

1 significant levels of asbestos.

2 That is often referred to as
3 paraoccupational exposure.

4 Q Is there, in your opinion, Dr. Gabrielson,
5 again, with reasonable medical certainty, a level of
6 exposure, a level of occupational exposure, below
7 which mesothelioma will not occur?

8 A No. Nobody has ever really established a
9 lower limit. There have been reports, a large number
10 of reports, of individuals who have developed
11 mesothelioma after exposures only for short periods of
12 time, such as working on a summer job 10 weeks or so.

13 There have been reports of even shorter
14 exposures of just a few weeks in individuals that have
15 developed mesothelioma.

16 So, very brief periods of exposure probably
17 also increase the risk of developing mesothelioma. No
18 one has ever really established a safe lower limit.

19 In practical terms, though, the
20 environmental exposures may contribute to
21 mesothelioma.