

affected

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300,000 affected

134,000 affected

255,000 affected

5.5m affected

industrial base was polluting the area with industrial According to the report, cancer rates in Sumgayit were as

La Oroya, Peru; Potentially 35,000

Dzerzhinsk, Russia; Potentially

Chernobyl, Ukraine; Potentially

Norilsk, Russia; Potentially

Kabwe, Zambia; Potentially

Data: Blacksmith Institute

much as 51% higher than the national average and that genetic mutations and birth defects were commonplace.

the Indian town of Sukinda

leaching dangerous chemicals

Sumgayit in Azerbaijan was

which said the former Soviet

chemicals and heavy metals.

also included in the report,

there were 12 mines

environmental controls,

operating without

into water supplies.

The Blacksmith Institute's director, Richard Fuller, said: "The fact of the matter is that children are sick and dying in

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these polluted places, and it's not rocket science to fix them.

"This year, there has been more focus on pollution in the media, but there has been little action in terms of new funding or programmes. We all need to step up to the plate and get moving," he said.

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