

1 brake and clutch parts that went onto its cars and
2 trucks, it obviously knew that those parts were
3 comprised at least in part of chrysotile asbestos.

4 So when asbestos started hitting the news,
5 Ford decided to do a couple of things.

6 The first thing that Ford did was starting
7 in the late 1960s and carrying into the 1970s, Ford's
8 own research scientists started experiments to see if
9 the braking process and brake repair work would
10 release chrysotile fibers.

11 As I told you, the epidemiology studies
12 weren't in yet, so there really was no firm answer as
13 to whether brake and clutch parts could cause
14 disease.

15 So the Ford scientists started doing
16 experiments and what they found was that almost --
17 that the braking process and brake repair work
18 released almost no chrysotile fibers, and that is
19 because what we talked about earlier, the scientific
20 process behind the braking process. Most of the
21 chrysotile fibers had been converted to forsterite.