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According to the biography on the web pages selling his bio-ceramic underwear book, Dr. Zhang's credits include having been a consultant to the McLaren/Hart environmental consulting firm, of which Dennis Paustenbach became CEO in 1997.

Since 1996 the clients of McLaren/Hart have included the following companies implicated in hexavalent chromium ground contamination:

- Elementis Chromium, Corpus Christi, TX
- Chemical Land Holdings, Dallas, TX. (previously Maxus Energy and Occidental) (Cr6 waste sites in NJ & Ohio)
- PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA (processors of chromium ore)
- American Chrome and Chemicals, Inc.

Thus the money to pay Dr. Zhang likely came from the industrial clients of McLaren/Hart who have a strong financial interest in the health effects evidence for Cr6 . I don't know what Dr. Zhang was paid to do by McLaren/Hart, but republishing his study with different conclusions seems a possibility.

It's a small world after all!