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Dr. Ian Gardner is a Principal Specialist Inspector with the Health and Safety Executive. He started work with them in the early 1970's as a general Factory Inspector, inspecting a wide range of industries and enforcing the UK's health and safety legislation.

In 1990 Ian transferred to the HSE Specialist Group and became a Principal Specialist Inspector advising general inspectors and some of HSE's National Interest Groups on occupational hygiene issues. He has supported the Agriculture, Ceramics and Engineering Sectors and latterly has been involved with HSE's Legionella Committee and the preparation of technical guidance in support of the Approved Code of Practice L8 "Legionnaires'disease : The control of legionella bacteria in water systems".

Ian was involved in the investigation of the outbreak of respiratory disease at the Powertrain factory in Longbridge, Birmingham UK and provided guidance to the investigating inspectors and the Engineering Sector on all aspects of the control of exposure to metalworking fluids. He has also been involved with the investigation of two further outbreaks of respiratory disease associated with exposure to metalworking fluids.

Ian continues to be involved with metalworking fluids through his support for the Engineering Sector, and his participation in the Metalworking Forum which is directing the further investigation of the causes of respiratory disease from inhalation exposure to metalworking fluids.