

1 abrade it or disrupt it.

2 Q Can you describe for us what you meant by
3 bundles and clumps or clusters of asbestos fibers?

4 A Well, asbestos fibers, and we have some
5 photos that I think we will show a little bit later --
6 but the fibers of asbestos are individual fibrils that
7 are then put together as bundles, and asbestos is a
8 natural mineral, and they will be sort of like a group
9 of soda straws all together and that will form a
10 fiber, and then you may have a number of fibers that
11 are together in odd positions.

12 Like if you took the soda straws and dropped
13 them on the table, they would be all mixed around and
14 that would be a cluster of asbestos fibers.

15 In some cases you get particles on top of
16 that as well, something that is not asbestos will form
17 and that will be a matrix.

18 Sometimes the asbestos fibers are in part of
19 the matrix; sometimes they are just a piece
20 associated, or on top of it.

21 When we look at it in the microscope, we