

# **Questions & Answers from the View-Master Public Meeting Held on January 28, 2003**



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This document contains responses to questions that were gathered at the public meeting that Oregon DHS held with former View-Master workers and concerned citizens on January 28, 2003, at the Elmonica School in Beaverton.

To develop answers, these questions were referred to several different agencies, including the Office of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology of Oregon DHS, the Office of Environmental Services and Consultation of Oregon DHS, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Drinking Water Program, the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Ombudsman's Office for Injured Workers in the Department of Consumer and Business Services, as well as the Mattel Corporation.

The responses were developed to the best of our knowledge at the present time. This document may be updated in the future if we receive new information.

## Section VIII. Privacy Issues

***Q: Can we obtain a list of people who have died?***

DHS is not able to release the names of anyone in the health study because state statute (ORS 432.060) requires that we protect the confidentiality of all information that we have received for the purpose of the health study. If you have a family member who worked at the View-Master factory and is now deceased, and would like to make sure that your relative is included in the study, you may contact ODHS at (503) 731-4025 or (503) 872-5356.

The advocacy group VOTE has worked with families to develop a memorial of former workers who have died. VOTE can be reached by phone 1-800-305-3133, fax 959-564-1804, e-mail [TCEin3D@yahoo.com](mailto:TCEin3D@yahoo.com).

***Q: Can I get a list of all the attendees to this meeting and their addresses?***

Because it was a public meeting, upon request we can release the names of the attendees who signed in. We are required to protect the addresses and other contact information for individuals, so that information cannot be released.