

Review of: "A Review of the Risks of Copper Foil Manufacturing Plants. A New Facility in Catalonia, Spain"

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This is an interesting and rather ambitious paper that highlights a large number (60) of studies in the field of environmental pollution, with emphasis on metal contamination of air, water, and soil in communities living in the vicinity of large, metallurgical industrial complexes. Unfortunately, the paper does not focus on the copper foil manufacturing industries, as is implied by its title, neither does it venture into presenting the highlights of the copper foil production process used. It would also be important to clearly identify the potential sources of emission of metallic contaminants and typical emission rates per unit of copper foil production (g of metal emission / ton of copper foil produced). Moreover, it would have been valuable to quantify critical levels of such emissions and their corresponding impact on human health.