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## **EELV ECOLOGISTS DEMAND DEAMD TRANSPARENCY REGADRING LUBRIZOL ACCIDENT**

### **AND HEALTH MONITORING IN ROUEN**

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**USPA NEWS** - After hearing the prefect of Seine-Maritime before the community council of the metropolis of Rouen, closed to the public, ecologists remain mobilized to obtain transparency and justice for residents of Rouen and surroundings. The Prime Minister, visiting last Monday evening, once again promised "absolute transparency" and assured that the odors, as "embarrassing" as they are, were not "harmful", on the basis of the analyzes carried out . Firefighters and policemen on sick leave after their intervention, population suffering from disorders (headaches, nausea, etc.), farmers banned from consuming or selling their production are all realities that contradict the paternalistic discourse of the prefecture and the government. While it took several days for the list of products stored in the plant to be finally published, fears remain and the population, victim twice in 6 years of leaks and fires of Lubrizol, is entitled to know the truth .

Public authorities such as the Lubrizol company must assume their responsibility in the management of this accident. Lubrizol must undertake to compensate farmers for their losses and the State must undertake to implement, as of today, health monitoring of populations by INSERM, and in the long term, to prevent future risk. We also request an assessment of the environmental impact of this accident on the fauna and flora. If the prefect accepted Monday the opening of sanitary registers, this is still not done and we are afraid that, as in 2013, it never is. The National Assembly has announced the creation of a parliamentary mission, which will, in particular, question the relaxation of regulations implemented by the government that have reduced the scope of projects subject to environmental assessment, among which Seveso facilities, which are the most dangerous installations in the European Union. More generally, a thousand Seveso sites are located in France, close to homes for the most part. While Lubrizol praised its investments in protection and prevention, it is clear that when hazardous materials are stored somewhere, the impossible is always possible. It's all the legislation on toxic products that needs to be revised. It is not enough for Emmanuel Macron and the government to paint their speeches in green. When we scratch, the reality of the acts appears in the light of day: financial gains always outweigh the protection of the environment. It is a danger for nature and the living. »-----

Elisabeth Borne, Ecology Minister, spoke with the CEO of Lubrizol Corp .: the government expects the company to provide exemplary support. The Ecology and Solidarity Transition Minister, Borne, met this Friday, October 4 with Eric Schnur, CEO of Lubrizol Corp., following the industrial disaster that hit Rouen, Seine-Maritime and some northern territories. from the East of France. The Minister reminded the leader of the Government's commitment to ensure that the company fully assumes all its legal and regulatory obligations, whether in terms of transparency, site safety, clean-up, or monitoring of the consequences. in the medium and long term of this fire, in application of the polluter-pays principle. Beyond these obligations, and without waiting for any court decisions, the Government expects the company to be up to the situation, being exemplary in the support, including financial, territories, economic actors, and the inhabitants concerned. » Ministry of Ecology and environment. Source : Ministry of ecology, EELV.

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