fiber found is chrysotile asbestos.

Q Now, has it always been your opinion, Dr. Hammar, that chrysotile can cause mesothelioma in humans?

A No. I thought when I first started studying this, based on the epidemiologic studies, that the majority of the data really suggested that chrysotile was not very potent in causing mesotheliomas.

In fact, I have a table, or actually it is a figure out of a publication, from a Gunnar Hillendal, who was a lung doctor in Sweden, in which he rates the potency of the various asbestos fiber types.

And he rates them as crocidolite, which is blue asbestos, is number one, amosite and tremolite in the middle, and chrysotile as the least potent in causing mesothelioma. And that at one time was my opinion based on those epidemiologic studies.

I think in the last three years there has been some data that has accumulated to make me change my mind, which has suggested that chrysotile is perhaps more toxic than previously believed and maybe