

## **“Vital Studies” – US EPA**

In May 16, 2003, Dow’s *Dioxin Data* website quoted Mr. Jeff Feerer, Dow Environmental Issue Leader, “Numerous studies – including vital studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency, Midland County Public Health Department and Dow – show that the health of Midland residents is better than both the state and national averages.

Just to make sure that I understood exactly what Dow had said, I logged on to *Dioxin Data* on September 17, 2003 and the same message, slightly changed, could still be found. “Numerous studies – including vital studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency, Midland County Public Health Department and Dow – show that the health of the Midland County residents and Dow workers is better than the state and national averages.”

*Dioxin Data* contains several Dow studies and a few MCPHD studies, but no EPA studies that address the health of Midland residents and/or Dow workers. I would have thought that any studies that confirm Dow’s position on dioxin exposure would have surely been posted on Dow’s website.

I admit that my computer skills are small and my knowledge about how to search EPA documents is limited. Perhaps, I missed the EPA studies that Dow had indicated were available.

My request to Dow for assistance in helping to locate these “vital EPA studies” has not been responded to by the time that this section is being written.

Could a more knowledgeable reader please indicate where these “vital EPA studies” can be found?