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Illinois Woman Claims Metal Processing Plants Caused Cancer Diagnosis.

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A woman from McHenry County claims pollution from chemical and metal processing plants in her hometown of Union, Illinois, are to blame for her Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma diagnosis, according to a lawsuit filed this week.

"I knew how close we were to the chemical factories," said Dana Harper. "I just knew there had to be a connection."

Harper's lawsuit claims four companies -- Central Wire, Inc., Techalloy Company, Inc., Phibro-Tech and Southern California Chemical Company, Inc. -- polluted the air and the water in her village with what the suit claims are cancer-causing chemicals.

"It's very scary the treatment that I've gone through and still what I have to face ahead of me," she said.

Of the four companies listed in the lawsuit, Southern California and Techalloy were shut down by the Illinois EPA in the 1980s, according to attorneys. Phibro-Tech and Central Wire appear to still be in operation in Union.

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