

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF McLEAN

LOWELL GWIN, Special)
Administrator of the)
Estates of Donald Gwin)
and Dorothy Gwin,)
deceased and)
JUDY GRAMMER,)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.) No. 03 L 207
PNEUMO ABEX CORPORATION,)
et al.,)
Defendants.)

The 30(B)(6) deposition of CARLO F. MARTINO,
taken in the above-entitled case, before Mary M.
Lewis, CSR, RPR, in and for the County of Cook and
State of Illinois, on the 25th day of May, 2005, at
9:30 a.m., at 190 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois, pursuant to notice.

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(UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was
marked for identification.)

CARLO F. MARTINO,

being first duly sworn, was examined and testified
as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLY:

Q Can you please state your full name.

A Carlo, C-a-r-l-o, F., Martino,
M-a-r-t-i-n-o.

MR. KELLY: And for the record, I'll state
this is the discovery deposition of Union
Carbide Corporation taken pursuant to notice
and all applicable statutes and court rules for
the State of Illinois. There's no
stipulations.

I'll ask counsel for Union Carbide, I
know I did receive a letter yesterday from
Tobin Taylor, but my understanding is that
Mr. Martino is being tendered with respect to
less than all of the matters on the Rule 206
notice; is that correct?

MS. CLARK: That is correct.

MR. KELLY: And which paragraphs is he

1 going to be testifying to today?
 2 MS. CLARK: Mr. Martino is going to
 3 testify about Category 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23
 4 and 27. There's a limitation with respect to
 5 all of those categories in that he's only going
 6 to be testifying about the phenolic resin
 7 business.

8 As you know, Union Carbide is a large
 9 corporation with many other products and some
 10 of the requests could be read much more broadly
 11 than just the phenolic resin business. He's
 12 only here to talk about that aspect of the
 13 business and also the requests, for example,
 14 19, 20, 22, 23, 27, which say to GE and/or
 15 specifically the GE plant in Bloomington,
 16 Illinois, he's going to be addressing those
 17 with respect to the GE plant in Bloomington,
 18 not GE as a whole.

19 MR. KELLY: Is there any other individual
 20 that will be testifying today in response to
 21 the other categories in the notice?

22 MS. CLARK: Not today, no.

23 MR. KELLY: And when will GE produce
 24 further individuals to testify as to those

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1 for Union Carbide in an asbestos litigation case?
 2 A I think it was probably 2001.
 3 Q Are you currently employed by
 4 Union Carbide?
 5 A No, I am not.
 6 Q Are you retired?
 7 A Yes.
 8 Q How long have you been retired?
 9 A Nine years.
 10 Q So that would be 1996?
 11 A 1996, yes.
 12 Q And how were you first contacted in order
 13 to give the deposition testimony that you gave for
 14 Union Carbide back in 2001?
 15 A I was contacted by Jonathan Glasser who
 16 worked for another law firm, Kelley Drye I think it
 17 was.
 18 Q And since that time you've testified on I
 19 think you said on seven to eight different
 20 occasions?
 21 A Yes.
 22 Q Have any of those particular times that
 23 you've given testimony, have they ever been at trial
 24 or they've just been depositions like today?

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1 remaining matters?
 2 MS. CLARK: When will Union Carbide
 3 produce?
 4 MR. KELLY: Yes.
 5 MS. CLARK: That's something that we will
 6 have to discuss with you, Counsel.
 7 MR. KELLY: Okay.
 8 Q Mr. Martino, where do you live?
 9 A Branchburg, New Jersey.
 10 Q And did you just come in for this
 11 deposition today?
 12 A Yes -- well, I didn't come in today but I
 13 came in for this deposition.
 14 Q Have you given depositions before on
 15 behalf of Union Carbide in asbestos litigation?
 16 A Yes.
 17 Q On how many occasions have you done that?
 18 A Oh, about seven or eight.
 19 Q When was the most recent time that you did
 20 so?
 21 A Last December.
 22 Q Do you remember where that was?
 23 A Here.
 24 Q When was the first time that you testified

1 A There have been trials, yes.
 2 Q How many trials have you testified in?
 3 A Two.
 4 Q And is that two times that you've
 5 testified in addition to the seven and eight
 6 depositions?
 7 A Yes.
 8 Q So about a total of ten times roughly is
 9 the times that you've actually testified in asbestos
 10 litigation whether deposition or trial?
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q And on each of those ten occasions you
 13 were tendered as a witness by Union Carbide?
 14 MS. CLARK: Objection, calls for a legal
 15 conclusion.
 16 A Well, by attorneys representing
 17 Union Carbide.
 18 BY MR. KELLY:
 19 Q And in each of those occasions was your
 20 testimony related to the topic of phenolic resin
 21 products?
 22 A No, phenolic molding material products.
 23 Let me clarify that, phenolic resins did come into
 24 the discussions once we got started so I don't know

1 how you want to interpret that.

2 Q Are you aware that in addition to, and
3 we'll just call them phenolic molding materials at
4 this point, are you familiar with the fact that
5 Union Carbide also mined a type of asbestos in
6 addition to marketing and manufacturing the molding
7 materials?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Has your testimony ever involved any
10 discussions with respect to the asbestos mining
11 business of Union Carbide?

12 A Only insofar as whether we used some of
13 that asbestos in the molding materials.

14 Q Through your career at Union Carbide did
15 you ever have an opportunity to go to the location
16 or locations where Union Carbide mined its asbestos?

17 A No.

18 Q Do you even know where that occurred?

19 A Only the general location, out west.

20 Q And do you know that as King City,
21 California?

22 A I didn't know the specific place.

23 Q And did you ever have any day-to-day
24 contact when you were an employee of Union Carbide

1 molding materials were made there, there were other
2 thermoplastics as well.

3 Q And were there other locations in
4 North America where molding materials were being
5 made other than Bound Brook when you first started?

6 A In the U.S.?

7 Q In North America.

8 A In North America, yes, Canada.

9 Q Is that in Belleville?

10 A Yes, and also there was a plant in Mexico.

11 Q Was there a plant in Monterey or
12 Mexico City then?

13 A Monterey.

14 Q And as a trainee, were you involved in the
15 thermoplastics part of the business or in the
16 molding materials?

17 A At that time it was all operations in the
18 Bound Brook side, at the Bound Brook side.

19 Q What's your educational background?

20 A I have a BS in Chemical Engineering.

21 Q And did part of your duties as a trainee
22 involve applying what you learned from a chemical
23 engineering background?

24 A Yes.

1 with people that worked out in the California west
2 coast asbestos mining operation?

3 A No.

4 Q When did you first start working for
5 Union Carbide?

6 A 1948.

7 Q And in what capacity, what was your job
8 title at that time?

9 A Trainee.

10 Q And where were you based?

11 A Bound Brook, New Jersey.

12 Q And was the entity that you worked for in
13 Bound Brook was that Union Carbide Chemicals and
14 Plastics Corporation?

15 A At that time it was known as the Bakelite
16 Division of Union Carbide.

17 Q And what were you a trainee in when you
18 first started in 1948?

19 A I started in the production department.

20 Q And if you could explain to me,
21 Bound Brook was the manufacturing processing
22 location where molding materials were made; is that
23 correct?

24 A That's the location. More than just

1 Q Now, you said that you were working in
2 production, can you explain exactly what it was that
3 you were doing in production in '48?

4 A There was a program to train new employees
5 to eventually be supervisors in the production
6 department and it entailed going to each department
7 for a period of a number of weeks and learning
8 actually hands-on training in that area as to what
9 was being done.

10 Q This gave you an overview of basically
11 everything that was being done throughout the entire
12 facility?

13 A Yes.

14 Q When you completed your trainee work, what
15 position did you take?

16 A I was transferred to the research and
17 development department, it was also located there.

18 Q What year was that?

19 A 1949.

20 Q And how long did you remain in research
21 and development?

22 A Ever since, until 1996.

23 Q What were the various positions that you
24 held in research and development over the years?

1 A I started as an engineer, chemical
2 engineer in polystyrene, then I was moved oh, about
3 nine years later to the polyethylene business, same
4 capacity, then I became a group supervisor for the
5 technical service activities for all the plastics
6 that we sold out of -- that we sold and had testing,
7 support of testing facilities at that site.

8 In 1960 I believe I was transferred
9 to group manager of the phenolic molding material
10 and laminating resins group and I stayed there until
11 1974, then I was transferred again to polyethylene
12 molding as a group manager and the rest were various
13 assignments in many different activities in that
14 area, licensing, blow molding and became associate
15 director in the 90's for all the molding,
16 polyethylene molding activities and pipe.

17 Q Was that the last position you held before
18 your retirement?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What were the different types of materials
21 that were being made at Bound Brook over your career
22 other than just the molding compounds at this point,
23 the phenolic molding compounds?

24 A There was a vinyl sheeting manufacturing

1 Q Is there any asbestos used in the
2 manufacturing process of polyethylene?

3 A No.

4 Q The vinyl sheeting business, what was the
5 vinyl sheeting being used for, what kind of
6 applications?

7 A When it was very popular, it was a leather
8 replacement used in automobiles, upholstery.

9 Q Is there any asbestos used in that
10 production?

11 A No.

12 Q The other one you said was a phenol plant?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What exactly is that in laymen's terms?

15 A What's that?

16 Q In laymen's terms, what's a phenol plant?

17 A That's one of the chemicals that's used to
18 make the phenolformaldehyde resins, it's one of the
19 building blocks.

20 Q Is there any asbestos used in the actual
21 phenol plant?

22 A No.

23 Q And then the hexaformaldehyde, what
24 exactly is that used for?

1 business, there was phenolic resin manufacturing, we
2 made our own formaldehyde and hexa there, phenoxy
3 resins, which are the specialty thermoplastics --

4 Q What was that again?

5 A P-h-e-n-o-x-y.

6 -- polystyrene, there was a phenol
7 plant there and all our research and development
8 activities primarily for catalysts and development
9 of polyethylene products for polyethylene. The
10 manufacturing was done elsewhere.

11 Q You said something about formaldehyde and
12 then I think you used the word hexa; is that right?

13 A Yes. Hexa is made from formaldehyde and
14 used as a cross-linking agent for one type of
15 phenolic resin.

16 Q And is that spelled h-e-x-a?

17 A Yes, the full -- that's a short name for
18 hexamethylene tetramine.

19 Q I like hexa better. What exactly is
20 polyethylene just in laymen's terms?

21 A It's a polymer made from ethylene gas and
22 it's a very commonly used product, milk bottles,
23 dish pans, plastic pipe, Glad Wrap, wire and cable
24 jacketing.

1 A Well, the formaldehyde was used to make
2 the phenolformaldehyde resins.

3 Q So basically you combine the materials
4 that you get from the phenol plant and the
5 hexaformaldehyde in order to create your phenolic
6 molding materials?

7 A Well, no, hexa and formaldehyde are two
8 different products so we combine the phenol and the
9 formaldehyde to make the phenolformaldehyde resins.

10 Q And the polystyrene, is that just
11 basically plastic?

12 A Yes, it melts.

13 Q And is there any asbestos used in the
14 manufacturing of the polystyrene?

15 A No.

16 Q Now, you said before that in your mind
17 there's a difference between a phenolic resin and
18 what we commonly call a molding material, can you
19 explain that to me?

20 A The molding material is the phenolic resin
21 to which we have added fillers and colorants and
22 lubricants so the phenolic resin is actually the
23 glue that holds them all together.

24 Q And of the various fillers or binders that

1 you use to add to the phenolic resin, did that
 2 include asbestos?
 3 A Some products did, yes.
 4 Q Was asbestos being used as a filler in the
 5 molding materials that Union Carbide was
 6 manufacturing when you started in '48?
 7 A Yes.
 8 Q And when was the last date that you're
 9 aware of that Union Carbide utilized asbestos as a
 10 filler component of the molding materials?
 11 MS. CLARK: Objection, ambiguous.
 12 BY MR. KELLY:
 13 Q You can still answer.
 14 A 1974, '75.
 15 Q I want to talk just about the fillers for
 16 a second here. What was the purpose of using the
 17 filler in addition to the resin in order to create a
 18 molding material?
 19 A The resin is like glass, it's brittle.
 20 The filler is primarily to give it some
 21 reinforcement so it doesn't break.
 22 Q And in addition to asbestos, were there
 23 other types of fillers that were used?
 24 A Oh, yes.

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1 Q And what were some of those?
 2 A Wood flour, coal, talc, cotton flock,
 3 mica. Those are the ones that come to mind, there
 4 may be others.
 5 Q Why would you choose to use one filler
 6 over the other?
 7 A It would depend on the properties that the
 8 customer wanted. Wood flour was the work horse that
 9 gave you the strength, it was adequate for most
 10 applications. If you wanted better water
 11 resistance, then you would go to a mineral filler.
 12 If you wanted more impact strength, you would go to
 13 a cotton fiber. So it was getting a balance of
 14 properties that fit an application.
 15 Q And the use of the asbestos, what was the
 16 quality of the asbestos that made it a good filler
 17 for certain applications?
 18 A Heat resistance primarily.
 19 Q When you first started in '48, can you
 20 give me a percentage of the number of different
 21 grades of molding materials which contained
 22 asbestos?
 23 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, vague.
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1 BY MR. KELLY:
 2 Q You can still answer.
 3 MS. CLARK: Go ahead.
 4 A In '48?
 5 BY MR. KELLY:
 6 Q Yes.
 7 A I don't have figures of '48, I wasn't that
 8 involved in the business.
 9 Q What's the first year that you think you
 10 would have enough knowledge based on your working at
 11 the Bound Brook plant to be able to define a
 12 percentage of which number of the molding materials
 13 contained asbestos as a filler as opposed to some
 14 other type of filler?
 15 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, vague.
 16 Go ahead.
 17 A Late 50's and I can give it to you only as
 18 percentage of pounds I've been told and it's a rough
 19 estimate. As best as I can tell from the records
 20 that I've seen, about 20 percent or less in the late
 21 50's.
 22 BY MR. KELLY:
 23 Q And in the late 50's what was the source
 24 of the asbestos that was being used as a filler in

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1 the Union Carbide molding materials?
 2 A Oh, we had various sources, Vermont, I
 3 don't remember the full name, Carey Mines. There
 4 may have been others but I don't remember them.
 5 Q The two largest that you remember were
 6 Carey and Vermont?
 7 A Yes.
 8 Q And was the -- first of all, are you
 9 familiar with different fiber types of asbestos?
 10 A Yes.
 11 Q And what was the fiber type of asbestos
 12 that you were buying from Vermont?
 13 A From Vermont we got some of the longer
 14 fiber asbestos which was small volume, I think we
 15 may have gotten some of the short fiber from them as
 16 well.
 17 Q Are you familiar with the terms amosite
 18 and chrysotile and crocidolite?
 19 A Yes, it was chrysotile. I usually
 20 pronounce it chrysotile but I don't know if that's
 21 correct or not.
 22 Q I don't know if I'm right either so
 23 between the two of us I think we know we're talking
 24 about the same thing.

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1 A As long as we can communicate.
 2 Q And from Carey what kind of fiber type
 3 were you buying from them?
 4 A Short fiber chrysotile.
 5 Q Is the Carey material sometimes called
 6 Carey floats, have you seen that used?
 7 A Yes, yes.
 8 Q And is that a term used to describe the
 9 short fibers?
 10 A I don't remember the distinction between
 11 the floats and the short fibers, whether there was
 12 one or not.
 13 Q Over the years that you worked at
 14 Union Carbide, did Union Carbide start to use
 15 different suppliers of asbestos within its molding
 16 materials?
 17 A Yes, I think we bought from Johns Manville
 18 for a while also.
 19 Q What years do you recall Johns Manville
 20 being a supplier?
 21 A It would be in the early 60's probably.
 22 Q And was this again the chrysotile
 23 material?
 24 A Sure, yes.

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1 Q Any other suppliers?
 2 A There may be but I don't remember them.
 3 Q Was there a time frame when Union Carbide
 4 started to utilize its own asbestos, the Calidria
 5 asbestos as a component of the molding materials?
 6 A I was involved in having it tested and I
 7 didn't approve it as a source.
 8 Q When did the testing of the Calidria
 9 occur?
 10 A I believe it was in the mid 60's.
 11 Q And you said you were involved in the
 12 testing but you never approved it?
 13 A Yes. It required change in the
 14 formulation, too much of a change in the formulation
 15 and it meant changes that a customer might see in
 16 his own operation.
 17 Q Did Union Carbide ever sell molding
 18 materials to its customers that contained Calidria
 19 asbestos?
 20 A If some was made during that testing
 21 period, we might have, but other than that, no.
 22 Q Did Union Carbide ever sell to its
 23 customers molding materials that contained amosite
 24 asbestos?

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1 A Not that I can recall.
 2 Q Did Union Carbide ever sell to its
 3 customers molding materials that contained
 4 crocidolite asbestos?
 5 A I looked at the records to see if I could
 6 find any evidence of that and have not been able to
 7 find any so my answer would have to be no based on
 8 what I have seen.
 9 Q When you first took on the responsibility
 10 of testifying at Union Carbide's request in asbestos
 11 litigation, did you review any documents in order to
 12 be able to do so?
 13 A There weren't any when I started except
 14 what I had myself, which was a phenolic molding
 15 material manual.
 16 Q And let me just start really basic then,
 17 the first time you testified back in I think you
 18 said 2001, had you reviewed any documents at that
 19 time other than that manual that you yourself
 20 possessed?
 21 A No.
 22 Q And basically you were just going on your
 23 own personal observations and what you learned over
 24 your career, correct?

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1 A That's right.
 2 Q Did you talk to any individuals
 3 specifically for the purpose of being able to
 4 testify about their recollections of the molding
 5 materials business at Union Carbide?
 6 MS. CLARK: Can I get that back.
 7 (The question was read.)
 8 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to object as
 9 vague and ambiguous. You can answer.
 10 A I have -- I did, whether it was just
 11 before that one or not, I don't recall.
 12 BY MR. KELLY:
 13 Q At some point or another you did have some
 14 discussions with some people?
 15 A Yes.
 16 Q And that was mainly just to sort of give
 17 yourself the most information you possibly could,
 18 correct?
 19 A Yes.
 20 Q Who were the individuals that you spoke to
 21 about the molding business?
 22 A People who had worked for me, Tony O'Livo,
 23 Lou Fishburg, George Ealer, Burt Krevsky,
 24 K-r-e-v-s-k-y, Doug Neal, Don Gould. This is over a

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1 period of time.

2 Q Sure. The individuals you named you spoke

3 with either just before the time you testified in

4 2001 or since then, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And what kind of position did Tony O'Livo

7 hold?

8 A He was a product engineer in my group when

9 I had the phenolic molding material responsibility.

10 Q He's someone that had worked at

11 Bound Brook?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And what kind of information did he

14 provide you that you rely on for your testimony?

15 MS. CLARK: Object to form.

16 A Refreshing my memory on product numbers.

17 BY MR. KELLY:

18 Q What about Lou Fishburg, what was his

19 position?

20 A He was a product engineer also.

21 Q And what information did he provide to

22 you?

23 A Same, trying to identify which products we

24 had put asbestos in and which we did not.

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1 Q What about George Ealer?

2 A Same.

3 Q And Burt Krevsky?

4 A He was no longer with the company but he

5 happened to have some old plastic encyclopedias

6 which were helpful in refreshing my memory of what

7 happened in the 60's.

8 Q When he was with the company, what

9 position did he hold?

10 A He had worked in the phenolic molding

11 material business in R&D in the 50's.

12 Q What about Doug Neal?

13 A He did a lot of the testing, lab testing

14 for asbestos in the air.

15 Q What was his position at Union Carbide?

16 A I don't recall his exact title but he was

17 associated with the safety organization, safety

18 health and environmental protection.

19 Q And the testing that he did for asbestos

20 in the air, was that in the actual air that was

21 contained within the buildings that made up the

22 Bound Brook facility?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What about Don Gould?

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1 A He was in the packaging area.

2 Q And what information did he provide to

3 you?

4 A I was interested in finding out when we

5 started labeling bags and what we put on them,

6 warning labels.

7 Q And what information did you learn about

8 warning labels from Don?

9 A Approximate dates.

10 Q And what are those?

11 A Well, I've since looked into the records

12 and gotten exact dates.

13 Q Well, let's talk about the documents you

14 looked at, first of all. Sometime after 2001 you've

15 reviewed some corporate documents at Union Carbide,

16 correct?

17 A I gradually became aware -- well, some

18 were found, in fact, quite a few were found later

19 that year, I didn't have direct access to them.

20 Q And at some point were you given access to

21 those documents?

22 A To some, yes.

23 Q And first of all, do you know where those

24 particular documents were found?

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1 A Where they were found, no, I wasn't

2 involved in that.

3 Q Do you know if they were found at

4 Bound Brook or at some other location?

5 A I think some were found at Bound Brook.

6 Q Do you know any other locations where

7 those or at least some of those documents were

8 found?

9 A We had a facility in Vermont where a lot

10 of old documents were stored, how many came from

11 there I don't know.

12 Q And since that initial time that you

13 reviewed some documents, have you seen additional

14 documents from the company with respect to the

15 molding operation?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And if you could quantify, how many

18 documents or boxes of documents do you think you've

19 reviewed over the years with respect to

20 Union Carbide's molding business?

21 A I've seen most of them at depositions. I

22 would guess -- you know, people have come in with

23 boxes full of them, a half a dozen boxes probably.

24 I didn't review them in detail but that's how many

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1 they were going through.

2 Q Did you review any documents in

3 preparation for your deposition today?

4 A Did they?

5 Q Did you review any documents in

6 preparation for your deposition today?

7 A Some to refresh my memory, yes.

8 Q And were some of those corporate type

9 documents with respect to the molding operation?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did you also review any sales records?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Any other types of documents that you saw?

14 A Just some general correspondence.

15 Q Were all of the documents that you had

16 reviewed, and setting aside at this point the sales

17 records, were they documents you had seen before in

18 the past?

19 A Many were, yes.

20 Q The asbestos that was used in the molding

21 compounds as a filler, was that a free-fiber

22 asbestos as opposed to the palletized form like some

23 of the Calidria?

24 A Yes, it was free fiber.

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1 Q And how was it that the asbestos arrived

2 at the Bound Brook facility, did it come by rail or

3 by truck, how did it get there?

4 A I don't know whether it was by rail or

5 truck, how it was delivered, it was not in bulk.

6 Q Was there a particular part of the

7 Bound Brook facility where items such as asbestos

8 were received into the facility?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And once the asbestos was taken into the

11 facility, was there a particular part of the plant

12 where the asbestos was used in the phenolic molding

13 material operations?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And were there different buildings that

16 made up Bound Brook or how exactly did you identify

17 where it was that the asbestos was going to be used?

18 A There were different buildings that were

19 identified to manufacture particular products. We

20 had a phenolic molding material department that was

21 set up to handle fillers.

22 Q So the asbestos went to the phenolic

23 molding department?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q Now, we already talked about how the

2 phenol and the formaldehyde were combined together

3 after being produced in their own separate

4 locations, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And then the end product of that is what's

7 called phenolformaldehyde?

8 A Yes, phenolformaldehyde resin.

9 Q I'm sorry. The phenolformaldehyde resin

10 and then the filler, whether it be asbestos or some

11 other material, found its way to the phenolic

12 molding department, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q How was it that you were able to introduce

15 the two materials together, can you explain to me

16 the manufacturing process of combining those two

17 materials to create a final molding compound?

18 A Well, the process was spread out over a

19 three-story building. The top floor is where the

20 pulverized phenolic resin was introduced and also

21 the fillers and lubricants and colorants and

22 cross-linking agents, these are all powders, into a

23 ribbon blender and then it was fed by gravity to hot

24 rolls where the blended mixture would be -- well,

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1 the resin would melt and would coat everything.

2 There was mixing action in the rolls.

3 It would then be taken off as a

4 sheet, go up into another set of rolls where the

5 same thing would happen again, then it would come

6 off in a sheet and then go up into a rough grinder

7 and then to a fine grinder and then a set of screens

8 and a black or brown, dark brown sand-like product

9 would end up being -- that had been screened to

10 fines and coarse would end up going into bags, drums

11 or gaylords.

12 Q So you started with a resin and then the

13 fiber, whether it be asbestos or cotton or whatever

14 it is, you would combine them together to make a

15 sheet, a single piece and then you would actually

16 grind that down to make the sand?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And what was the amount of material that

19 was contained in the bags of Union Carbide molding

20 materials?

21 A Fifty pounds.

22 Q What about the drums?

23 A I think those were 200-pound drums but I'm

24 not certain of that, could be 250.

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1 Q It's certainly more than what was in the
2 bags?
3 A Oh, certainly.
4 Q And the gaylords?
5 A That was a thousand pounds.
6 Q When was the first time that Union Carbide
7 placed any kind of warning on the bags or drums or
8 gaylords with respect to asbestos being a component
9 of the molding materials that did contain asbestos?
10 A In 1973.
11 Q Do you know what month in '73 that
12 occurred?
13 A Not certain. They were using a stamp for
14 a while until they got the printed labels so I
15 couldn't give you the exact month. Even when I
16 looked at the records I couldn't determine exact
17 month when it started, it might be there but I
18 didn't see it.
19 Q Do you know if it was in early '73 or mid
20 or late?
21 A I would guess it was probably towards the
22 latter part of the first half.
23 Q So like May or June approximately,
24 somewhere in there?

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1 A Probably, yes.
2 Q And what did the initial warning say that
3 was placed on the particular bags or drums or
4 gaylords?
5 A I don't remember the exact warning, it's
6 in the files, but it's something like product
7 contains asbestos and then went on, it could be
8 detrimental to your health, but the exact words I
9 don't recall.
10 Q Did it say anything about avoid breathing
11 dust?
12 A It had something about dust -- well, we
13 had dust labels on prior to that on all our
14 products, even in the 60's. There's something in
15 the files on it, if you want the exact wording of
16 it, I don't remember that fine a detail.
17 Q Was there anything on the 1973 label that
18 mentioned the word cancer?
19 A I don't recall seeing that.
20 Q Now, you said there were dust labels prior
21 to '73, what did those labels inform people that
22 read that particular label?
23 A Again, I don't remember the exact wording
24 but you can get it in the file.

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1 Q Was there anything in the dust label that
2 talked about asbestos?
3 A No.
4 Q Was the label that was placed on the
5 materials prior to '73 just simply informing the
6 reader of the label that the material within the bag
7 or drum or gaylord was a dusty material?
8 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, go
9 ahead.
10 A I think the wording said it could create
11 dust.
12 BY MR. KELLY:
13 Q Now, Doug Neal you said had done some
14 testing for asbestos in the air at Union Carbide?
15 A Yes.
16 Q And was he doing this testing in the
17 molding material department?
18 A He did some but I don't know if he did it
19 all.
20 Q As far as you're aware, was he testing the
21 air for asbestos in all of the various building at
22 Bound Brook?
23 A He would do it on request, yes.
24 Q And what would cause him to receive a

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1 request to test the air for asbestos?
2 A Well, in R&D it would be the request of
3 the manager in the area.
4 Q When was the first time Union Carbide did
5 any testing of the air at Bound Brook for the
6 presence of asbestos?
7 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.
8 A After the --
9 MS. CLARK: You can go ahead.
10 A It was after the OSHA test was
11 published -- I believe that was the end of '70 or
12 beginning of '71 -- testing began to determine
13 whether we were in compliance both in R&D and it
14 began also in our manufacturing facilities.
15 BY MR. KELLY:
16 Q And was there a department or a certain
17 group of people that were responsible for doing the
18 tests of the air?
19 A Well, the person I was most familiar with
20 that did the testing was Doug, whether there were
21 others involved in other parts of the plant I don't
22 know.
23 Q Now, we talked before about how the other
24 manufacturing processes that were going on at

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1 Bound Brook didn't utilize asbestos as a raw
2 material; is that right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Where was the asbestos that was being
5 looked for in the air in the other buildings coming
6 from if it wasn't coming from the manufacturing
7 process?

8 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, go
9 ahead.

10 A The testing would be done where the
11 asbestos were being used.

12 BY MR. KELLY:

13 Q And the only places that you're aware of
14 where the testing occurred would have been in
15 research and development and in the manufacturing
16 building, the phenolic molding department?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Are you aware of asbestos being present on
19 the pipes, boilers, things of that nature that were
20 used in the manufacturing process but not actually
21 raw materials?

22 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

23 A No.

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1 BY MR. KELLY:

2 Q Did you ever receive any information from
3 Union Carbide that asbestos was present in any of
4 the buildings that were being used in the
5 manufacturing of any product at Bound Brook?

6 A Well, as we said before, the asbestos was
7 only being used in the phenolic area and I was
8 always aware of it so why would there be a
9 notification? I mean, I wouldn't have got a
10 notification, I knew it was there.

11 Q I think you've answered my question, but I
12 mean, I just want to be clear, the only asbestos
13 that you ever received any information about
14 existing in any of the buildings, whether for
15 manufacturing or use as a material in the actual
16 products themselves, was the asbestos used as a
17 filler in the phenolic molding business?

18 A That's right.

19 Q Did Union Carbide make asbestos-containing
20 molding material at any of the other facilities that
21 we talked about, whether Belleville, Ontario or down
22 in Mexico?

23 A They did in Belleville, I don't know about
24 Mexico.

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1 Q Did you ever have an opportunity to visit
2 the Belleville plant?

3 A Yes.

4 Q On how many occasions did you go there?

5 A How many what?

6 Q How many occasions did you go there?

7 A Probably about two.

8 Q And was the operation in Belleville
9 similar to the operation that was at Bound Brook
10 with respect to these phenolic molding materials?

11 A Yes, but smaller.

12 Q And were the materials being made in
13 Belleville the same types of materials, they were
14 just being made for Canada?

15 A Some were. Their market was smaller.

16 Q Were there any materials that were made in
17 Belleville that weren't made at Bound Brook?

18 A None that I'm aware of.

19 Q So, for example, if a customer wanted a
20 particular type of molding material, there weren't
21 molding materials that they could only get from
22 Belleville, they would be able to get those from
23 Bound Brook if they wanted to?

24 A That's right.

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1 Q Are you familiar with a Union Carbide
2 facility in Ottawa, Illinois?

3 A What kind of facility?

4 Q A manufacturing facility?

5 A There was a polyethylene facility there
6 for a while.

7 Q Do you know if there was ever any molding
8 material manufacturing done in Ottawa?

9 A Phenolic molding material?

10 Q Yes.

11 A No.

12 Q Do you know if asbestos was ever used in
13 any of the manufacturing processes in Ottawa?

14 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, also
15 beyond the scope of this deposition.

16 BY MR. KELLY:

17 Q You can still answer.

18 A I'm not aware of any.

19 Q Back at Bound Brook, the phenolic molding
20 department, were there any kinds of measures which
21 Union Carbide had instituted in that building in
22 order to try to reduce the amount of dust in the
23 air?

24 A In the manufacturing?

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1 Q Yes.

2 A Oh, yes.

3 Q And what were some of those?

4 A Improving ventilation, implementing

5 procedures as to how to handle the asbestos most

6 safely, the last few years people wore special

7 clothing, protective clothing, they always wore

8 masks, consolidating asbestos all into one line, all

9 the products.

10 Q The entirety of the time that you were at

11 Bound Brook the individuals that were working with

12 the asbestos materials wore masks?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And did the mask change over time that the

15 people wore?

16 A I don't recall that we changed masks, I

17 can't be sure.

18 Q What did the masks look like that the

19 individuals wore in there?

20 A They were paper masks that fit over the

21 nostrils that screened out dust and fibers.

22 Q Sort of the kind of mask that you would

23 expect a painter to wear or something like that?

24 A Yes. The inference went primarily into

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1 ventilation, improving ventilation.

2 Q And did some of the ventilation measures

3 include dust hoods, things that would try to vacuum

4 or suck up some of the dust from the air?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And those particular hoods, where were

7 they located with respect to the various processes

8 that were being done in that building?

9 A Usually right over the rolls, over the

10 mixers, wherever there was a possibility that dust

11 would be generated.

12 Q And when the various hoods sucked up the

13 asbestos or whatever else was in the air, where did

14 the dust go?

15 A It was -- went into collectors, dust

16 collectors.

17 Q And was the dust bagged and disposed of

18 after that?

19 A I don't know what the procedure was.

20 Q Were there any kind of fans or any other

21 kinds of implements that attempted to move the air?

22 A The fans would probably be in the

23 ventilation system somewhere.

24 Q You said there were also some procedures

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1 on safe handling that were implemented?

2 A Making sure that the bags were opened in a

3 way that would create the least dust, that they were

4 dumped in a way that would create the least dust and

5 under hoods, that sort of thing.

6 Q Union Carbide knew that the material

7 within the bags of asbestos was hazardous, correct?

8 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, calls

9 for expert opinion, go ahead.

10 A Well, when the OSHA regulations were

11 published, they certainly were, they had to comply

12 to that.

13 BY MR. KELLY:

14 Q And one of the ways in which Union Carbide

15 tried to at least reduce the hazard to the worker in

16 the phenolic molding department was to try to reduce

17 the amount of dust that was actually in the air,

18 correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And one of the means of doing so was to

21 try to reduce the amount of dust from simply opening

22 or pouring out the asbestos to be used in

23 manufacturing?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q And then also you said places like the

2 rollers or the mixers where dust would typically be

3 generated they imposed ventilation and collection

4 measures to try to reduce the dust as well?

5 A Yes.

6 Q You said also Union Carbide at some point

7 implemented special clothing for the workers?

8 A Yes.

9 Q When did that occur?

10 A That I don't know, I wasn't in that

11 department.

12 Q What was the time frame that you weren't

13 in that department that that would have occurred?

14 A Well, this was in manufacturing so I was

15 never in manufacturing.

16 Q So at least in research and development

17 they never wore special clothing?

18 A That's right.

19 Q At some point in manufacturing, you're not

20 sure of the date, Union Carbide imposed special

21 clothing to be used by the workers?

22 A Right.

23 Q You said also that manufacturing that

24 involved use of asbestos was limited to a single

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1 manufacturing line?

2 A That was the plan. That was begun in 1970
3 and we started removing asbestos from products,
4 especially low concentration, so that we could put
5 all our asbestos products on one line. Whether they
6 got to that point where they were doing it, I don't
7 know.

8 Q With respect to the sampling that Mr. Neal
9 and maybe others were doing of the air in the
10 manufacturing part, do you know if any of those
11 samples ever exceeded the OSHA thresholds?

12 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

13 A Not that I'm aware of.

14 BY MR. KELLY:

15 Q Was Union Carbide ever cited by OSHA or
16 any other entity, for example, the New Jersey Board
17 of Health or whatever it may be called for exceeding
18 a threshold imposed for asbestos?

19 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

20 A From what I could see from the records,
21 they were not.

22 BY MR. KELLY:

23 Q Did you ever observe Mr. Neal or others
24 sampling the air for the presence of asbestos?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And was that in the R&D building?

3 A Yes.

4 Q When was the first time you recall
5 actually observing that?

6 A The first documented time was in early '73
7 but I think I had asked them to do some testing
8 prior to that time.

9 Q You personally had asked to have some
10 testing done?

11 A Yes.

12 Q When was it that you personally requested
13 some testing of the air?

14 A I think it was in '72 but I haven't found
15 records of what the results were.

16 Q What caused you to request sampling of the
17 air in '72?

18 A I wanted to be sure that we had a safe
19 environment when we were handling the products.

20 Q The research and development people, did
21 they perform their work for all of the various types
22 of processes that were being done at Bound Brook?
23 Let me ask it a different way, that was confusing.
24 Some of the stuff that you did your research and

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1 development work for at Bound Brook included the
2 phenolic resin and phenolic molding compounds,
3 correct?

4 A Right.

5 Q Did the R&D team, did they also do
6 research and development work for the other types of
7 materials, polystyrenes and things like that?

8 A Yes, yes.

9 Q Was the research and development area
10 sectioned off in any way such that there were
11 certain people in certain areas of that building
12 that worked on just polystyrene and people that just
13 worked on the asbestos-containing molding materials?

14 A The thermoplastic operations were a
15 separate part of the building than the thermosetting
16 operations primarily to avoid contamination and they
17 were different also.

18 Q You said before that at one point
19 Union Carbide at least researched the possibility of
20 using Calidria as one of the components of its
21 molding materials. Were there any other types of
22 asbestos suppliers or fiber types that Union Carbide
23 attempted to research the possibility of using in
24 its molding materials?

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1 A When Calidria came up with pelleted

2 asbestos, that was evaluated in the manufacturing
3 department.

4 Q And Calidria was sold in a resin grade
5 form; is that correct?

6 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

7 A It was sold in a pellet -- well, was
8 offered in a pellet, I don't know how much they sold
9 that way but it was offered in a pellet.

10 BY MR. KELLY:

11 Q And was there ever a form of Calidria that
12 you know of that was sold simply for purposes of
13 being used in resins?

14 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

15 A No special grade for a -- if there was, I
16 was not aware of it.

17 BY MR. KELLY:

18 Q Have you ever seen any reference to like
19 Calidria RG-200?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And do you know if that was a resin grade
22 form?

23 A It was suitable for resin, whether that
24 was its only use I don't know.

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1 Q Do you know if the RG-200 came in
2 pelletized form or any other type of form?
3 A As I recall, it was a pelleted form.
4 Q Did you ever see or test or otherwise have
5 any interaction with any form of Calidria that was
6 not in the pelletized form?
7 A During my earlier tests in the mid 60's,
8 that was not pellet.
9 Q Do you know if there was a time when all
10 of the Calidria was pelletized?
11 A I don't know.
12 Q In addition to attempting to improve the
13 ventilation from the asbestos being used in the
14 operations at Bound Brook, did Union Carbide do any
15 medical monitoring of the employees that were
16 working with the asbestos?
17 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.
18 A I don't know what was done in that area.
19 BY MR. KELLY:
20 Q Did you yourself ever have the company
21 take chest X-rays of you or otherwise monitor any of
22 your breathing function?
23 A That was part of our annual physical.
24 Q And were the annual physicals, were they

1 of the examination?
2 A Yes.
3 Q And was there a place where the files that
4 were kept pertaining to these examinations were
5 kept?
6 A Yes.
7 Q Was that at Bound Brook?
8 A Yes.
9 Q What was the building or the name of the
10 location where the medical materials were kept?
11 A I don't remember the number of the
12 buildings.
13 Q Was there a -- how did you refer to the
14 building where it was kept?
15 A Well, the medical department. They were
16 located in the plant initially and then they were
17 moved to another location that was more modern.
18 Q Were the doctor -- let me ask, was it
19 doctors or nurses that performed the physicals?
20 A Doctor.
21 Q And was the doctor somebody that was on
22 the payroll of Union Carbide or was it a private
23 outside doctor that had been hired for that
24 particular function?

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1 part of your employment when you first started in
2 '48 or did it start sometime after that?
3 A As I recall, we were entitled to an annual
4 physical all those years.
5 Q And you used the word entitled, does that
6 mean that if you didn't want to have an annual
7 physical you could opt out from that?
8 A I believe so.
9 Q Union Carbide paid for the physical if you
10 chose to have one?
11 A Yes.
12 Q And what did the physical include, did it
13 include a chest X-ray?
14 A Yes.
15 Q Did it include a pulmonary function test?
16 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.
17 A In the later years it did, I don't
18 remember how far back it went.
19 BY MR. KELLY:
20 Q What else did the physical entail?
21 A A typical physical, took a couple hours,
22 blood tests, hearing, eye test, very thorough.
23 Q After the physical was performed, was the
24 Union Carbide employee entitled to learn the results

1 A They had both.
2 Q Do you remember the names of any of the
3 doctors that performed the examinations?
4 A Dr. McKinley, Dr. Flores --
5 Q F-l-o-r-e-s?
6 A F-l-o-r-e-s.
7 -- and then I don't remember who the
8 recent one was.
9 Q Were any of Dr. McKinley or Dr. Flores
10 employees of Union Carbide?
11 A They were, yes.
12 Q Has Union Carbide ever been named in a
13 worker's compensation or occupational disease act
14 claimed by a former employee of the Bound Brook
15 plant with respect to asbestos exposure?
16 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.
17 A I don't know of any.
18 BY MR. KELLY:
19 Q Have you ever learned just from talking to
20 other retirees or other former employees that you
21 used to work with at the plant as to whether anyone
22 has ever filed such a claim against Union Carbide
23 for asbestos exposure at Bound Brook?
24 A No.

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1 Q When you were at Bound Brook, did
2 Union Carbide ever provide any training to the
3 employees with respect to the hazards of asbestos?

4 A They were informed when the OSHA tests
5 became available, they were informed as to why we
6 were doing it and what the limits were.

7 Q Did Union Carbide inform the workers at
8 these particular meetings as to what the potential
9 hazards were from inhaling and breathing asbestos?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did that include cancer?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Asbestosis?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Was it the safety department or some other
16 people that performed the task of informing the
17 workers of the testing and the various hazards
18 associated with asbestos?

19 A We could ask them to come in or any
20 specialist to come in that we wanted if we felt we
21 needed that and any employee was free to go to
22 anyone in the organization and inquire and get
23 information as to whether a product is hazardous or
24 not without fear of being disciplined for doing it

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1 and they had access to all the material safety data
2 sheets we had on all our products, all our
3 chemicals.

4 Q Was it the safety department that informed
5 the workers of the various hazards at these
6 meetings?

7 A That is where much of the information
8 originated, they didn't necessarily have to be the
9 ones who presented it.

10 Q But once the safety department disseminated
11 that particular information, you're comfortable with
12 at some point or another the workers were informed
13 of what the safety department had passed out through
14 its written materials?

15 A Yes. We had divisional safety meetings
16 every month.

17 MR. KELLY: Let's take a five-minute
18 break.

19 (A recess was taken.)

20 MR. KELLY: Can you mark that for me.

21 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was
22 marked for identification.)

23 BY MR. KELLY:

24 Q I'm going to show you what's been marked

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1 as UCC Exhibit No. 2, take a chance to look at that
2 and let me know when you're done.

3 MS. CLARK: Do you have any extra copies?

4 MR. KELLY: I don't.

5 Q Have you seen that document before?

6 MS. CLARK: Can you hang on, I would like
7 to see it.

8 BY MR. KELLY:

9 Q Have you seen that document before?

10 A No.

11 Q The document itself is entitled Tentative
12 Product Formulation, do you see that in the top left
13 corner?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Did you see forms like this at all, not
16 this particular one but this general form used at
17 all in the research and development?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And what was this particular form used
20 for?

21 A It was a way of communicating what the
22 formula was that we intended to make in the
23 manufacturing department.

24 Q And typically when you would put a form

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1 like this together you would have a certain customer
2 that was asking you to create a certain type of a
3 molding material that had certain qualities?

4 A That could be one reason, there could also
5 be others. We may have initiated the product
6 ourselves.

7 Q And at least based on this particular
8 sheet here where it says customer or manufacturing
9 process method, it says Plastics Engineering
10 Company, do you see that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know what Plastics Engineering
13 Company is?

14 A That's a manufacturer of molding
15 materials.

16 Q Do you know if Union Carbide ever
17 manufactured molding materials for Plastics
18 Engineering Company?

19 A Molding materials, I don't know, I don't
20 know.

21 Q What about resins, this particular one
22 says it's a solid one-step resin?

23 A Yes. I wasn't aware of this, but reading
24 what I see here, it's a lump resin, no fillers.

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1 Q At least based on what you see in this
2 particular document, does it appear to you that
3 Union Carbide was at least formulating a one-step
4 resin for Plastics Engineering Company?
5 A Yes, that's how I would interpret that.
6 Q And other than what you see on this
7 particular document, do you know if Union Carbide
8 ever made resins or molding compounds or any other
9 type of material for Plastics Engineering Company?
10 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague, compound.
11 A No, I don't know.
12 MR. KELLY: Can you mark that as three and
13 four.
14 (UCC Deposition Exhibit Nos. 3 and 4
15 were marked for identification.)
16 BY MR. KELLY:
17 Q I'm going to show you what's been marked
18 as Exhibits 3 and 4. Take a look at both of those
19 and let me know when you're done.
20 A Okay.
21 MS. CLARK: I think I'm okay, we'll see.
22 THE WITNESS: I don't think I need to read
23 the whole thing unless I get stuck.
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1 BY MR. KELLY:
2 Q I'm probably not going to ask you about
3 the whole thing anyway. Exhibit 3, that's the
4 May 18, 1973 letter that you received?
5 A Yes.
6 Q And the G.E. Ealer, is that the Mr. Ealer
7 you spoke about before?
8 A Yes.
9 Q And first of all, what is this particular
10 correspondence in relation to?
11 A We were trying to -- well, we had a
12 program to come up with asbestos-free molding
13 materials wherever possible and this was one of the
14 grades that contained about I believe 30 percent
15 asbestos. We had not up to this point found a good
16 replacement for asbestos. The best we could do was
17 reduce the amount without affecting the properties
18 and George had come up with a 50/50 blend. He was
19 also using the pelleted Calidria asbestos because we
20 had hopes of being able to go into bulk handling of
21 asbestos and keeping it in a completely enclosed
22 system.
23 Q The first thing you said was that you had
24 some sort of directive to make the molding compounds

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1 asbestos free?
2 A Yes.
3 Q When did Union Carbide first attempt to
4 make its compounds asbestos free?
5 A We started in the late 70's to remove
6 asbestos and with the products that contained
7 5 percent we were able to do that fairly easy, then
8 we moved up to higher percentages. The higher we
9 went, the more difficult the job was. So between
10 late '70 and '73 we had been systematically
11 eliminating asbestos from the lower levels and
12 gradually working our way up and this was -- we had
13 succeeded in doing it up to about oh, I think 10,
14 15 percent level. This one we weren't able to
15 remove the asbestos without affecting the
16 properties.
17 Q You said a couple times there late 70's, I
18 think you meant late 60's up until 1973 was the time
19 period that you were trying to take out the
20 asbestos?
21 A We started in 1970 to remove the asbestos
22 in products that contained only 5 percent and we
23 were working our way from late -- did I say -- from
24 the latter part of 1970, I should have said latter

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1 part of 1970, to this point and we had succeeded in
2 all -- with all the lower levels but not at the
3 30 percent level.
4 Q Now, you said before that 20 percent of
5 the molding materials in general actually contained
6 asbestos?
7 A That was at the end of the 50's.
8 Q By 1970 when the program was instituted to
9 take asbestos out of the products, what percentage
10 of the materials contained asbestos at that point?
11 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, vague,
12 ambiguous.
13 A We had reached a peak of roughly
14 40 percent of the total pounds contained asbestos
15 and then succeeded in bringing it -- that was in
16 '69 -- and then we succeeded in bringing it down oh,
17 I would estimate that in '74 we were probably down
18 to about 20 percent again.
19 BY MR. KELLY:
20 Q So some of the materials you were able to
21 simply just take the asbestos out and replace it
22 with another filler?
23 A Yes.
24 Q Some of the materials like the one

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1 referenced on the May 18, 1973 letter you weren't
2 able to substitute something else so you looked for
3 other options to reduce the amount of asbestos?

4 A Yes. It was -- the only option we had at
5 that time was to reduce it as much as possible to
6 reduce the risk of exposure. The less asbestos, the
7 less risk it will be of asbestos in the air.

8 Q And the purpose of reducing the amount of
9 asbestos was to try to make a safer product even
10 though you couldn't entirely remove the hazardous
11 asbestos?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q Exhibit 4 I think it is, the August 22,
14 1973 report?

15 A Right.

16 Q That's also a document that you received?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And is that a report outlining further
19 results with respect to this material referenced in
20 Exhibit 3 or is that something different?

21 A They are in reference to the same product,
22 6935 and 5303, I think both contained about the same
23 amount of asbestos in them. And he talks about, you
24 know, in the fourth paragraph here all the above

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1 information is essential in determining the right
2 formula for our 5303 compounds which are top grade
3 asbestos filled molding materials we sell so here he
4 just talks about 5303.

5 Q And the end result of the report in the
6 August 22, 1973 report is that a 70/30 blend of both
7 the Calidria and the Carey floats can be utilized in
8 substituting the prior amount of just Carey
9 asbestos; is that right?

10 A As I recall, we ended up focussing on the
11 50/50 mixture, 50 percent asbestos, 50 percent blend
12 of calcium carbonate, at least that was our goal.

13 Q Did he --

14 A Oh, he says indicate a 70/30 blend, I'm
15 sorry. It looks as if 70/30 was what he ended up
16 with at this time. Our goal was 50/50.

17 Q Did the new formula that Mr. Ealer came up
18 with that's enumerated in the August 22, 1973
19 report, did that ever become material that was
20 actually manufactured by Union Carbide?

21 A We ran into a problem with the dispersion
22 of the pelleted Calidria asbestos.

23 Q And what was that?

24 A We couldn't break up the pellets back to

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1 the original fibers sufficiently, you get clumps of
2 undispersed asbestos in the product so that delayed
3 the introduction of this particular product.
4 Whether -- I don't know without going to the records
5 whether we went back to the regular asbestos and
6 introduced this formula made with it in '74 or not,
7 I would have to go back to the records to check
8 that.

9 Q At least during this time frame that
10 material continued to be made with asbestos?

11 A Yes.

12 Q It just wasn't made with the calcium
13 carbonate and Calidria mix?

14 A That's right.

15 MR. KELLY: Can you mark that for me.

16 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 5 was
17 marked for identification.)

18 BY MR. KELLY:

19 Q Exhibit 5, take a look at that and let me
20 know when you're done.

21 A Okay.

22 Q Who is R.E. Graebert?

23 A He was the health and safety manager for
24 the division, for the phenolic division.

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1 Q Is Mr. Graebert still living, do you know?

2 A No, he's dead.

3 Q What about Mr. Nicolson, the name at the
4 top of the page?

5 A What about him?

6 Q Who is that?

7 A He was the business manager for the
8 phenolic business.

9 Q And if you look about midway through that
10 first paragraph, it says, We urge that a technical
11 effort by R&D be initiated towards minimizing the
12 use of asbestos, do you see that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And then in the next sentence it says,
15 Ideally, of course, a nonhazardous substitute for
16 asbestos would be the most desirable solution?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And that's part of what you were trying to
19 do in R&D was to eliminate the hazardous asbestos
20 that was already contained in those materials?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Union Carbide knew that the asbestos was
23 hazardous and was trying to eliminate that hazard to
24 both its employees and to its customers?

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1 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, calls
 2 for an expert opinion, go ahead.
 3 A Yes, we were trying to reduce and possibly
 4 eliminate the hazard.
 5 BY MR. KELLY:
 6 Q And in fact, Mr. Graebert goes on in the
 7 second paragraph that part of the means by which to
 8 protect workers and customers is to reduce the
 9 amount of airborne asbestos in the plant in order to
 10 keep levels below the OSHA levels, correct?
 11 A That's correct.
 12 Q Did you yourself ever do any testing of
 13 the products that Union Carbide was making for
 14 molding -- strike that. Let me ask it a different
 15 way. Did Union Carbide ever test its molding
 16 materials to determine whether or not free asbestos
 17 was released into the air when it was being used by
 18 its customers?
 19 A Yes.
 20 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.
 21 BY MR. KELLY:
 22 Q And when did it -- when did Union Carbide
 23 first do that type of testing?
 24 MS. CLARK: Go ahead.

1 to label all our bags with -- that it contained
 2 asbestos, including those that were under
 3 15 percent, anything containing asbestos and to
 4 accelerate the program that we were working on to
 5 remove asbestos.
 6 Q The test that you performed with respect
 7 to the dumping of the 5303 product, how many bags of
 8 asbestos were used?
 9 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague, foundation.
 10 A I don't remember, I'd have to go back to
 11 the files for that.
 12 BY MR. KELLY:
 13 Q Is the process of dumping the bag
 14 sometimes called charging, have you ever heard that
 15 term used?
 16 A No.
 17 Q Did the test of the 5303 product by
 18 Mr. Neal did that include any OSHA representatives
 19 being present?
 20 A No.
 21 Q That was just something Union Carbide did
 22 on its own?
 23 A That's right.
 24 Q Did Union Carbide ever do any testing of

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1 A In 1973 we took -- we decided because
 2 there was so many different ways customers were
 3 using asbestos molding materials perhaps the best
 4 way to determine whether there was a hazard or not
 5 was to take one of our highest containing asbestos
 6 material, 5303, and dump it from one drum to another
 7 under the worst possible conditions and have
 8 Doug Neal sample the air around it and around the
 9 area while we were doing it.
 10 This was a nonventilated area, we
 11 were using a fiber drum, the highest, 30 percent
 12 asbestos and we found that the number of fibers for
 13 30 percent asbestos containing material exceeded the
 14 OSHA limits under those conditions. Now, there was
 15 no further work done to the OSHA tests -- in order
 16 to reach a final figure, you should run tests to
 17 differentiate between cellulosic fibers and asbestos
 18 fibers, that was not done. There was no time
 19 weighted average done. So it was -- everything was
 20 biased to make it the worst possible conditions.
 21 We found that at the 15 percent level
 22 we did meet OSHA requirements under the worst
 23 possible conditions and that's when, you know,
 24 within a few weeks after that the decision was made

1 the finished product, for example, a product after
 2 it had been molded to determine whether or not there
 3 was any health hazard to people that were handling
 4 that product or simply sanding off the flashing or
 5 things of that nature?
 6 A My recollection was that we did do some
 7 drilling and some abrasion tests and had air samples
 8 taken when we were doing that. I haven't been able
 9 to find any written records as to what the results
 10 were.
 11 Q Do you have any recollection as you sit
 12 here today as to what the results were even though
 13 you've never seen a document?
 14 A What I recall was that we were well below
 15 the limits of the OSHA -- the OSHA limits.
 16 Q Who were the individuals -- well, let me
 17 ask you this, first of all, were the people that
 18 performed the testing on the finished product people
 19 in R&D over at Bound Brook?
 20 A That was my recollection.
 21 Q And do you know who the individuals were
 22 that were involved in that?
 23 A No. I've been trying to determine it.
 24 Tony O'Livo recalls the same thing I do, that we ran

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1 the tests and we came up with positive results. He
2 also cannot remember where the -- why we can't find
3 a record of it.

4 Q Do you know who Carl Dernhehl is?

5 A Who?

6 Q Carl Dernhehl, D-e-r-n-h-e-h-l, have you
7 ever heard that name?

8 MS. CLARK: Maybe Dernhehl?

9 A Dernhehl, yes. He's in -- I think he's in
10 our corporate safety organization, either medical
11 or --

12 BY MR. KELLY:

13 Q Did you ever speak with him at any time
14 about asbestos issues?

15 A No.

16 Q You said before that the last time that
17 you're aware of Union Carbide using asbestos in its
18 molding compounds was in either '74 or '75?

19 A We went out of the business in '75.

20 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was
21 marked for identification.)

22 BY MR. KELLY:

23 Q I'm going to show you Exhibit 6.

24 A My --

1 Q And effective, what's the date there?

2 A That's 1989.

3 Q January 1 of 1989?

4 A The date I gave you was for phenolic
5 molding materials.

6 Q Right, I understand that. Let me ask a
7 question here.

8 MS. CLARK: Just wait until he asks you a
9 question.

10 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I just wanted
11 to clarify to make sure that my answer before
12 was not misinterpreted. Go ahead.

13 BY MR. KELLY:

14 Q Your information and your testimony is
15 that in either '74 or '75 asbestos discontinued use
16 as a filler in the molding compounds, correct?

17 A Right.

18 Q That particular memo there discusses how
19 Union Carbide effective January 1 of 1989 is going
20 to cease purchase of asbestos, is that correct, yes?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you know what purchases of asbestos
23 Union Carbide continued to make after 1974 or 1975?

24 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to object to

1 MS. CLARK: Wait.

2 BY MR. KELLY:

3 Q Have you seen that exhibit before?

4 A No, pretty surprising.

5 Q Do you know any of the individuals that
6 are named as people that received that particular
7 letter?

8 A Roger Hampson I know.

9 Q And what was Roger Hampson, what was his
10 position?

11 A He was a sites manager while I was there.

12 Q What does the sites manager do?

13 A He's sort of like the landlord, you know,
14 make sure the building is maintained, heating, air
15 conditioning, the works.

16 Q In charge of all the pipes in the
17 buildings and the facilities themselves?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Anybody else in that memo that you know?

20 A Smith Eberhardt, he was in charge of
21 safety.

22 Q You see in the first sentence there where
23 it talks about asbestos purchases?

24 A Yes.

1 the mischaracterization of the document as to
2 purchasing asbestos.

3 A This is the solvents and coatings material
4 division and I don't know what they were doing with
5 asbestos.

6 BY MR. KELLY:

7 Q The solvents and coatings division, did
8 they have buildings at Bound Brook?

9 A Yes, well, they had people at Bound Brook.

10 Q What kind of work were the people that
11 were at Bound Brook doing?

12 A The coatings --

13 MS. CLARK: Can you read that back.

14 (The question was read.)

15 MS. CLARK: In the solvents -- I just
16 didn't understand your question.

17 MR. KELLY: I'll ask again so we're clear.

18 Q The people that were in the solvents and
19 coatings division that were working out of
20 Bound Brook, what kind of work were those
21 individuals doing there?

22 A The people I knew in the coatings division
23 developed coatings resins and I never was aware that
24 they were using any asbestos at all.

1 A I didn't see it in its entirety, but I did see portions of it.

2 Q And did you see portions of it at a deposition like you talked about before?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And you see on page 2, paragraph 2 where it says, Calidria asbestos was mined and sold by Union Carbide or its subsidiary from 1963 to June 30, 1985?

5 MS. CLARK: I think we're on the wrong page, did you say page 2?

6 MR. KELLY: Two.

7 THE WITNESS: Did you say three?

8 MS. CLARK: Page 2.

9 MR. KELLY: Page 2, paragraph 2.

10 A Okay.

11 Q And do you see the paragraph says that Calidria was sold by Union Carbide up to June 30th, 1985?

12 A Right.

13 Q And was there any testing done that you're aware of at the R&D department with respect to Calidria asbestos at any time after 1973 when Mr. Baler was doing his testing?

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1 molding compounds is called Bakelite; is that right?

2 A Initially Bakelite referred to phenolformaldehyde resins, then it gradually expanded to cover anything that was made from phenolformaldehyde resins including some of our customers' products like laminates. Then we began using Bakelite as a brand name for all our thermoplastics as well so that you would get polystyrene, Bakelite brand polystyrene and then it became a generic term in the industry primarily to refer to phenolic compounds and even laminates.

3 Q And it says here that Union Carbide is telling the EPA in this particular letter that mid 1974 was the last time that it manufactured and sold the Bakelite phenolformaldehyde material that contained asbestos, do you agree with me there?

4 A What paragraph is that?

5 Q Paragraph 2.

6 A Paragraph 2.

7 Q Yes.

8 MS. CLARK: I'm going to object, the document speaks for itself.

9 A I can't -- I left the business in early 1974 so I don't know the exact date when they shut

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1 Q At least based on that memo that's been marked as Exhibit 6, it appears that they were using asbestos though, correct?

2 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

3 A That's the way I read it.

4 BY MR. KELLY:

5 Q You're aware, sir, that even long after 1974 and '75 Union Carbide continued to market and sell its own chrysotile asbestos, the Calidria?

6 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

7 A I don't know what was going on in the Calidria division at that time.

8 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was marked for identification.)

9 BY MR. KELLY:

10 Q Exhibit -- is it 7?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Exhibit 7 is a document from the Union Carbide Law Department in Danbury, Connecticut, to the EPA Asbestos Information Act Clearing House dated October 4, 1989, correct?

13 A Right.

14 Q Have you seen this document before?

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1 A On Calidria asbestos where?

2 Q Yes.

3 A We went out of the business in 1975 so we were not making any more molding material.

4 Q Did the R&D department do any testing of any manner on Calidria after 1975?

5 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.

6 A For molding materials?

7 BY MR. KELLY:

8 Q For anything.

9 A I can only speak for molding materials.

10 For molding materials there was no product made anymore so there was no reason for us to do any testing. What occurred here in the coatings and materials department I don't know.

11 Q You don't know if coatings and materials was using Calidria or some other form of asbestos after that time?

12 A No, no. I -- this is new information to me.

13 Q Can you turn to page 3, paragraph 2, it says Union Carbide manufactured and sold Bakelite which contained asbestos from approximately 1939 until mid 1974. First of all, the trade name of the

1 down the plant. So if they said mid '74 I'd have to
2 accept that.

3 BY MR. KELLY:

4 Q Well, you said before it was either '74 or
5 '75. Have you seen documents that show the sale or
6 manufacture of the asbestos-containing
7 phenolformaldehyde molding compounds into 1975?

8 A I did see some sales records for '75.

9 MR. KELLY: Mark that please.

10 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was
11 marked for identification.)

12 BY MR. KELLY:

13 Q I show you Exhibit 8.

14 A Okay.

15 Q Are there types of phenolics that
16 Union Carbide made other than for the purpose of
17 compression plunger and injection molding?

18 A Phenolic compounds you're talking about?

19 Q Right.

20 A If there were any exceptions, I can't
21 recall them now.

22 Q Okay. On the second page there's a number
23 of different types of materials and then information
24 about each one. My first question for you, what's

1 flock. Are any of the materials on this sheet the
2 kind that contained asbestos?

3 A In the top -- on the top here or all of
4 them?

5 Q On the following two pages, the last two
6 pages, page 2 and 3?

7 MS. CLARK: Take your time and review it.

8 A 5333 did, 2035 did, 5138 did, 5303 did.
9 I'd have to look at the formula sheets to determine
10 whether any of the others were asbestos or not.

11 BY MR. KELLY:

12 Q The number designation for each of the
13 materials, it will say something like BMG or BMC,
14 what do the letters indicate?

15 A B is Bakelite, M is molding, G is
16 granular. Generally five is two step, two is one
17 step, that's the first digit, but there are always
18 exceptions to the rules but that is generally true.

19 Q And the last three numbers, are they
20 generally just like a style or a grade?

21 A Yes, just what the sequence was.

22 Q And then the reference to virtually all of
23 the materials on this particular document refer to
24 Black 25, there's some others but most of them are

1 the difference between a one-step and a two-step
2 material?

3 A A one-step product has a
4 phenolformaldehyde resin that has the cross-linking
5 agent built right on the molecule and a
6 cross-linking agent is what makes the material a
7 thermoset. It doesn't melt after it's cured, you
8 get a three-dimensional, multidimensional network,
9 like a chain fence linked together and it doesn't
10 melt.

11 In the case of a two-step resin, you
12 have to add the cross-linking agent to it and that's
13 where the hexa is used as the cross-linking agent
14 and that is done in the molding material
15 manufacturing operation.

16 Q That's something that Union Carbide would
17 do as opposed to a place like GE in Bloomington
18 where they're actually molding the product?

19 A That's right, they would have to request
20 what they want.

21 Q The second I guess line underneath each of
22 the various types of materials indicates the type of
23 filler and some of them say wood flour, some of them
24 say mineral, some of them say mica, some of them say

1 Black 25, what does Black 25 mean?

2 A That means that the colorant was
3 nigrosine, which is an oil soluble dye.

4 Q So, for example, if there's a reference to
5 Brown 15 or a Black 35, that's just a different
6 coloring agent?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did Union Carbide make phenolic molding
9 compounds in colors other than black and brown?

10 A Up until the late 60's they did have some
11 colors, yes.

12 Q And what were the other colors that you're
13 aware of?

14 A Maroon, green, we had red and I believe we
15 had a gray, dark gray. There may be others but
16 those are all I recall now.

17 Q When you take, for example, a red molding
18 material and you perform the molding on it, does it
19 come out as a red finished product?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And is that the purpose of adding the
22 color?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Does the color of the material have any

1 other significance for purposes of molding?

2 A No. It's what the customer wanted for his

3 particular application.

4 Q Did the type of asbestos have any effect

5 on the color of the material?

6 A No.

7 Q I'm going to show you Exhibit 7 again, and

8 if you turn to the very last page, page 5,

9 Union Carbide goes through on page 4 and 5 the three

10 general types of asbestos containing Bakelite that

11 it made and the third group it calls high impact

12 heat resistant and that particular material

13 Union Carbide indicates contained long fiber African

14 Blue asbestos?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you know if that long fiber African

17 Blue asbestos is crocidolite?

18 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

19 A I looked at the records because I was

20 concerned about this, you know, whether we actually

21 used it or not, I haven't found -- in the 5250,

22 BMZ 5250 records that they have here, it was Vermont

23 long fiber asbestos which was chrysotile. I haven't

24 found any formulation that shows the long fiber

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1 African Blue asbestos.

2 BY MR. KELLY:

3 Q Would you agree with me though that

4 African Blue asbestos is typically crocidolite?

5 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

6 A Yes.

7 BY MR. KELLY:

8 Q And do you see --

9 A If it is African Blue, then it is

10 crocidolite, yes.

11 Q And you see in paragraph 4, I guess it

12 would be the third sentence where it begins, Some of

13 the long fiber asbestos had a green hue to it. Any

14 idea as to why the asbestos would have a green hue

15 to it if it was a chrysotile as opposed to a

16 crocidolite?

17 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

18 A This particular product did not have a

19 colorant added to it. What you got was the result

20 of blending the asbestos, which usually had a light

21 gray shade, with a pulverized resin, which is

22 usually a yellowish brown shade, and when you put

23 those two together, you get whatever color comes

24 out. He describes it as a green hue. I would say

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1 it was probably a light, you know, very light green

2 hue. It would certainly not be like this carpet.

3 MR. KELLY: Mark that please.

4 (UCC Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was

5 marked for identification.)

6 BY MR. KELLY:

7 Q You understand that the allegations in

8 this particular case relate to a plant in

9 Bloomington, Illinois, of General Electric

10 Corporation?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And have you ever been to the GE plant in

13 Bloomington?

14 A No.

15 Q During the time that you worked for

16 Union Carbide, did you know GE to be a customer of

17 Union Carbide?

18 A I knew that on occasion we sold to GE

19 plants, I didn't know the details as to what we sold

20 and where.

21 Q Let me show you Exhibit 9 which was

22 provided to me by counsel this morning. Have you

23 seen that document before or that group of

24 documents?

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1 A I think I need more coffee.

2 Yes, I saw it.

3 Q Do you want to take a break, we can take a

4 break?

5 A No, that's all right.

6 Q What's your understanding of what those

7 particular documents are?

8 A These are sales scrolls.

9 Q And does Union Carbide maintain its sales

10 scrolls with respect to all of its sales of molding

11 compounds?

12 A They did, yes.

13 Q And do you know if they have the entirety

14 of those particular sales scrolls going back to the

15 beginning of time?

16 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

17 A It's my understanding that what is

18 available only goes back to 1964.

19 BY MR. KELLY:

20 Q At least with respect to the documents

21 retained back to 1964, is it your understanding

22 those documents are complete in the sense that

23 they're not missing some?

24 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

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1 A That I don't know.

2 BY MR. KELLY:

3 Q Did you review this document previously?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what did you find with respect to when

6 Union Carbide was selling materials to the GE plant

7 in Bloomington?

8 A I think the document started in 1968. I

9 can't see what's on this one. This must be 1967 so

10 it must be 1967.

11 Q When was the last date that you found

12 sales to Bloomington?

13 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.

14 A 1974 -- wait, take that back, a product is

15 shown but no pounds, the same is true of '73,

16 products are shown but no pounds. The last date the

17 pounds were shown is 1972.

18 BY MR. KELLY:

19 Q And what does it mean to you when you see

20 those '73 and '74 entries that show products and no

21 poundage?

22 A That Bloomington didn't order any

23 material.

24 Q And what was the grade of material that

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1 was being shipped to Bloomington over these years?

2 A Well, in '72 they had 2051 which was a

3 medium-impact compound, 2798 which was a two -- I'm

4 sorry, a one-step general purpose product and 8052

5 maroon, one of our colored products.

6 Q Did any of those three contain asbestos?

7 A No.

8 Q What about 1971?

9 A 0750 was sold to Bloomington I believe --

10 no, it's listed but no sales, 2051 again, this looks

11 like 2788 but I think it must be 2798 and 8052

12 maroon again.

13 Q Did any of those materials contain

14 asbestos?

15 A No.

16 Q What about 1970?

17 A Here they go to -- they show the product

18 numbers but don't show the -- and then below they

19 show the pounds as molding material regular, molding

20 material medium impact. The only thing I can do is

21 interpret this to say that the molding material

22 medium impact must be the 2051 that they list here

23 that shows pounds and the molding material regular

24 it must be the BMG 2798 they list and neither of

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1 those contained asbestos.

2 Q What about 1969?

3 A Again, they show molding material regular,

4 molding material medium impact and I have to make

5 the assumption that it must be the same products

6 that they bought in the later years.

7 Q There's just no indication for '70 or '69

8 as to the exact grade, just the description,

9 correct?

10 A Just description.

11 Q What about '68?

12 A They show special color a small quantity,

13 it looks like a hundred pounds, no indication as to

14 what color that was, and molding material medium

15 impact, I have to assume it's the same one that we

16 saw before, it shows some pounds.

17 Q What about 1967?

18 A Molding material regular, which we have to

19 make the assumption it was a 2798.

20 Q Were there other grades of material,

21 molding material that Union Carbide manufactured

22 that could be considered regular other than the

23 21 -- or 2798?

24 A I would consider BMT 5000, which is our

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1 general purpose wood flour two step -- a resin

2 that's a regular.

3 Q Were there any asbestos-containing

4 materials that would fall in the category of

5 regular?

6 A I wouldn't consider any of those regular.

7 Q What about with respect to the medium

8 impact material, were there any asbestos-containing

9 materials that were interchangeable with the 2051?

10 A No.

11 Q I'm going to show you Exhibit No. 1 again

12 and I've turned it to the page that's entitled List

13 of Matters Upon Which UCC is To Be Deposed, and when

14 we started off this deposition, I understood you to

15 be someone that would be testifying as to

16 paragraph 10, what defendant knew about

17 investigations defendant performed regarding the

18 safety of its products or the safety of its product

19 practices and procedures as related to asbestos.

20 What knowledge do you have with respect to

21 paragraph 10 other than what we've already spoken

22 about today?

23 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to again state

24 for the record that this is subject to the

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1 limitations previously stated about the extent
2 of his knowledge. Go ahead.

3 A I covered all that I was aware of. I
4 can't say that there weren't others done by other
5 parts of the company.
6 BY MR. KELLY:

7 Q And then the investigations that you're
8 aware of would be the investigations of the finished
9 product and the tests that Mr. Neal did on the
10 bagging of the asbestos and unbagging the asbestos
11 materials?

12 A Right. I would not be familiar with what
13 the solvents and coatings division did with regard
14 to their asbestos products.

15 Q Do you know the names of any of the people
16 that worked in research and development or in the
17 safety department with respect to the coatings
18 division?

19 A Coatings division?

20 Q Yes.

21 A It would be the same people that
22 interacted with us.

23 Q The next page, paragraph 18, the reasons
24 surrounding Union Carbide's decision to remove

1 A Beginning with the introduction of the
2 OSHA test, it was well-known that it was hazardous.

3 BY MR. KELLY:

4 Q Do you know when it was that
5 Union Carbide -- strike that. When did
6 Union Carbide first learn that asbestos was
7 hazardous to human health?

8 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, beyond
9 the scope of what he's being tendered for and
10 also calls for -- well, that's it.

11 A I don't know.

12 BY MR. KELLY:

13 Q During any of the testing that you
14 performed on either asbestos or finished products
15 with respect to your research, did you ever
16 determine whether or not there is a time period by
17 which a fiber of asbestos can remain airborne?

18 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, calls
19 for an expert opinion.

20 A I don't know.

21 BY MR. KELLY:

22 Q Do you know if asbestos fibers once in the
23 air can travel long distances?

24 A I don't know.

1 asbestos and/or phenolformaldehyde from any of its
2 products. I understand you're not going to be
3 talking about the phenolformaldehyde aspect of that,
4 but is there anything about Union Carbide's decision
5 to remove asbestos from the product molding
6 materials other than what we've discussed today?

7 A I think we covered them all.

8 Q Union Carbide knew that the asbestos in
9 its molding materials was hazardous and posed a
10 potential health risk, correct?

11 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation, calls
12 for an expert opinion.

13 A Until we ran that test under the worst
14 possible conditions, we did not think it was
15 hazardous. We considered it bound -- that the
16 asbestos was bound into product and that did not
17 pose a health hazard.

18 BY MR. KELLY:

19 Q Let's just talk about the free asbestos
20 though. When Union Carbide received the bags of raw
21 asbestos from Carey or from Vermont, Union Carbide
22 knew that that chrysotile asbestos was potentially
23 hazardous, correct?

24 MS. CLARK: Same objections.

1 MS. CLARK: Same objection. You have to
2 wait and give me time to object, Carlo.

3 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

4 BY MR. KELLY:

5 Q Paragraphs 19 and 20 I'm going to take up
6 together. We've already gone through the sales
7 scrolls. Are there any documents which
8 Union Carbide maintains with respect to its sales or
9 attempts to make sales at the Bloomington GE
10 facility other than those sales scrolls?

11 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to object to
12 foundation and also state that the entire
13 repository was made available, that this
14 witness is not able to know or memorize
15 everything that's in that repository.

16 A If there are, I don't know where they are.
17 BY MR. KELLY:

18 Q Do you know where the sales scrolls were
19 kept?

20 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.

21 A Are you saying originally where they were
22 kept?

23 BY MR. KELLY:

24 Q Well, let's start, first of all, with the

1 ones that are in front of you as Exhibit 9, do you
 2 know where those copies came from?
 3 A These came from here.
 4 Q Do you know if Mayer Brown possesses
 5 copies of all of the sales scrolls of
 6 Union Carbide's sales of molding materials?
 7 A It's my understanding they did a complete
 8 search and got everything they could that was
 9 available.
 10 Q Where were the records that were searched
 11 by Mayer Brown that resulted in the pages of sales
 12 scrolls that are marked as Exhibit 9?
 13 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to object,
 14 foundation.
 15 A Could you repeat that again.
 16 BY MR. KELLY:
 17 Q I simply want to know where are the
 18 original sales scrolls that we have copies of, where
 19 do they currently exist?
 20 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.
 21 A I don't know whether Mayer Brown has the
 22 originals or not.
 23 BY MR. KELLY:
 24 Q Have you ever been to the Union Carbide

1 A If there are others, I don't know where
 2 they are.
 3 BY MR. KELLY:
 4 Q Do you know if either Vermont or
 5 Bound Brook is a location where sales records are
 6 kept?
 7 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.
 8 A I don't know.
 9 BY MR. KELLY:
 10 Q In the other cases which you've testified
 11 in in asbestos litigation, have you seen sales
 12 scrolls similar to the ones marked as Exhibit 9?
 13 A Yes.
 14 Q Have you ever seen any other sales
 15 documents, whether it be a purchase order or
 16 correspondence, relating to a sale with respect to
 17 any of the customers that were involved in those
 18 other cases?
 19 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague, compound.
 20 A I think I saw one purchase order.
 21 BY MR. KELLY:
 22 Q Do you know where the purchase order was
 23 found?
 24 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

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1 document repository in New York City?
 2 A No.
 3 Q Did you know there was one?
 4 A No.
 5 Q Do you know if there's anything that
 6 you've ever heard referred to as a document
 7 repository as Ms. Clark just mentioned with respect
 8 to molding materials?
 9 MS. CLARK: Can I get that back. Hang on,
 10 Carlo.
 11 (The question was read.)
 12 MS. CLARK: I'm just going to object to
 13 foundation and ambiguous.
 14 A Other than the ones we talked about, we
 15 talked about Vermont and we talked about
 16 Bound Brook, other than those two I don't know of
 17 any others.
 18 BY MR. KELLY:
 19 Q The only two places, the only two
 20 locations that you're aware of where Union Carbide
 21 maintains documents with respect to its molding
 22 operations is that place in Vermont and Bound Brook?
 23 MS. CLARK: Objection, mischaracterizes
 24 the testimony, foundation.

1 A In the customer's files.
 2 BY MR. KELLY:
 3 Q It wasn't something that Union Carbide had
 4 maintained?
 5 A That's right.
 6 Q At least with respect to documents that
 7 Union Carbide has maintained, would it be safe to
 8 say that the only documents you've seen that have
 9 been retained are the sales scrolls like Exhibit 9?
 10 A Yes.
 11 Q Paragraphs 22 and 23, we went through the
 12 names of a number of the individuals that you spoke
 13 to with respect to your testimony in the Union
 14 Carbide molding compound cases. Are there any other
 15 individuals that you're aware of that would have
 16 knowledge with respect to the sale, supply or
 17 delivery of Union Carbide molding materials to GE in
 18 Bloomington?
 19 A The most knowledgeable person would be the
 20 sales rep who calls on Bloomington.
 21 Q And do you know who that individual was?
 22 A That changed periodically, I don't know
 23 who it would be.
 24 Q Is there any kind of database or any other

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1 means by which Union Carbide can search to find the
2 name of the sales representative that called on
3 Bloomington back in the 50's, 60's and 70's?

4 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

5 A None that I'm aware of.

6 BY MR. KELLY:

7 Q Paragraph 27, which is the last page, at
8 least the last page of the numbered list, have you
9 seen MSD sheets for any of the materials that were
10 shipped to Bloomington?

11 A Only one.

12 Q And which one was that?

13 A The mica filled 0750.

14 Q And you said before that MSD sheets for
15 all of the chemicals used at Bound Brook were
16 maintained and made available to the employees that
17 worked there, correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Were there MSD sheets that were retained
20 for the asbestos materials that were received and
21 used in the manufacturing process?

22 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

23 A At this point I can't say whether there
24 were or not, I don't remember.

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1 BY MR. KELLY:

2 Q You've never seen one in your review of
3 documents?

4 MS. CLARK: Objection, vague.

5 A Well, the documents would not show me
6 whether what was in these binders full of MSD sheets
7 had one on asbestos. That goes back 40 years so I
8 don't know. I never -- I don't recall an instance
9 where I went there and looked for one myself.

10 BY MR. KELLY:

11 Q Let me ask you this then, when the bags of
12 raw fiber were received from Carey or Vermont, did
13 any of those bags of asbestos have any warning
14 labels on them?

15 A I don't know.

16 Q Have you ever seen any documents that
17 discussed whether or not warning labels were
18 contained on the bags of the raw fiber?

19 A No.

20 Q When did Union Carbide start including MSD
21 sheets with its shipments of molding compound
22 materials?

23 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

24 A I don't know.

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1 BY MR. KELLY:

2 Q When was the first time you ever saw an
3 MSD sheet with respect to one of the
4 asbestos-containing molding compounds?

5 MS. CLARK: Same objection -- sorry, go
6 ahead.

7 A Yesterday.

8 BY MR. KELLY:

9 Q And was that the Bloomington MSD sheet?

10 A The one for the 0750.

11 Q Do you know if Union Carbide had an MSD
12 sheet that corresponded with each and every material
13 compound that it made?

14 A I saw a list of MSD sheets for various
15 products and in that they showed all the products we
16 were making in the mid 70's as having MSD sheets.
17 We weren't able to locate them but they claim that
18 they were available.

19 Q What information if any did Union Carbide
20 pass on to its customers like GE in Bloomington with
21 respect to the hazards of asbestos?

22 MS. CLARK: Objection, foundation.

23 A There would be the warning label of course
24 and I don't know what sales were told to communicate

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1 to our customers when the OSHA test was introduced
2 and when we started changing, removing asbestos from
3 our products.

4 MR. KELLY: That's all the questions I
5 think I have for you, Mr. Martino, other than
6 obviously allowing counsel to ask any questions
7 they may have. I'll just reserve the remaining
8 paragraphs of the notice to be taken up
9 whenever further witnesses are produced based
10 on agreement of the parties.

11 MS. CLARK: Can we take five minutes? I
12 just need a five-minute break, I may have just
13 a couple follow-up questions.

14 MR. TIVIN: Just so you know, I don't have
15 any questions.

16 (A recess was taken.)

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. CLARK:

19 Q Mr. Martino, I want to place before you
20 UCC Exhibit No. 9, the sales scrolls that were
21 referred to earlier, do you see that?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And I just want to clarify, the first two
24 pages of this document, I'll direct your attention

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1 to the top right-hand corner?

2 A Yes.

3 Q If you could take a close look and tell

4 us, what is the date on these first two pages?

5 A On the second page it looks like 1968 and

6 the second page looks like 1968 also. I said it was

7 '67.

8 MR. TIVIN: Did you mean the first page?

9 THE WITNESS: The first page, yes.

10 MS. CLARK: And I'll just stipulate,

11 Counsel, that's my understanding too, that this

12 is 1968 and he had said earlier 1967 so I just

13 wanted to clarify that. You're welcome to look

14 at it, if you like.

15 Q Mr. Martino, I just want to clear up a few

16 things. The manufacturer of asbestos-containing

17 phenolic molding compounds ceased in what year?

18 A 1974, the end.

19 Q And you referred earlier to a test that

20 was run by Doug Neal on the 5303 product, do you

21 recall that?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And I believe you stated that there were

24 some results as to the number of fibers that were

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1 found as a result of that test?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Was there any effort made to determine

4 what types of fibers were collected?

5 A No.

6 Q Are there any -- at that time, at the time

7 the test was run, were there other cellulosic fibers

8 in the 5303 products other than asbestos?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And what were they?

11 A Cotton flock.

12 MS. CLARK: That's all I have.

13 MR. TIVIN: I still don't have anything.

14 FURTHER EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. KELLY:

16 Q Are you familiar with any of the

17 collection methods for airborne asbestos fibers that

18 either OSHA or NIOSH or any other government agency

19 promulgates?

20 A No.

21 Q Do you know if there's reason to

22 distinguish between fiber types when you take an air

23 sample?

24 A Yes, there are.

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1 Q And do you know if that's required under

2 each and every one of the various standards for

3 collection of fibers?

4 A I don't know whether it's required or not,

5 I've seen it as part of the procedure.

6 Q Do you know what NIOSH 7400 is?

7 A No.

8 Q What about NIOSH 7402?

9 A No.

10 MR. KELLY: That's all the questions I

11 have.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay.

13 MR. KELLY: Signature?

14 MS. CLARK: We'll reserve.

15 (THE WITNESS WAS EXCUSED.)

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