Q In your opinion, is chrysotile a pure carcinogen?

A It is, yes.

Q Now, is there a latency period for mesothelioma?

A Yes.

Q And generally is there a general time period or latency for the disease?

A There is, there is a range. The range I have seen myself now is 10 to about 70 years, and the latest case, one of the cases I have recently did an autopsy on, is a woman who died of mesothelioma at age 89 and she had first been exposed at about 19.

The most frequent period by definition is from the time of first exposure of asbestos to the time of diagnosing the disease; it is between 30 to 40 years with about 35 being the average.

90 percent of the cases of mesothelioma would occur within a latency of about 20 to say 50 years.

Most of the cases that would be diagnosed