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NO CANCER STUDY: A proposal to study cancer and birth defect rates among 100,000 California electronics industry workers was shelved this week after industry regulators and workers' advocates failed to agree to its merit and methodology. At a meeting of an Environmental Protection Agency-sponsored panel, the industry said such a study would be better suited to agencies more closely linked to occupational health. But, says Ted Smith, head of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition in San Jose, the industry characterized the study "as a fishing expedition" and does not want to address the issue. A new proposal may be taken up by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health or some other agency.

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