

# Communities Need Health Officials to Protect them from Neighborhood HAZMAT Incidents



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## *An Emerging Issue: Chemical Exposures & Public Safety Near Water Repair Sites*



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Since then...

- ✓ 50+ new chem incidents
- ✓ 1 NIOSH study
- ✓ 1 worker fatality, OSHA investigation
- ✓ 1 criminal investigation
- ✓ 5 peer-reviewed testing & toxicology studies
- ✓ 1 industry study
- ✓ 1 study by 6 states

*A lot has happened, but communities really need your help.*

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### Cured-in-Place Pipe Safety Study



In 2016, Purdue researchers began investigating chemical emissions and exposures caused by cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) water pipe repair sites. CIPP is the most popular water pipe repair technologies used in the U.S. Because this technology uses raw chemicals in the field and manufacturers a new plastic pipe inside an existing damaged water pipe, chemicals can be emitted into the environment and enter nearby buildings. CIPP is used for sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and drinking water pipe repairs.

Questions? Contact us at [CIPPSafety@purdue.edu](mailto:CIPPSafety@purdue.edu)

News	In the News
<a href="#">DOT Lining Study (Surface and Storm Water Quality)</a>	
▪ <a href="#">Scientific file</a> , <i>Journal of the American Water Works Association</i> , May 2018	
▪ <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</a>	
<a href="#">NSF Rapid CIPP Study (Worker, Public Safety, and Chemical Air Emissions)</a>	
▪ <a href="#">Scientific report files &amp; associated video files</a> , <i>Environmental Science &amp; Technology Letters</i> , July 2017	
▪ <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</a>	
<a href="#">Incorrect assertions about the NSF Rapid CIPP study</a>	

Download free:

- 6 State Lining Report
- Recommendations
- Scientific studies
- FAQs
- Videos/webinar
- NIOSH CIPP report
- 6 State Study report
- And more...

# There have been 130+ CIPP related chemical exposures in 30 States (that we know about so far)

## Buildings Affected

Schools

Homes

Offices

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Florida

Georgia

Hawaii

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Maryland

Massachusetts

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

New Jersey

New York

North

Carolina

Ohio

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Texas

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

Wisconsin

# Since December 2019, we have been contacted about 4 new incidents in Pennsylvania and Florida

**Nathan Hale Middle School  
evacuated due to construction odor**  
**Connecticut:** Dec 16, 2019

**City Work Leaves a Bitter Taste For Wicker Park  
Bakery, Area Residents**  
**Illinois:** Jan 16, 2020

**Illnesses cause new policy for Seneca Falls sewer pipe  
repairs**  
**New York:** Oct 4, 2019

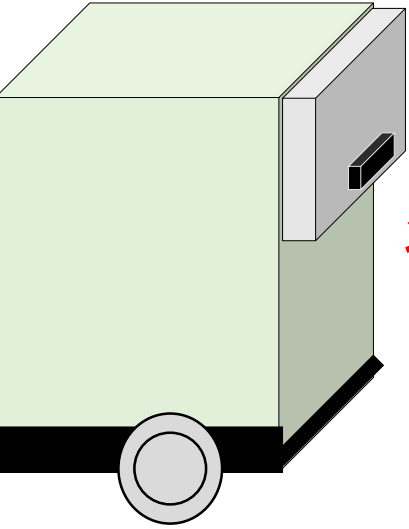
**Pitcairn Propel Evacuated After Fumes Make Multiple  
Teachers, Students Nauseous** **Pennsylvania:** Sept 24, 2019

**Fumes Force Evacuation Of City Hall Friday Morning**  
**Tennessee:** Dec 14, 2018

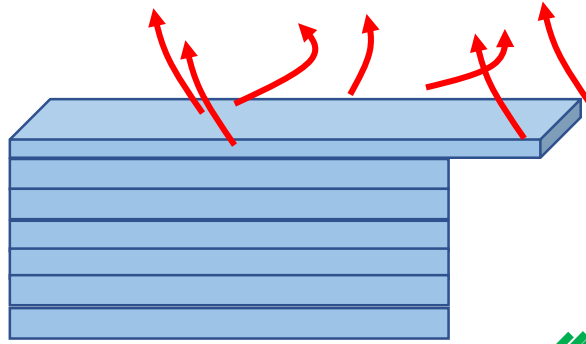
**Odor from sewer work causes teachers to  
fall ill at Riverview Elementary School**  
**Washington:** Oct 10, 2018

**Fumes Sicken 28 Pupils at Zamorano Elementary**  
**California:** Sept 21, 2017

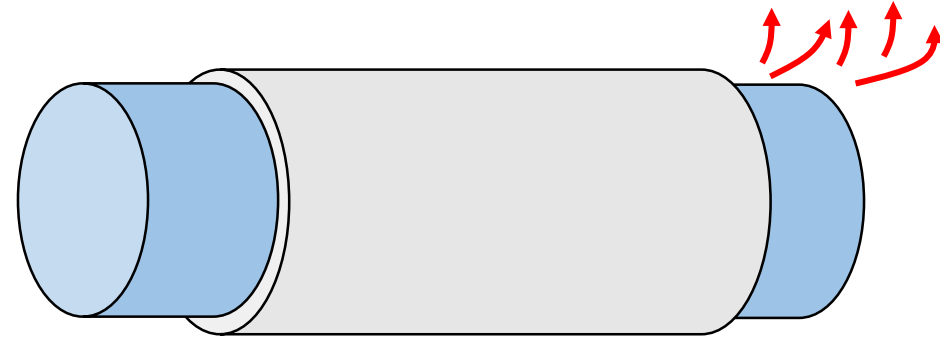
Uncured **RESIN** tube  
delivered on a truck



Uncured **RESIN** tube inserted  
into damaged pipe (raw chemicals)

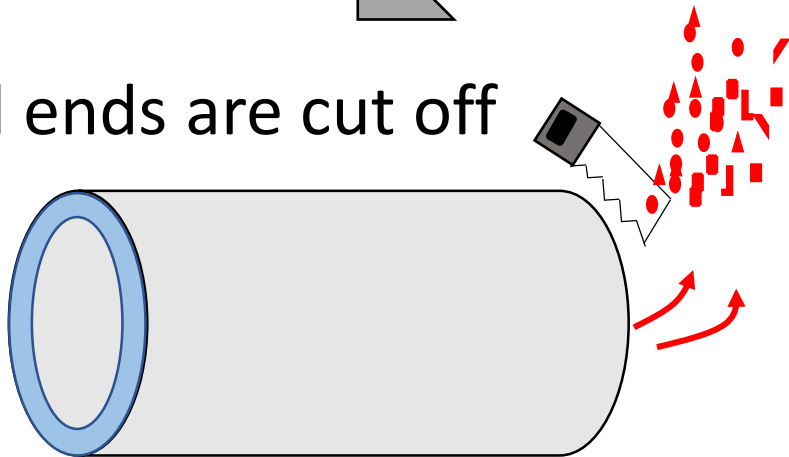


Uncured **RESIN** tube inflated  
with air inside host pipe

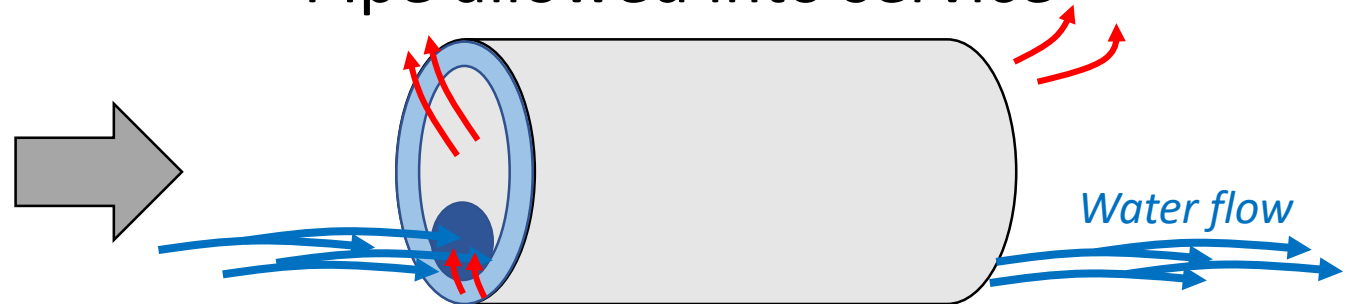


**“Curing (Hardening) Method”**  
Hot Water or Steam or UV Light

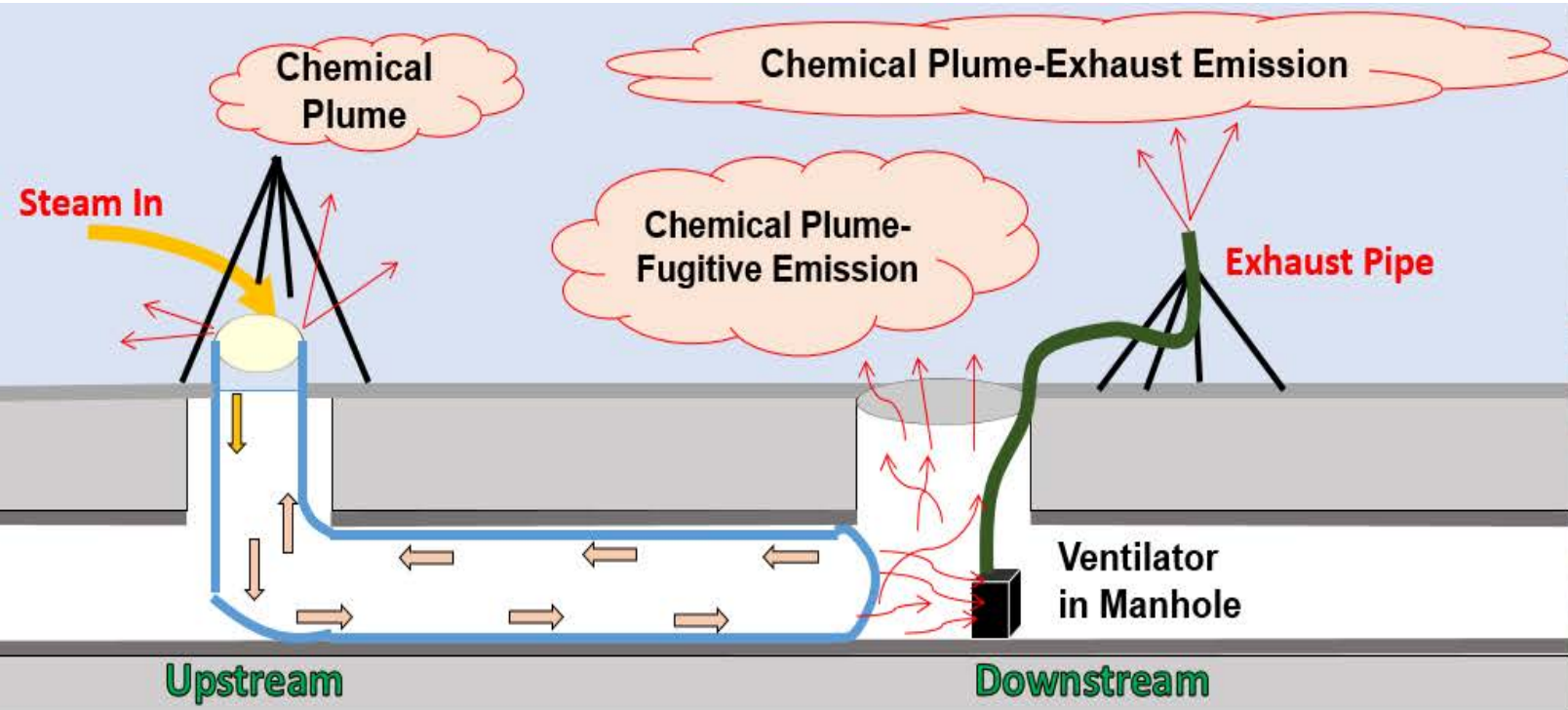
Hard ends are cut off



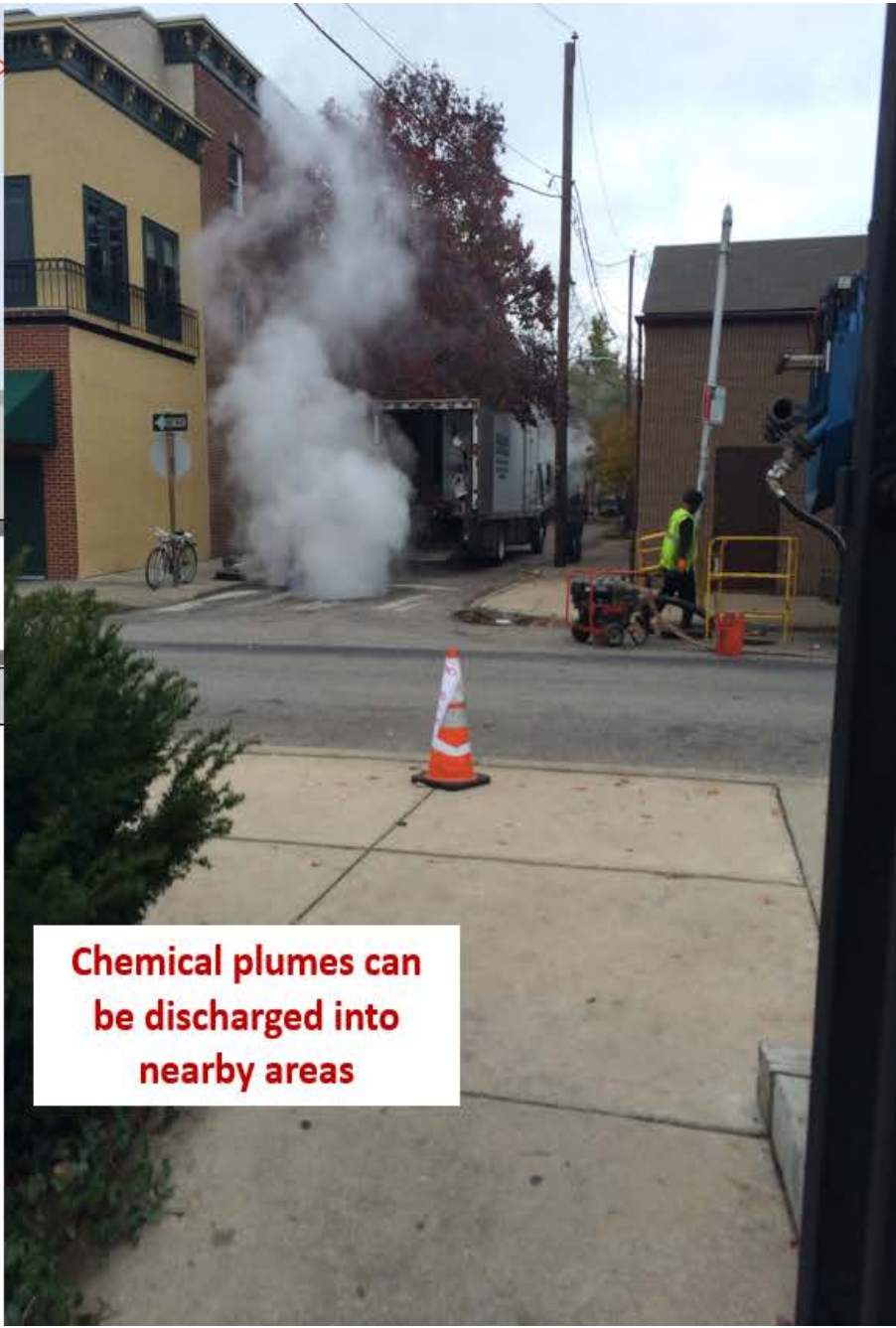
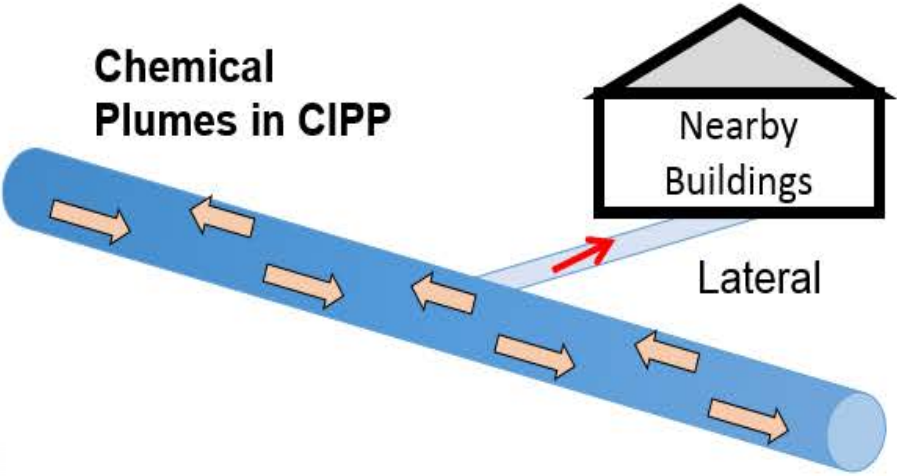
Pipe allowed into service







Chemical Plumes Generated by CIPP can Escape the Pipe Being Repaired



Chemical plumes can be discharged into nearby areas

# Since 2018 we have further discovered CIPP associated chemical exposures can be serious

- Material SDSs *do not list* all chemicals of concern released including carcinogens, EDCs, and HAPs
- New chemicals are *created* during CIPP plastic manufacture
- Standard CIPP = Emissions are -not- captured. Instead, blown into the environment, public spaces, often buildings.
- **Most prior air testing only looked for styrene** in air  
1,820+ ppm exiting CIPP liner delivery truck, St. Louis, MO  
250-1,070 ppm exiting manhole in downtown Los Angeles, CA  
86+ ppm & 1+ ppm methylene chloride exiting pipes, Sacramento, CA  
10s-100s ppm exiting pipes, manholes into air for several studies
- **But, non-styrene chemicals are released and can pose risks** [Inhalation Toxicology, Kobos et al. 2019]

## If It Was Only Styrene for the General Public

CA OEHHA (2017)  
Acute Ref. Exposure  
Level = 4.9 ppm

ATSDR (2005)  
Acute Level = 2.0 ppm

Odor Threshold  
= 0.016 ppm

*But it's not just styrene*





Layer of  
Floating  
Organic  
Solvents

Emulsion:

- Resin
- Water
- Dissolved  
VOCs/SVOCs

This is a Multiphase Chemical Mixture, NOT Steam  
(particulates, droplets, partially cured resin, etc.)

**It's NOT just styrene. Many compounds NOT listed on the SDSs have been found and have exposure limits.**

Acetone  
Acetophenone  
Benzaldehyde  
Benzene  
Benzoic acid  
Benzyl alcohol  
BHT  
2-Butanone (MEK)  
*tert*-Butyl alcohol  
*tert*-Butyl benzene  
4-*tert*-Butylcyclohexanone  
4-*tert*-Butylcyclohexanol  
Chloroform  
*o*-Chlorotoluene

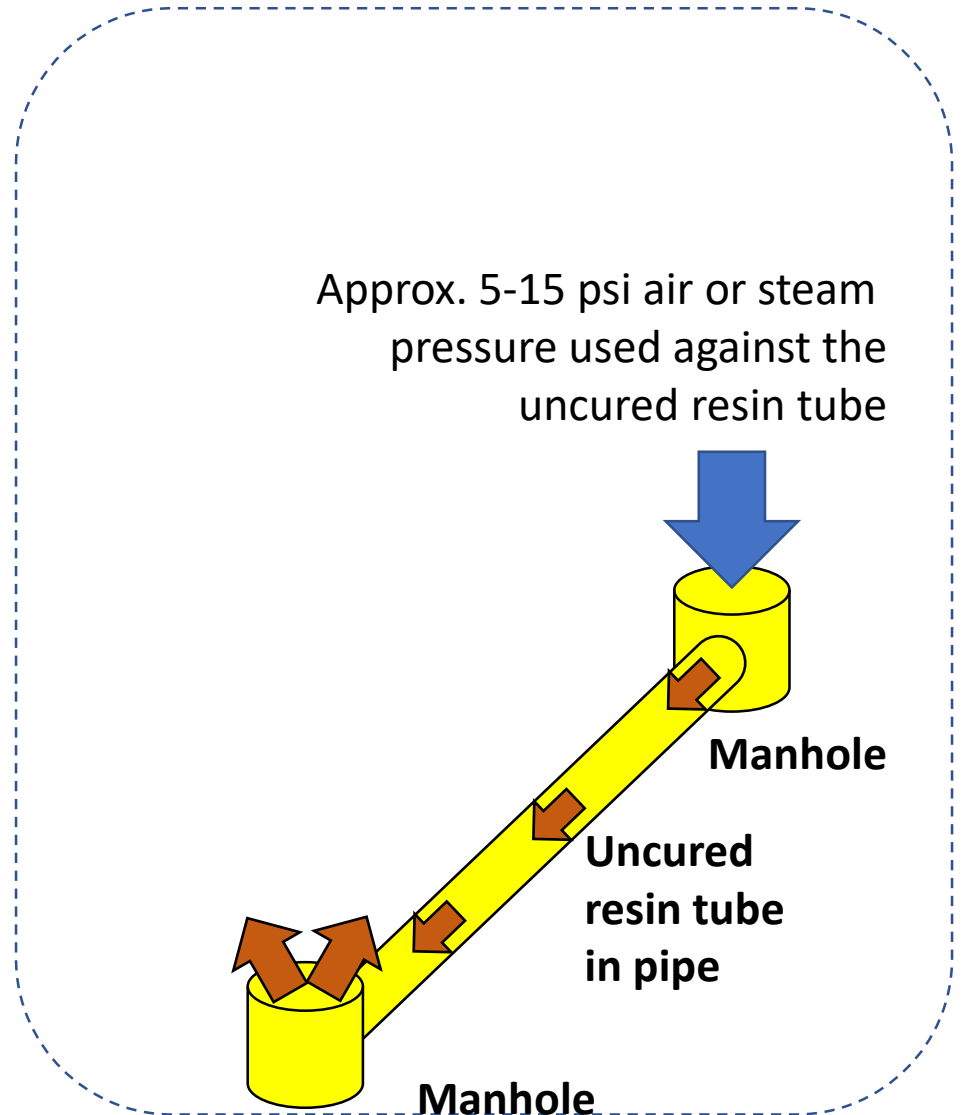
Diallyl phthalate (DAP)  
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)  
Diethyl phthalate (DEP)  
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)  
4-(1,1-Dimethyl) cyclohexanol  
4-(1,1-Dimethyl) cyclohexanone  
1-Dodecanol  
Ethylbenzene  
3-Heptanol  
Isopropylbenzene  
*p*-Isopropyltoluene  
Methylene chloride  
*N*-Propylbenzene  
Styrene

Phenol  
1-Tetradecanol  
Tripropylene glycol diacrylate  
Toluene  
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene  
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene  
Xylene (total)  
And more...

**Analytical Issue:**

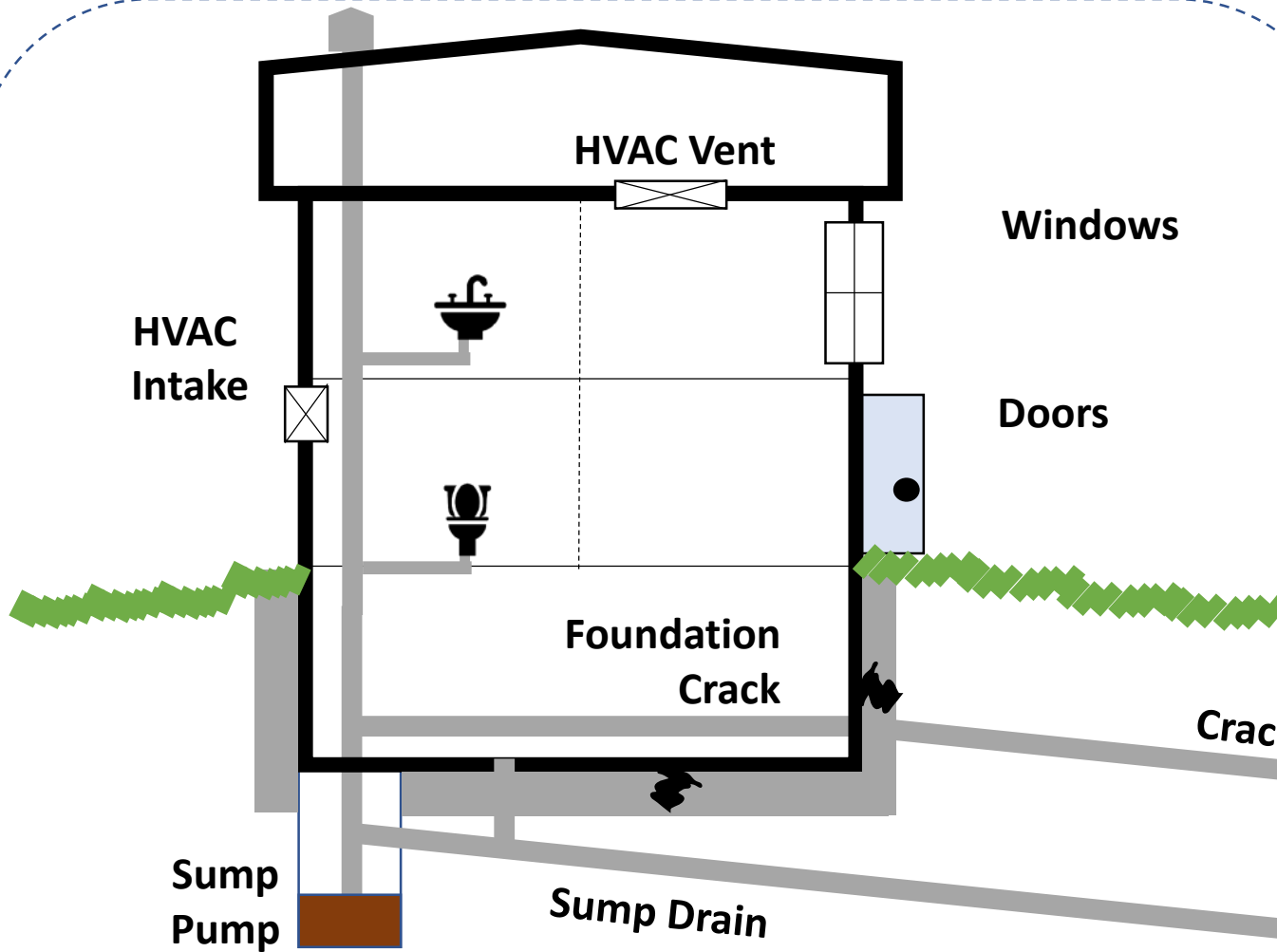
NIOSH (2019) and Purdue (2019) studies found that very high styrene level prevented our abilities to detect and quantify the other chemicals in air.

## Utility/City Property (Worksite only for contractors)

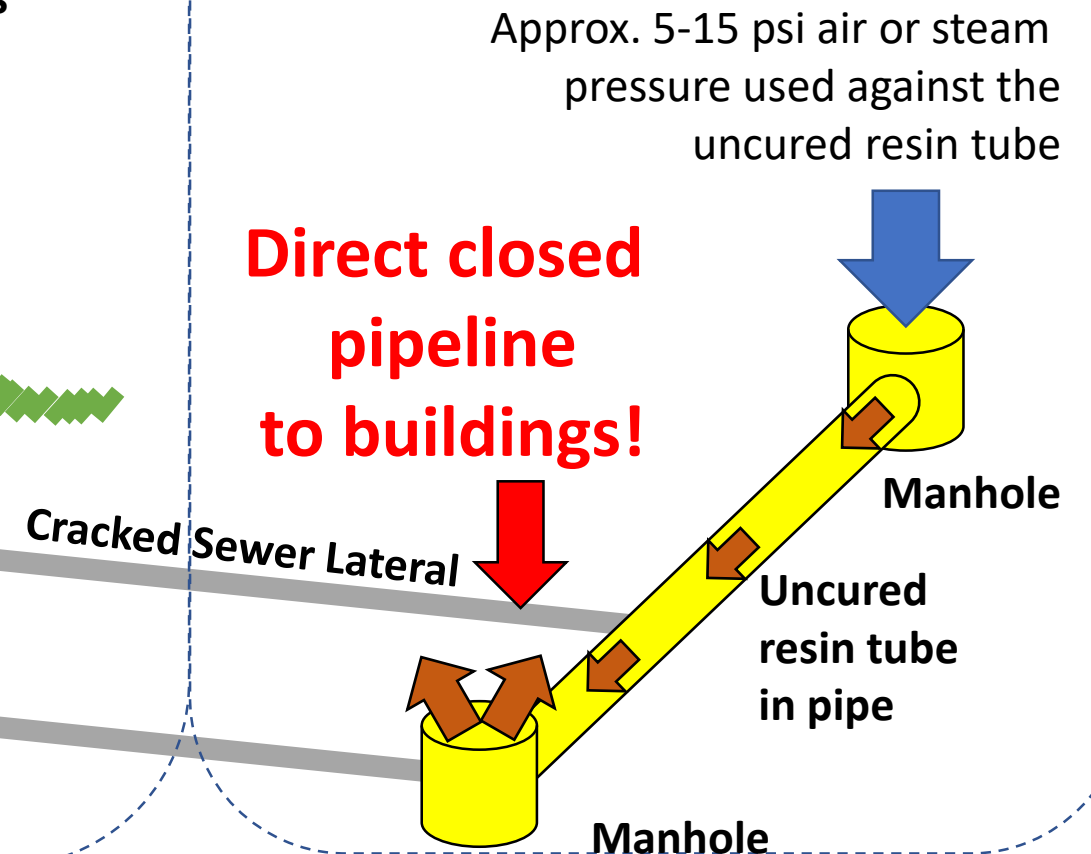


*At the street....*

Private Property  
(NOT for contractors)



Utility/City Property  
(Worksite only for contractors)



***While Contractors work at the street....***



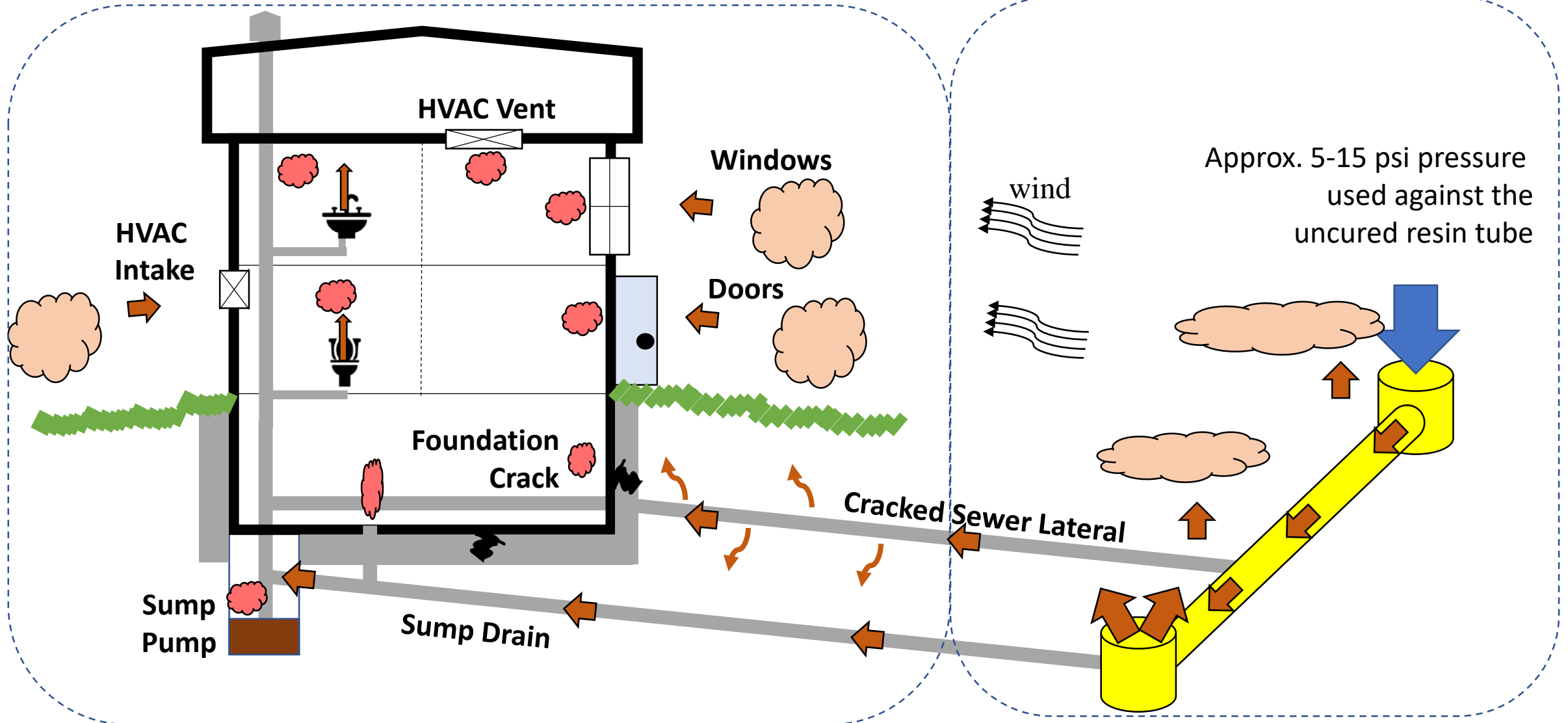
The diagram illustrates a building cross-section with various infiltration points for a chemical plume. The building has a gabled roof with an 'HVAC Vent' at the peak. On the left side, there is an 'HVAC Intake' with a damper. On the right side, there are 'Windows' and 'Doors'. The foundation shows a 'Foundation Crack' and a 'Cracked' section. A 'Sump Pump' is located at the bottom left, connected to a 'Sump Drain' that runs along the exterior wall. Orange arrows indicate the direction of chemical plume infiltration from the outside into the building through these various points. Inside the building, a sink and a toilet are shown.

[illegible]

*Their chemical waste leaves their worksite – above and below ground*

Private Property  
(NOT for contractors)

Utility/City Property  
(Worksite only for contractors)



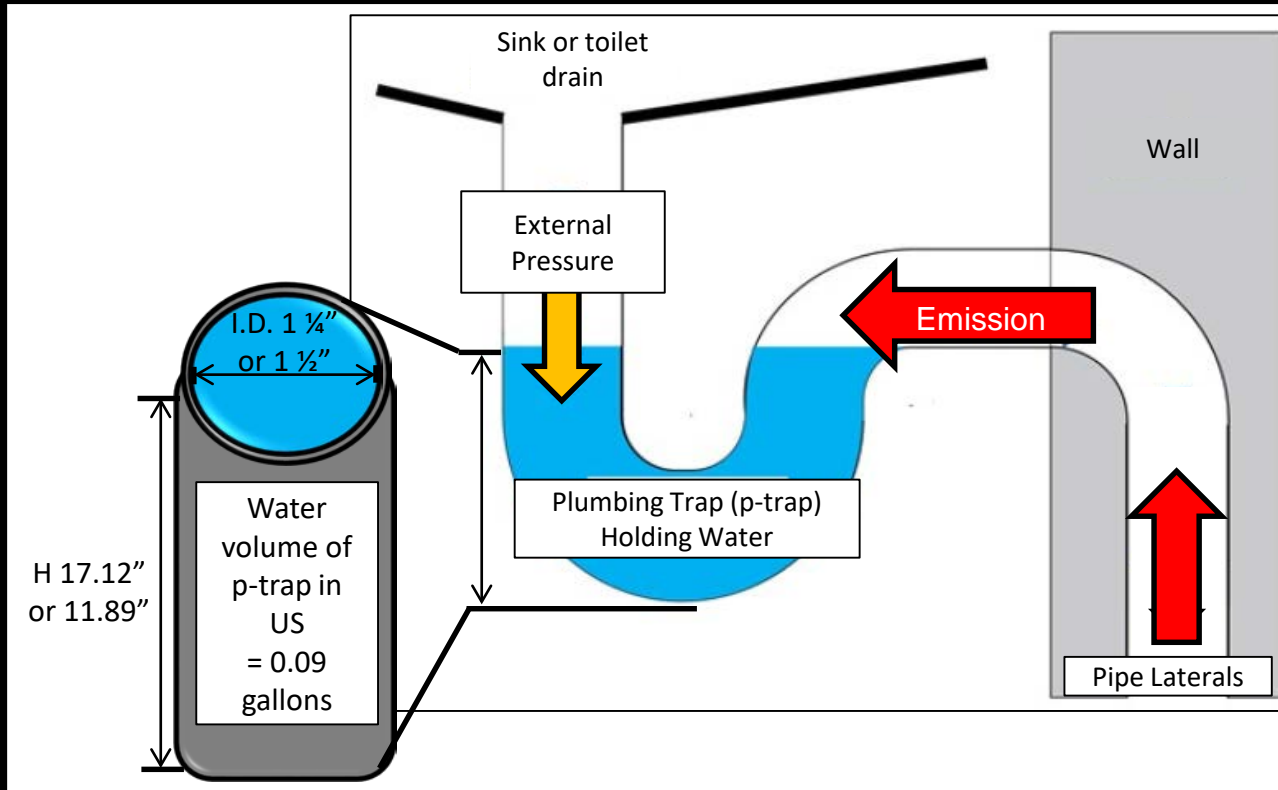
**Contractors blow chemical waste into buildings and the environment**

## A Growing Public Health Problem in Neighborhoods Nationwide



- CIPP process waste is blown into the air, leaves worksite
- People (i.e., children, pregnant women, others) have been and can be exposed inside and outside buildings
- Waste can enter buildings by many pathways
- SDSs lack key chemical information, unreliable
- PIDs can be ineffective, 4-gas meters are ineffective
- Often
  - Exposure victims are directed to call the Construction Contractor, not health department
  - Contractors, Public Works, Engineering Firms, City Officials issue blanket safety claims for any exposure
  - Health officials are not informed, during or after incidents – victims are on their own
- Critical air testing rarely conducted
- Tip of the iceberg. Exposures happening, some very serious.

# Myth: Pouring water in drains prevents exposure during CIPP manufacture. – Busted: No it does not.

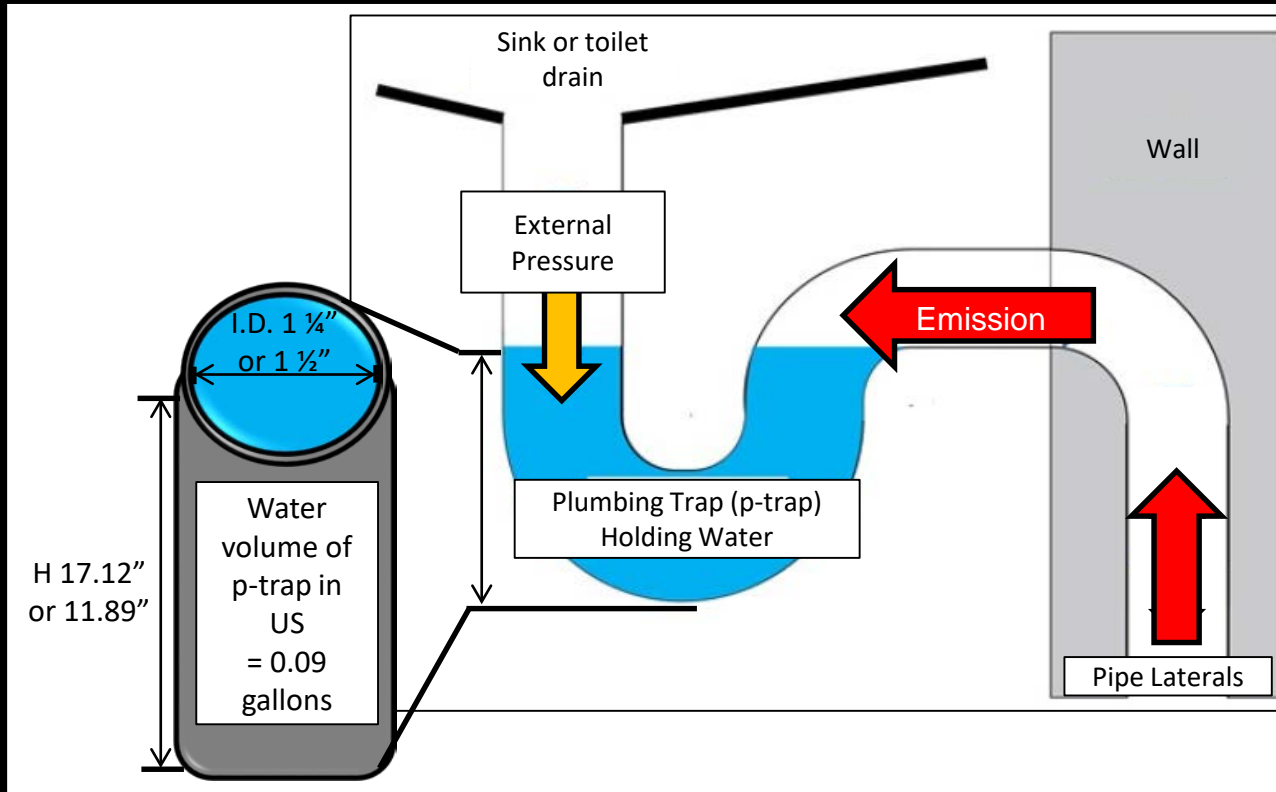


Less than 1 psi pressure  
can cause water blowback in an  
average plumbing trap (p-trap)

CIPP contractors use  
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# Pouring water in drains does not prevent exposure during CIPP manufacture



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Contractors also may say:

- 1) Put a towel in the drains
- 2) Wrap toilet with towel
- 3) Wrap toilet with saran wrap

This implies their chemical waste *will* leave  
their worksite and enter private property

# If you find yourself responding to an incident, here's what you need to know.

1. The investigation resembles that of a chemical HAZMAT incident
2. Children, pregnant women, immunocompromised persons are, in my opinion, most at risk
3. Recommend all persons seek medical assistance onsite, hospital, or elsewhere
4. Chemical air levels can be hazardous to human health and contamination can be difficult to remove
5. Air emissions include known carcinogens, endocrine disrupting compounds, hazardous air pollutants, and many chemicals with little toxicological data. Emissions include organic vapors, liquids, particulates (partially cured resin, plastics), and water vapor.
6. Odor not 100% caused by styrene. Atmosphere is a chemical mixture. Olfactory response can be a combination of analytes present. Chemicals enter the air as a mixture.
7. 4-gas meters are not effective, unable to detect the organic vapors, particulates, liquids in air
8. Calibrated PIDs not reliable. They under- and over-estimated styrene signal by 10x to 1000x for steam-CIPP environments [NIOSH studies show PIDs readings can be off for other environments]
9. Material SDS's do not list all chemicals present of human health/exposure concern
10. New chemicals are created during CIPP installation (not listed on material SDS)
11. Public works and contractors often don't understand emissions
12. Emissions can enter buildings by multiple pathways
13. Emissions may enter neighboring buildings on the same street differently
14. Pouring water in drains does not prevent CIPP emissions from entering a building

# Ideas of What's Needed

1. We can help State and County health departments get up to speed on what to look for, test for. We are working with multiple faculty across institutions and agencies.
2. Raise awareness, establish a multi-agency working group, issue notices
3. Educate your Public Works, Municipalities, Elected Officials about these serious exposures (they maybe permitting them, often unknowingly)
4. Consider air testing, but realize there are many variables.
5. Mandate that chemical waste emissions do not leave the CIPP being created - capture. Or, change process to not emit. Or, find another repair method.

## Chemical Exposure Symptoms Reported for Persons Associated with CIPP Exposure

Headache

Nausea

Vomiting

Loss of consciousness

Eye irritation

Nostrils burning

Dizziness

Shortness of breath

Tightness of chest

Lethargy

Faint

Gagging

Confusion

# Communities need your help. Questions?

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Extra slides



2020

Considerations for emission monitoring and liner analysis of thermally manufactured sewer cured-in-place-pipes (CIPP)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2019.02.097>

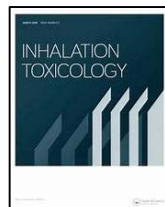
Here Are Some  
CIPP Studies  
we Frequently  
Receive  
Requests For

2019



Outdoor manufacture of UV-Cured plastic linings for storm water culvert repair: Chemical emissions and residual★

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2018.10.080>



2019

*In vitro* toxicity assessment of emitted materials collected during the manufacture of water pipe plastic linings

<https://doi.org/10.1080/08958378.2019.1621966>

2019



Evaluation of Exposures to Styrene During Ultraviolet Cured-in-place Pipe Installation

[This is a NIOSH publication, not Purdue. Contact Dr. Ryan LeBouf, [igu6@cdc.gov](mailto:igu6@cdc.gov).]



2018

Critical Review: Surface Water and Stormwater Quality Impacts of Cured-In-Place Pipe Repairs

<https://doi.org/10.1002/awwa.1042>

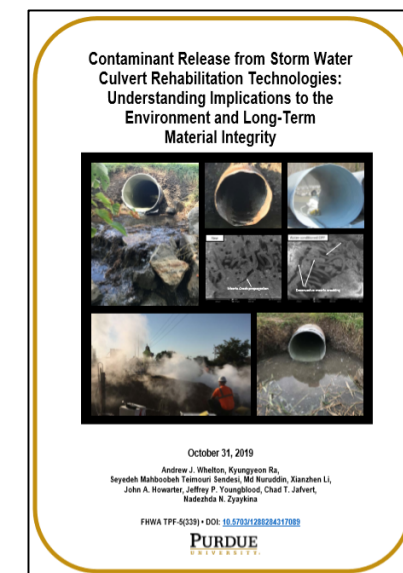
2017



Worksite Chemical Air Emissions and Worker Exposure during Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Pipe Rehabilitation Using Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP)

<https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.estlett.7b00237>

*FHWA Report, 2019*



<https://doi.org/10.5703/1288284317089>

## Here are a Few of the Now Debunked Safety Claims

Alexandria, VA

“Styrene vapor of at most few ppm” - False

“is not a human health risk” - False

“is safe for people and animals” - False

“it is harmless steam” - False

“no hazardous conditions posed” - False

“don’t be alarmed” - ?

“some people are offended by this odor and are fearful of it; even though the concentrations they smell present no harm”

– If you smell something it may in fact be harmful.



**2005,**  
The Netherlands  
public health  
agency (RIVM)  
finds styrene in  
sewer air  
unchanged 0.6  
miles downstream

**2012,**  
Consultant: CIPP  
chemicals  
traveled  
"kilometers from  
the worksite"  
aboveground

**2017,**  
Worksite safety  
study shows white  
chemical plume at  
steam-CIPP sites is  
not steam, Worker  
and public safety  
upgrades needed

**2017,**  
22-yr old CIPP  
worker dies on  
worksite,  
investigation finds  
chemical exposure  
a contributing  
factor

**2019,**  
NIOSH finds  
styrene  
exposure limit  
exceeded at a  
CIPP worksite.  
Advice  
provided.

**2019,**  
Field study shows  
100+ air  
contamination  
incidents, 100+  
chemicals found,  
Worker and  
public safety  
upgrades needed

**2005,**  
US ATSDR finds  
that CIPP office  
building  
contaminated  
caused a  
'public health  
hazard'

**2006,**  
The Netherlands  
RIVM recommends  
all sites have air  
monitoring and a  
fan installed to  
expel chemicals for  
at least 24h after  
CIPP installation

**2017,**  
California  
Department of  
Public Health  
issues 1<sup>st</sup>  
statewide CIPP  
Safety Alert

**2017,**  
California  
Department of  
Public Health  
issues 2<sup>nd</sup>  
statewide CIPP  
safety warning

**2018,**  
Environmental  
impact critical  
review shows a  
history of CIPP  
associated water  
contamination,  
spec upgrades  
needed

**2018,**  
Environmental  
impact field  
study shows  
CIPP water  
contamination,  
spec upgrades  
needed

**2019,**  
Toxicology study  
indicates  
potential for  
human health  
effects. Should  
consider not just  
styrene and long-  
term impacts like  
cancer.



# More than 130 Chemical Exposure Incidents have been Associated with CIPP Manufacturing Sites in and Outside the US (some not shown)

## 2017 study (59)

Alexandria, Virginia	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Antigo, Wisconsin	Nashville, Tennessee
Arlington, Virginia	North Tonawanda, New York
Baltimore, Maryland	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bellevue, Washington	Picayune, Mississippi
Bethlehem, New York	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Boston, Massachusetts	Port Huron, Michigan
Botany Village, New Jersey	Prairie Village, Kansas
Brooklyn, New York	Rensselaer, New York
Cambridge, Massachusetts	Saint Louis, Missouri
Cheektowaga, New York	Saint Petersburg, Florida
Clear Creek, Colorado	Saugus, Massachusetts
Des Moines, Iowa	Snellville, Georgia
Fayetteville, New York	Southfield, Michigan
Good Hope, Illinois	West Lafayette, Indiana
Helena, Montana	Willamette River, Oregon
Kensington, Maryland	Williams Co. Village, Ohio
Lincoln, Nebraska	Worcester, Massachusetts
Lorain County, Ohio	Unidentified, Illinois
Madison, Wisconsin	Unidentified, Minnesota

## 2019 study (45)

Andersen, Indiana	Lees Summit, Missouri
Aurora, Colorado	Midland, Michigan
Austin, Texas	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Alexandria, Virginia	North Attleboro, Massachusetts
Arlington, Virginia	Nyack, New York
Arlington, Kentucky	New York, New York
Barnet, Vermont	Richmond, Virginia
Bend, Oregon	Salem, Virginia
Bolivar, Missouri	Sarasota, Florida
Bronxville, New York	Saint Louis Park, Minnesota
Burlington, Kentucky	Saint Paul, Minnesota
Charlotte, North Carolina	San Diego, California
Chattanooga, Tennessee	South Heights, Pennsylvania
Columbia, Missouri	South Pasadena, California
Darlington, Wisconsin	Tampa, Florida
Dublin, California	Terra Haute, Indiana
Effingham, Illinois	Vancouver, Washington
Falls Church, Virginia	Weymouth, Massachusetts
Hattiesburg, Mississippi	Whitesboro, New York
Honolulu, Hawaii	

## OCONUS (11)

Brisbane, AUS  
Birmingham, UK  
Cornwall, UK  
Manchester, UK  
Somerset, UK  
Surrey, UK  
Montréal, CAN  
Ontario, CAN  
Ottawa, CAN  
Québec, CAN  
Toronto, CAN

### **Known Exposures in 30 States**

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

## 2019, *Inhalation Toxicology* study: *In vitro* toxicity assessment of emitted materials collected during the manufacture of water pipe plastic linings, Kobos et al.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08958378.2019.1621966>

### Study Conclusions

- CIPP emissions likely should not be regulated based on styrene alone and exposure assessments of worksites would benefit from more comprehensive evaluation of emission components
  - Benzaldehyde, Benzoic Acid, Phenol, 1-Tetracecanol were all highest in Site 4 emissions
- Efforts should be made to adequately inform workers and the public regarding emissions as there is a potential for toxicity following inhalation exposure
- Exposures should be minimized and the proper personal protective equipment utilized
- Alterations in operational procedures should further be investigated to mitigate emissions and to understand potential adverse health effects
- Based on our findings future studies should examine cytotoxicity and cell injury, immune responses, fibrosis, and cancer as these were pathways determined to be modified significantly in representative pulmonary cells following exposure

**CIPP workers, CIPP companies, Employees of city/county/state government agencies, and consulting firms can reach out to NIOSH for occupational CIPP safety advice and –FREE– (\$0.00) onsite testing.**

**Health Hazard Evaluations** help workers learn what health hazards are present at their workplace and recommends ways to reduce hazards and prevent work-related illness.

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Dr. Rachel Bailey ([feu2@cdc.gov](mailto:feu2@cdc.gov))

***Purdue Recommendations for CIPP Construction Specs available [here](#).***



**Solvable problems exist for this innovative technology.**

**Emissions and exposures can present acute and chronic human health risks and environmental hazards.**



### August 2019 in Carlisle, PA

1 of the top 10 trout streams in the US

Fish kill (200+) associated with CIPP contractors

Styrene found, temperature not high

NOV issued to city; Criminal/law enforcement, and environmental enforcement investigations remain open