

## Henkel Bay Point Workers on Strike!

DEATHS AND INJURIES SPARK STRIKE, WORKERS LOSE HEALTH CARE

On April 15, 2013, David Eleidjian, a 26-year old Iraq War veteran from Antioch, [was killed](#) by an industrial mixer, just weeks after another similar incident occurred at Henkel Aerospace in Bay Point. There have been multiple additional OSHA violations at the site that have resulted in burns and other injuries.

In the intervening years since these tragedies, little has been done to improve conditions at the workplace. "Henkel refuses to address health and safety problems through better training and advancement, or a reasonable grievance procedure at the bargaining table," says Steve Older, the Machinists' Area Director.

To this day, workers are concerned for their safety. That's why they decided to [go on strike](#) on October 16, 2017. "The company's ongoing animus toward union workers - on the factory floor and at the bargaining table - has led to more workplace injuries." So far, these brave machinists have picketed day and night for over two weeks. "And we'll be on strike until this corporation puts safety and fairness first."



Tensions have escalated even further. Henkel has decided to cancel striking workers' health care plans, exacerbating existing health problems. "It is not surprising – and completely in line with Henkel's callous disregard for worker safety – that they would cancel our insurance in an attempt to scare us back to into unsafe jobs," says Will Morris, Henkel production worker and Shop Steward for [Machinists Local 1584](#). "Scariest than us losing health insurance is what's been happening to workers inside the plant: disabling and disfiguring accidents."



Henkel workers aren't going to stand idly by though. They've organized nearly a hundred workers to picket and have gained the support of [Congressman Mark DeSaulnier](#), who has [walked the picket line](#) in solidarity.

The Machinists have also partnered across the Atlantic with [IndustriALL Global Union](#) to fight back. Valter Sanches, General President of IndustriAll, has authored a letter criticizing Henkel's cruel actions.

**WHO:**

80 workers on strike protesting unsafe working conditions, plus community leaders, allies and YOU!

**WHAT:**  
Picket line.

**WHEN:**  
All day / all night...whenever you can be here

**WHERE:**  
[In front of Henkel Aerospace Bay Point  
2850 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA](#)

We hope you'll stand with your labor brothers and sisters today and throughout this campaign, no matter how long it takes.

