

1 us a number of opinions while you have been up here
2 and I want to just make sure that the record is
3 clear.

4 The opinions that you have expressed while
5 you were showing us your slides, are all of those
6 opinions based upon a reasonable degree of scientific
7 certainty?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. Doctor, does every asbestos fiber
10 that reaches the -- that reaches down to those
11 mesothelial cells, are they capable of causing the
12 type of division and mutation that you have discussed
13 earlier?

14 A Sure. Every fiber is capable of doing it.
15 Just which fiber has caused the genetic error in a
16 given individual, of course, I can't tell you, but
17 every time a fiber reaches that point, it increases
18 the likelihood that that event can occur, sure.

19 Q And does asbestos cause an increase in the
20 number of mistakes, not only that mistakes are made,
21 but the number of mistakes that can occur during cell