Cormetech Allegedly Polluted KM 1,000 Times over Limit!! Chief Operating Officer Deported to Germany!! Toxic Thallium released into water!! Any Questions? If so, Call the Shelby Star!! Additional Information Provided by Robert A. Williams

Editor's Note: The Shelby Star reported today that the Cormetech plant at 304 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain was identified as the source of a major and continuing release of the toxic element Thallium into the KM sewage treatment system at levels over 1,000 times over the limit for such releases. The Thallium pollution is to be diluted and released into the environment. The Star also reported that the Cormetech Chief Operating Officer is to be deported to Germany on a never to return basis.

This kind of business is not something that we typically cover. However, there are some issues regarding governmental regulation, business recruiting and punishment for wrongdoing that are of interest.

1. Keeping water supplies for Cleveland County residents, as well as downstream areas are everybody's concern. Apparently, the Regulations were in place but the enforcement was little

to none until somebody told on Cormetech.

- 2. You have to wonder who recruited Cormetech to Cleveland County. The great and wonderful Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership? Or somebody else. It may very well be that somebody in Cleveland County needs to be deported to Germany, just like the Cormetech COO.
- 3. Cleaning up the toxic pollution mess in Kings Mountain is likely to be very very costly. And you can bet the Kings Mountain City council will be coming hat in hand to the Commissioners for taxpayer funding. From ALL of the taxpayers in Cleveland County.

None of these issues and more were noted in the Shelby Star article. Also, it appears that the Cormetech company can just keep on polluting and having their line of COOs deported over and over again. Letting Cleveland County Taxpayers foot the cleanup costs.

We will keep track of what is going on and let you know what we find.

Also, most of you readers are wondering by now, just what is Thallium. Of course, the Shelby Star did not think to do that.

So, we have attached a Thallium Fact Sheet as well as Cormetech employee reviews for your information. Note that Thallium is used (of was used) in Rat Poison. Also note that the Employee Reviews from the Kings Mountain Plant former employees are especially harsh.

Hey! you Kings Mountain readers. Would you want your Police Department to shut down Cormetech, padlock the doors and hang the people that brought down this costly toxic mess into your midst? Just wondering?

Stay tuned. And if you have any questions, Call the Shelby Star!! The Devil made me say that.

Cormetech Employee Reviews:

Work life

Maintenance(Former Employee)-Kings Mountain, NC-December 23, 2018

Working for cormetech is hard work and very dangerous. With this company you are cleaning coal ash modules and they are supposed to provide respirators and they do not. they told me the day they hired me thru the temp service that working for them I could get cancer and/or coal ash in my lungs. I DO NOT recommend anybody working for this company.

Cormetech sucks

Maintenance Technician (Former Employee)-Kings Mountain, NC-February 18, 2019

The management is lazy and very unknowable. They The supervisors there cause trouble between the employees. The third shift supervisor is a racist trouble make and he is very lazy and stupid....

Didn't pay enough for coal ash

Processor(Former Employee) — Kings Mtn, NC—September 20, 2019 They will blackball you. Not sure if OSHA has been there in a while. Instead of fixing bathrooms. They just lock them up and leave them locked. You inhale arsenic I guess kings Mt residence don't know. I will let town know though. They blackball. Only pay 14 hr. to inhale arsenic for 12 hrs. Should pay 20 hr. Didn't tell me there was arsenic in the coal ash. No respirators. Just dust mask. Some people just watch others work. There called Leadman. Even though they don't know what he'll going on. IF SOMEONE QUITS. DONT TAKE PERSONAL. MAYBE THEIR TIRED OF BEEN SICK AND COUGHING UP COAL ASH. IF MANAGERS AND PERSONAL THINK ITS OK TO INHALE. MOVE YOUR DOWN IN PROCESSING ROOM FOR 12 HR. NOW KEEP BLACK BALLING.

Terrible management and Unstable environment

Full Bench Lab Technician(Former Employee) — Charlotte, NC-September 19, 2019

This job is a very unstable position to have at this company. The supervisor who hired me left the location to work in

Durham and they put some guy who's a pencil pusher and probably racist in that position. They had some work at beginning but things slowed down without any type of feedback from management keeping me out the loop. The lab also had cameras watching me which was a total violation of workers' rights. The arrogance that filled this place is very much embarrassing and I'm just upset because i turned down jobs for this garbage corporation. They definitely need a remodeling and cleanup of this location. Farewell and I'll be surprised if they stay open.

Productive workplace, effective and teamwork

Extrusion Operator(Former Employee) —Cleveland, TN—May 3, 2019 Good company to have been a part of their team, good benefits and hours. I liked the flexibility of the company and advancement in job opportunity. Also, everyone worked together helping one another.

Good place to work with little to no advancement

Associate(Former Employee) — Cleveland, TN—June 21, 2018 if your good at something that's where you stay. very rarely did an advancement opportunity arise and then they hired from outside. overall was a decent place to work just burns you out on certain jobs.

It's a job...nothing more

Operations Specialist(Former Employee) — Durham, NC-December 30, 2017

Stay away from this place. I'm warning you. Many employees end up having cancer from breathing in all of the chemicals. The job is very repetitive. It's very hot inside. And you have to put on a lab suit with face mask, dust, mask, etc. Pay...it sucks. Not worth it.

Great place to work

Industrial Maintenance Technician(Former Employee) —Cleveland, TN— August 25, 2016

Great shift assignments. Pleasant working environment. Good

employees to work with. Management provides proper tools to produce a quality product. Excellent pay and benefits.

Awesome

Operations Specialist(Former Employee) — Durham, NC-February 14, 2016

A typical day at work was to test out the machines and examine the products. I learned how to work in extreme conditions. The management was a little difficult, but fair. The co-workers are amazing. The hardest part of the job was working in the heat and dealing with chemicals. The most enjoyable part was the people, staff, co-workers.

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