family of toxins which can lead to cancer of various sorts. These diseases can take many years to manifest their symptoms. If you have worked in this environment it is imperative that you obtain regular monitoring and testing for signs of harmful disease.

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I have been diagnosed with cancer of my blood and worked on tankers for more than 10 years. My doctor says he cannot be sure of the cause of my cancer. Any suggestions?

Leo M. New Orleans, LA.

Answer: Leo, there are multiple causes of cancers of the blood. The most important factor in determining the cause is your work history together with your family medical history. The

two most common types of cancers of blood cell production are non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) and acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Multiple myeloma (MM) is another such cancer. There are others but these three can be associated with exposure to benzene in the workplace. Specialists in the medical field can make the necessary diagnosis and connection

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