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There was exposure after the 1946 period as you know.

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- > <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas/pdfs/tbd/rescon/appen-b3.pdf>
- > see the evaluation of some of the areas of the University of Chicago
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- > Page 61 of 96 FACILITY
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