

Robert Taylor's Statement

I have personally witnessed the suffering and death of my relatives and friends. My mother's death, my brother, nephew, neighbors, friends and fellow parishioners. Upon learning the cause of our tragedy, I have worked diligently with the help of my fellow parishioners as well as support from countless organizations outside of our community to address this very serious issue.

The suffering of the people of Saint John the Baptist Parish has been compounded by the inaction on the part of those charged with the protection of the people. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality have conducted themselves more as surrogates of Denka (and formerly Dupont) than as protectors of the people. This obvious collaboration on the part EPA and Louisiana DEQ along with those state and local elected officials have resulted in the extended suffering and death of the people of Saint John the Baptist parish

Therefore, we demand that Denka cease operations until they can prove to the satisfaction of the people that their operations are safe and harmless.