

1 individual a little more comfortable?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Did Mr. Vandergucht also have edema as a
4 result of his ascites and condition?

5 A Yes, sir. The protein in the blood, the
6 protein helps keep fluid into the vascular system.
7 Low protein will also result in the fluid leaking
8 out.

9 Q Do you have an opinion, Doctor, again, with
10 reasonable medical certainty, as to what the cause was
11 of Mr. Vandergucht's peritoneal malignant
12 mesothelioma?

13 A Yes, sir. Knowing that he was exposed
14 occupationally to asbestos, it is my opinion that
15 asbestos exposure caused his mesothelioma.

16 Q Is there anything else in Mr. Vandergucht's
17 medical records that would account for the development
18 of his malignant mesothelioma?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Do you have an opinion, Doctor, as to
21 whether his peritoneal mesothelioma shortened his life