

1 what I discussed in my 2004 paper which is evolving
2 state of knowledge involving asbestos since 1900 to the
3 current day as well as break wear debris and brake dust
4 since 1900 to 2000.

5 With respect to epidemiology I said that, I
6 would have said what I said in my 2004 paper and in
7 other cases that the epidemiology studies
8 overwhelmingly indicate there is no increased risk for
9 auto mechanics, and that based on the epidemiology and
10 the toxicology and the exposure data, these, none of
11 this surprises me.

12 So I think the scientific data are very
13 consistent across the board with respect to the
14 relationship between work as a brake mechanic and the
15 lack of increase of asbestos-related disease. So
16 that's in a nutshell what I would have said had I had
17 an opportunity to do so.

18 Q Do your opinions regarding epidemiology change
19 from case to case in brake cases?

20 A It depends on what new information is
21 available. It wouldn't change if there is no new
22 information. In recent years someone has an opinion
23 about every three months that they share in the
24 literature and I try to incorporate that in my view.

25 Q Have your opinions concerning state of the art