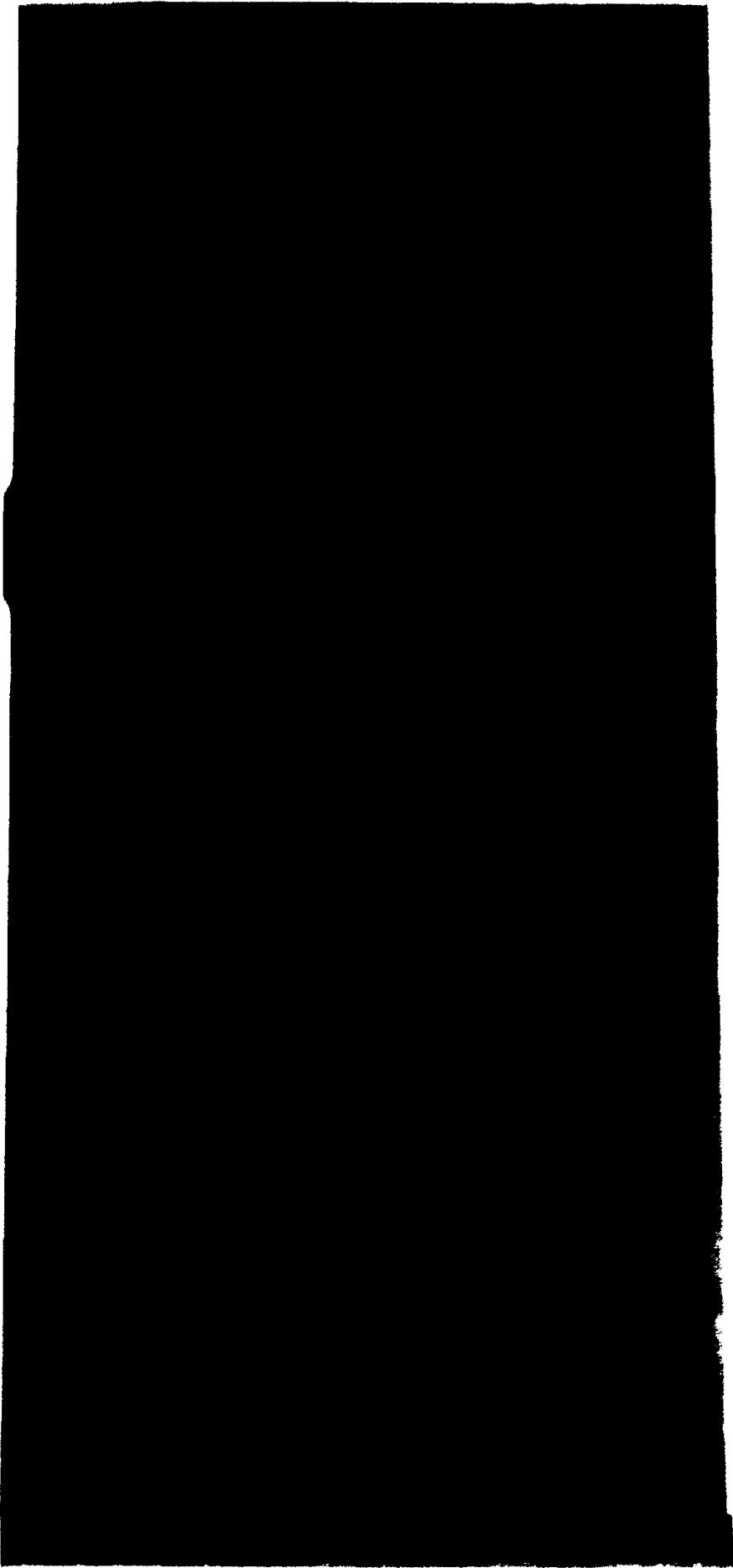


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:Action No.
:MDL 875

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH DIVISION
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

CONWED CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

- against -

UNION CARBIDE CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS
COMPANY, INC., (f/k/a UNION CARBIDE
CORPORATION),

Defendant,

- and -

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COMPANY, INC., (f/k/a UNION CARBIDE
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Third-Party Plaintiffs,

- against -

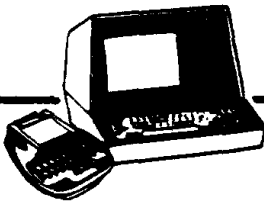
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WALKER JAMAR COMPANY, A.W. KUETTEL &
SONS, INC., API, INC. and MacARTHUR
COMPANY,

Third-Party Defendants.

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3 Rochambeau Drive, Hartsdale, New York),
4 having been first duly sworn by the Notary
5 Public (Robert E. Levy), was examined and
6 testified as follows:

7 EXAMINATION BY

8 MR. WILL:

9 Q. State your name, please.

10 A. Arthur M. Langer.

11 Q. And Dr. Langer, my name is Trevor
12 Will. We have met before. I'm going to be taking
13 your deposition today. I understand you have been
14 deposed before?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. If I ask you something that doesn't
17 make sense or that you don't hear, let me know and
18 I'll either try to rephrase it or have it read
19 back. If you answer the question I'll have to
20 assume that you heard it, understood it and
21 answered it to the best of your ability, all
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And also as you are doing, please use
25 yes or no rather than uh-huh or uh-uh, because

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that is hard for the reporter.

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A. Agreed.

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Q. If you need a break for any reason

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let me know and at an appropriate point, we will

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stop and go off the record.

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A. Fine.

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Q. Did you bring a copy of your CV with

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you today?

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A. Yes.

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(Handing)

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MR. WILL: I would ask the reporter

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to mark this as Exhibit 1.

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(Whereupon, curriculum vitae of

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Arthur M. Langer marked Langer Exhibit 1

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for identification, as of this date.)

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MR. WILL: Let me ask you to mark

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this as 2.

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(Whereupon, notice of deposition

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marked Langer Exhibit 2 for identification,

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as of this date.)

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MR. WILL: And this will be three.

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(Whereupon, document entitled

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"Mineralogical Analysis of Chrysotile Ore

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Specimens Obtained in the KCAC Pit

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(Formerly Union Carbide's New Idria

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Deposit), Summary" marked Langer Exhibit 3

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for identification, as of this date.)

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Q. Is Exhibit 1 complete, Doctor?

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A. Complete in the sense that this is

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the document that I brought today and represents

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my updated curriculum vitae, yes.

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Q. Do you have anything to add to it,

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any publications or abstracts since that was

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prepared?

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A. No.

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Q. And what was the date of the last

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revision?

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A. Sometime late December, mid December,

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something like that.

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Q. December of 1993?

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A. December of 1993, yes.

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MR. WILL: At the request of Mr.

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Brownson, I will put on the record that I

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did serve a copy of the notice of Dr.

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Q. Doctor, when were you first contacted by anyone at Conwed or working for Conwed about this case?

A. I believe it was sometime in 1993.

Q. Who was it that made that contact?

A. Mr. Brownson.

Q. And had you worked with Mr. Brownson before?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this the first time you had been contacted by Mr. Brownson to do any work for Conwed?

A. No.

Q. When was the first time you were contacted to do any work for Conwed?

A. A year, perhaps 1990 or 1989.

Q. In this particular case, the Conwed versus Union Carbide case, what was it that you were asked by Mr. Brownson to do?

A. Mr. Brownson asked me to review general materials pertaining to the Union Carbide asbestos deposit in California. He asked me to review documents pertaining to -- reports, rather, pertaining to the biological potential of

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2 chrysotile asbestos. He asked me to review
3 documents pertaining to industrial hygiene surveys
4 in user facilities, meaning facilities which used
5 the Union Carbide product. He asked me to
6 determine size distribution, characteristics of a
7 chrysotile aerosol generated from the Union
8 Carbide product. He asked me to attend a meeting
9 in California concerning the Environmental
10 Protection Agency's Superfund cleanup operation at
11 the New Idria chrysotile deposit. Essentially
12 that was what was asked of me.

13 Q. Were you asked to review ore samples
14 or samples of material?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The general materials regarding the
17 Union Carbide deposit in California, what were
18 those materials?

19 A. In accompanying Mr. Brownson, we
20 visited the operation which was formerly Union
21 Carbide's operation, now called the King City
22 Asbestos Corporation.

23 Q. Maybe I can interrupt you?

24 A. Please.

25 Q. I didn't ask a very clear question.

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2 You said you first were asked to review some
3 general materials?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Regarding the Union Carbide deposit?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Okay. And by that, I assume you
8 meant some written materials?

9 A. Sure, right, yes, within the
10 mineralogical literature there are reports
11 concerning the mineralogy of the deposit and there
12 are existing reports on the nature of the
13 serpentine itself and the general geology,
14 mineralogy and structure of that particular
15 geological feature.

16 Q. Did Mr. Brownson provide you with any
17 of those materials or were you asked to look them
18 up and review them yourself?

19 A. No, this basically was my assignment.

20 Q. Do you recall which general pieces of
21 literature or reports you reviewed?

22 A. Yes, there are several papers by Dr.
23 Mumpton, who now is affiliated with the state
24 university, Dr. Sheldon Thompson, both of whom at
25 that time worked for Union Carbide. There is a

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2 guidebook to the area by a Professor Fowkes at one
3 of the local colleges in Coalinga. There are
4 several other reports but I can't at the present
5 time recall the senior authors, but there are some
6 general reports.

7 Q. Okay. You said Mr. Brownson asked
8 you to review reports on the biological reports of
9 chrysotile asbestos?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And again was that something you were
12 asked to research?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Were any of those furnished to you by
15 Mr. Brownson?

16 A. None.

17 Q. And how much time did you spend
18 researching the literature on biological affects
19 of chrysotile asbestos?

20 A. Total hours?

21 Q. Yes. For this project.

22 A. Maybe 30 hours.

23 Q. Are there any --

24 A. Plus or minus.

25 Q. Which studies or papers or articles

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2 did you find that you felt to be important on this
3 question of biological effect?

4 A. There is a series of experimental
5 studies by Wagner and colleagues. A series of
6 studies by Davis and colleagues from Edinburgh.
7 Studies in the United States by Brody, Kagan. A
8 study of ours in which the senior author is Yager.
9 Studies from Germany, and this is Muhle, a study
10 by Pott, a study by Maltoni. I'm sure there are
11 others but I've just -- I'm just blocking on them.

12 Q. All right.

13 A. But there are a number of studies
14 which pertain to in vitro tests using cells,
15 challenged by mineral dust, a number of studies
16 involving animals involving inhalation studies,
17 and of course studies involving epidemiological
18 studies of cohorts of workers exposed to the
19 mineral.

20 Q. Of the studies that you reviewed, how
21 many of them involved specifically the so-called
22 calidria asbestos or Coalinga asbestos?

23 A. Maltoni used the Coalinga asbestos.
24 Muhle used Coalinga asbestos. We used the
25 Coalinga asbestos.

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Q. "We" meaning the Yager paper?

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A. Yager et al., right.

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I didn't mention Frank Platek's
paper. He is from NIOSH. They used Coalinga
material. Pott used Coalinga material.

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Q. Other than those five studies, are
you aware of any other studies reporting on the
health effects of Coalinga asbestos in the
literature?

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A. There may be others but I'm just not
recalling. I cannot recall of others.

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Q. You said you were also asked to
review industrial hygiene reports at facilities
where they were using Union Carbide asbestos, is
that correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Approximately how many of those
reports did you review?

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A. There are hundreds of these reports
and I have not as yet reviewed all of them. It is
just so voluminous but I'm in that process now. I
brought some of these with me.

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Q. What is the reason for reviewing
those reports? How do they fit into your role in

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A. They fit into this case in the following way. I am one of those individuals, and I believe that many others in the field believe that mining and milling of chrysotile is associated with one set of risks whereas those risks change in the user industries, so mining and milling of chrysotile may be a relatively low-risk operation but user industries that manipulate for different purposes may not have the same control technology or the same control strategies and workers may be exposed to higher concentrations of

Q. In your view is the difference in risk between the mining and milling occupation on the one hand and the user industries on the other due to a change in the nature of the fibers itself that results from the milling process or is it the result of differing concentrations or is it some combination?

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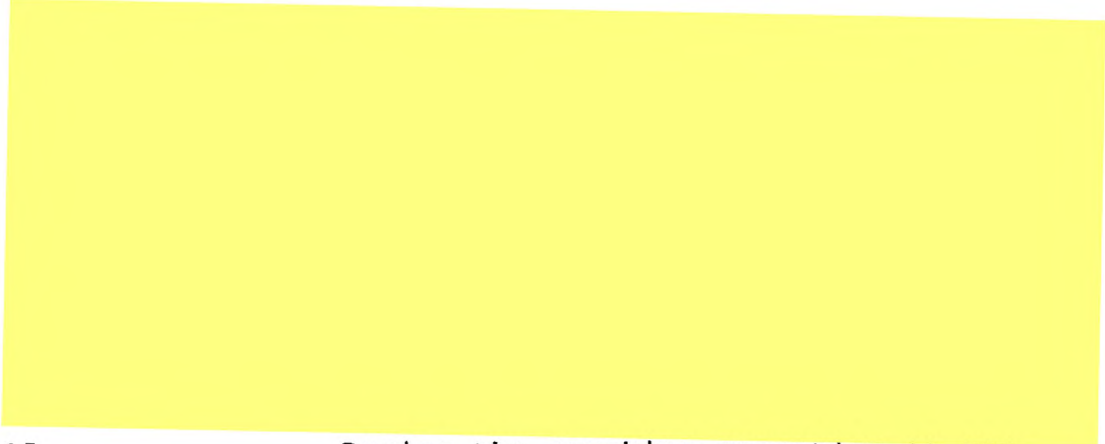
Q. What do you believe happens to the
4 fiber during the mining or milling process that
5 changes the risk?

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A. During mining and milling?

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Q. Yes.



15 During the crushing operation if the
16 ores are still wet, the concentrations of fiber
17 are not that great either. It is only when the
18 materials are dried and processed through milling
19 do they become more dusty, and when one raises
20 dust, then the risk associated with exposure
21 increases.

22 Q. Is it basically then the quantity of
23 dust that dictates the level of risk?

24 A. That is one of the factors. That's
25 right.

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Q. Is that in your view the most important factor?

A. It is one of the important factors. Talking about chrysotile?

Q. Yes. Chrysotile.

A. That is one of the factors, important factors, cumulative dose, sure.

Q. Is there anything that happens to the fiber itself during the milling process other than whether it is wet or dry, talking about actual changes in the fiber itself that you believe

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Q. You mentioned dust control. Is the dust control used by the user industry an important factor in the risk to the workers in the user industry?

A. I'm sorry. Could you --

Q. Sure. Is the dust control or lack thereof employed by the user industry an important factor in determining what the risk is to a worker in the user industry from the chrysotile fiber?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was it that, to your knowledge, actually conducted those air hygiene studies that you referred to?

A. There are some names which are indicated in these documents that I have brought, and I'm assuming that these are industrial hygienists.

Q. Do you know for whom they worked?

A. I believe they worked for Union Carbide.

Q. To your knowledge, then all of these studies were done by Union Carbide?

A. Apparently so.

Q. All right. Do you have any criticism

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2 of the technique employed by those industrial
3 hygienists in doing their air hygiene surveys?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you have any critique of the
6 conclusions which they drew, if any?

7 A. Given the date of the report, given
8 the standards at the time, and given the data, do
9 I have any criticism?

10 Q. Yes, of what conclusions they drew?

11 A. Well, one doesn't want to be a Monday
12 morning quarterback. You have to take it at face
13 value. No.

14 Q. Sitting here today in 1994, the
15 standards for permissible exposures to asbestos
16 have changed, is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. From what they were when these air
19 hygiene studies were being conducted?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Now you mentioned also that you were
22 asked to investigate the size distribution
23 characteristics --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- of the calidria asbestos fiber?

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A. Yes.

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Q. What did that involve?

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A. We had made, in the university, a chamber from which we could generate an aerosol through air movement across a specimen, and we milled one of the commercial grade Union Carbide pellet classes for approximately three seconds just to break them, and this material was then subjected to an air flow and we collected the fibers generated during this release and we analyzed those fibers, although we are still crunching numbers.

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Q. What was the purpose of doing that?

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A. Well, one of the frequently heard criticisms involved in generating a size distribution on any specimen is that we use a dispersion in an aqueous medium, in water, and this may introduce artifacts in that the way to determine the size distribution of a dust cloud to which workers might be exposed would be to generate an aerosol and see what is actually in the air.

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Q. Why are you interested in the size distribution characteristics of the asbestos from

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2 Union Carbide?

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A. It is frequently heard that the Union Carbide deposit is a short fiber and therefore does not possess biological potential.

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Q. When you say it is frequently heard that the Union Carbide deposit is a short fiber, what is meant, to you, by short in that context?

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A. Well, there are two meanings of the word "short." One meaning is a commercial meaning and the other is a biological meaning. For sure, the deposit in California is a short commercial fiber, for sure. In fact it is just about one of the shortest dispersed preparations made commercially anywhere.

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Q. Before we leave that, what length would you expect to find in something considered a short commercial product?

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A. Well, I'm thinking of the Quebec standards, the screening technique in which there the technique for -- let me change this. The protocol for determining the size of a fiber is based on this particular technique originated in Canada because fibers of different lengths impart certain qualities to products. Weaving or

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2 spinning grades are AAA, AA, A or something like
3 that or a 3. Fine materials, commercially short
4 fiber used in a product like a floor tile or a
5 ceiling tile in the Canadian classification is a
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7 Now, the Coalinga-type fibers are all
8 7's. Now the Quebec screening, to answer your
9 question specifically, the Quebec screening
10 technique consists of three screens and a
11 catchment device in which 16 ounces of a fiber
12 preparation is dumped on top and the screen is
13 subjected to certain motion and the materials
14 filter through, and the screening, the Quebec
15 screening classification then requires the
16 material be weighed and to the nearest ounces of
17 the 16 ounces, you have four figures which reflect
18 screen A, screen B, screen C and then the
19 catchment pan, so a typical cement fiber might be
20 2, 6, 6, 2 or something like that but it has to
21 add up to 16. The fibers out in California in the
22 Coalinga deposit would be 0, 0, 0, 16. Now that
23 is a commercial classification.

24 Q. In terms of their "length," what
25 would you expect to --

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that first screen catches materials that are

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greater than about .5 inches. It is .5 or 6,

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something like that. Now a half inch, that is

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25.4 millimeters, so that is 12 millimeters. That

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means fibers less than 12,000 microns in length

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fall through it.

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The next one, actually the bottom

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screen would be fibers less than about a thousand

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microns in length passes through it.

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Q. Which is one millimeter?

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A. Which is one millimeter, that's

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right, so it is a little bit more than a

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millimeter, something like that. So the

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commercial application when we talk about long

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fiber, short fiber, biologically, it is less than

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five microns or greater than five microns. So we

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are dealing with a different entity.

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Q. So then what is considered a short

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fiber commercially is something that is less than

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approximately one millimeter in length?

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A. That's right.

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Q. And what is considered a short fiber

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biologically is something less than five microns

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2 in length?

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A. That's right.

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Q. Dr. Langer, when you mentioned

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from the Coalinga area was a short fiber and

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therefore biologically inactive, was the "short"

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in that comment being used in the commercial sense

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or the biological sense or do you know?

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A. It is frequently heard from

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biologists or those in certain medical fields, and

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these individuals assumed that when a commercial

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application was a short fiber, they immediately

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thought of biologically short. Which is not

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uncommon. But it is quite different, of course.

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Q. Now, am I correct that the size

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distribution analysis that you are doing is with

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respect to the five-micron standard for

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biologically short?

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A. Yes. Well, we do it all, but we are

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interested in what percentage of the total aerosol

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is greater than five microns.

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2 Q. Are you using other cutoff points
3 besides five microns for calculating percentages,
4 in other words --

5 A. We are looking at other size
6 increments, less than one, one to two, two to
7 three or five to 10 or greater than 10.

8 Q. You say that those numbers have been,
9 or some of the data has been obtained but the
10 calculations haven't been done?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you have a sense of what the data
13 show, at least preliminarily?

14 A. We can generate an aerosol with I
15 think it will be greater than 10 fibers per c.c.
16 of air greater than five microns in length per
17 cubic centimeter of air.

18 Q. And in that dust sample, how many
19 fibers would there be less than five microns?

20 A. Maybe a hundred times.

21 Q. So that you would expect to find
22 something on the order of 1,000 fibers below five
23 microns and per 10 fibers above five microns?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you know which grade of Union

1 Carbide calidria asbestos was used for this?

2 A. I think we used RG-100.

3 Q. And was that actually Union Carbide
4 product or King City Asbestos Corp.?

5 A. No, these are historical samples that
6 we have in our laboratory marked Union Carbide.

7 Q. When were they obtained, do you know?

8 A. In the '70s. When I was at Mount
9 Sinai.

10 Q. So they were obtained by Mount Sinai
11 Hospital in New York?

12 A. No. By me as an individual.

13 Q. When you were --

14 A. When I was at Mount Sinai, yes.

15 Q. When you say you are generating an
16 aerosol, does that mean anything more than just
17 dust in the air?

18 A. That is it.

19 Q. When you milled this fiber pellet,
20 what type of equipment did you use?

21 A. We used a mill made in Germany. It
22 is a blade mill. And it consists of -- it looks
23 like an inverted malted milk machine with a
24 chamber and the blade spins and it shatters
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Q. You say you used about three seconds?

A. It could have been less. What we were trying to do is just -- let me backtrack for a second. These pellets tend to be friable, and if a pellet were to break, or a pellet were to be subjected to a saw in some process, what would happen to this material. And we wanted to -- it is impossible to reproduce everything. We just wanted to break down some pellet so it no longer had a physical state in which it was a pellet but rather it had broken as if somebody stepped on it.

Q. If the pellet were broken through some mechanism other than a blade, do you believe that would affect the fiber distribution characteristics?

A. It is possible.

Q. Would the length of time to which the pellet was subject to milling or processing affect the fiber distribution characteristics?

A. Yes, it probably would shorten it, but this is just a guess. It would change it. How it would change it, I can't predict.

Q. Is the technique that you used in

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2 aerosolizing this pellet supposed to in way way
3 replicate how the pellets were subjected in
4 Conwed?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Are you aware of where the Union
7 Carbide pellets were placed in the Conwed
8 production process?

9 A. No.

10 Q. If the pellets were dumped into a
11 watery solution, and then basically pulverized or
12 mixed together with other ingredient, would that
13 have an impact on fiber size distribution
14 characteristics?

15 A. Probably.

16 Q. Do you know what that impact would
17 be?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You mentioned that you were also
20 asked to -- when do you expect to have the results
21 completed of your fiber size distribution?

22 A. We are working on it now. It is just
23 a matter of looking at the final data sets. A
24 couple of weeks. Then we are busy with so many
25 other things.

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Q. How many times did you run this particular experiment with the blade mill?

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A. You mean how many times was an aerosol generated?

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Q. Yes.

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A. Several times.

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Q. Several meaning three to five?

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A. No, I would say two or three.

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Q. Does your data suggest variation between the two or three samples or are the results consistent?

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A. Well, that is something that we are looking at now. Just how consistent this is.

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Q. You said that Mr. Brownson also asked you to attend a meeting in California?

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A. Right.

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Q. About the Superfund cleanup at the New Idria area?

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A. Right.

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Q. And what was your -- do you know what the purpose of asking you to go to that meeting was?

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A. Just to hear what was going on. How the federal government perceived the problem.

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Q. How does the government perceive the problem, to your knowledge?

A. Apparently they perceive a hazard.

Q. What is the nature of that hazard? Is it asbestos in the air, asbestos in the water?

A. Both.

Q. What is the source of the asbestos that the government is worried about?

A. Well, principally, the asbestos deposit itself, the runoff from that deposit and the fibers which are in the soils and alluvium in the area and water in the California aqueduct system.

Q. Are the Johns-Manville and Atlas mine sites in the New Idria area?

A. Yes.

Q. Thought to be responsible for this problem?

A. Yes.

Q. How about the Union Carbide site?

A. No.

Q. What air concentrations are the federal government reporting?

A. I don't think they are reporting any.

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The data I have seen are 0001 or below. Something

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like that. 0.0001.

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Q. That is considered not atypical for

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ambient air throughout the country?

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A. I would say so, yes.

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Q. Do you believe based on what you know

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that there is any health risk from the asbestos

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concentrations in the air or the water that the

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federal government is talking about in this area?

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A. Do I believe there is a risk?

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Q. Yes.

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A. No. If there is a risk it is very

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low.

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Q. You are talking something less than

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winning the lottery or being hit by lightning?

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A. Something like that.

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Q. What is the federal government

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proposing to do about this risk?

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A. What have they done? They have done

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the following. They have dismantled the

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Johns-Manville mill. They have moved the tailings

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deposits. They have rerouted waterways. They

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have reconstructed roads. They have buried the

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mill on the site. They have proceeded with

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2 similar actions at Atlas. They have proceeded to
3 change the configuration of the Pasajero catchment
4 basin which during times of flooding spills over
5 into the California aqueduct system. And there is
6 some talk of modifying several hundred acres of
7 area out there at an additional cost of \$75
8 million.

9 Q. In your view, is that money well
10 spent?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Were you asked to give your
13 observations on what was going on there?

14 A. No.

15 Q. You were just there as an observer?

16 A. I was there as an observer.

17 Q. Okay. Other than attending that one
18 meeting, have you been asked to do anything else
19 with respect to the Superfund cleanup efforts
20 there?

21 A. Well, they would like me to come back
22 next year and give a talk, as a matter of fact.

23 Q. That would be on the government's
24 tab?

25 A. I guess.

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Q. Not on Mr. Brownson's tab?

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Q. How, if at all, do you think that

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what occurred at that meeting and what you

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observed relates to what you have been asked to do

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in this case, the opinions you have been asked to

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A. California is a very interesting

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place, and the fact that the government focused on

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this particular site, this particular material is

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a naturally occurring material. This represents

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the only Superfund site in the United States which

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is a natural outcropping of materials. And on the

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basis of the data provided to the government in

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their perception, they are investing \$100 million

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on ameliorating this.

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Q. Basically changing nature?

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A. If you will.

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Q. As you put it, this is not a

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situation where people have collected toxic

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chemicals from other places and dumped there in

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the ground?

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A. No, no, no, not at all.

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Q. This is just a mineral that was in

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2 the ground to begin with?

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A. Yes.

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Q. You also mentioned that you were

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asked to collect and review samples of ore from

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the KCAC asbestos mine, the former Union Carbide

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mine?

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A. Yes, that's right.

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Q. In fact on July 27 of 1993, you did

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tour the mine site and collect materials?

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A. That's right.

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Q. Have you now had a chance to analyze

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those?

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Q. What were you asked to look for in

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the course of that analysis?

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A. What is present in the deposit, are

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there mineral fibers present other than

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chrysotile. And if so, what are they and what are

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their concentrations and could this have an impact

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on biological potential.

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Q. Were you specifically looking for

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amphibole fibers?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And why were you looking for

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2 amphiboles?

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4 A. It is -- there is a currently held
5 belief that several of the diseases associated
6 with chrysotile exposure may be explained wholly
7 or in part by the presence of associated minerals
8 within chrysotile, specifically certain
9 amphiboles.

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10 Q. Is it known that amphiboles can cause
11 asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma without
12 chrysotile?

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13 A. Amphibole asbestos materials can
14 produce those diseases without the presence of
15 chrysotile, yes.

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16 Q. Have you now completed your work in
17 analyzing the samples from the mine site?

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18 A. I've completed the laboratory work.
19 I'm still looking at certain kinds of data to more
20 and better understand the nature of nonchrysotile
21 fibers which are present in some of the samples.

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22 Q. In terms of the biological
23 definition, the short fibers being below five
24 microns --

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25 A. Right?

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26 Q. -- who was it that came up with that

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criteria for the short, if you will?

A. Actually it goes back to the 1950's, 1960's when the British changed over standards from total particles to fibers and the five-micron size length was incorporated in the new counting strategy for analytical purposes, with the support of some very limited biological data.

Q. So that when the British standards changed from counting particles to counting fibers, they told the industrial hygienists to count only fibers longer than five microns?

A. Well, this is developed. No one told anyone anything. It was basically a group of people, the fact that they were working for Turner Newall, and it was found that when one counted total particles, you didn't care how long the fibers were, but once the fibers went below a certain length it was more difficult to get reproducible results.

And the wisdom at that time was that asbestosis was produced by the disintegration of long asbestos bodies releasing silicic acid and involving a cellular process much like silicosis. So you had a convergence of the need to

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2 distinguish particles from fibers using a light
3 microscope. You had the constraints of developing
4 a system that was reproducible when you reexamined
5 the same specimen. You needed a counting protocol
6 which could be used by different laboratories and
7 still come up with the same answer. And there was
8 this prevailing biological hypotheses concerning
9 the disease of interest at that time, which was
10 principally asbestosis.

11 Q. And the hypotheses at that point was
12 that fibers below five microns would not produce
13 asbestosis?

14 A. The prevailing view at that time.
15 The prevailing view.

16 Q. When you mentioned that that was
17 based on some limited biological work --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- whose work was that?

20 A. Beattie & Knox's work that was
21 presented in 1959, published in 1960 in the
22 proceedings of the conference -- it is generally
23 called the inhaled particles and vapors meeting
24 but it was a meeting held -- a pneumoconiosis
25 meeting held under the auspices of the British

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Q. Have you then as a mineralogist
accepted that five micron definition essentially
ever since you have been working in the field?

A. No, actually I've had a long
interesting journey through this.

Q. Maybe I should rephrase the question.
Would it be correct to say that ever since you
have been working in the field, you have been
aware of the fact that in biological terms
something below five microns is considered short?

A. Generally held, yes.

Q. Okay. This is not a definition that
you came up with?

A. No.

Q. This is something shared throughout
the scientific community?

A. Parts of the scientific community,
yes. And I would say -- yes.

Q. Shifting gears, I want to ask you
about the other cases that you've worked on for
Conwed Corporation. Can you tell me what those
involved?

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Q. Where were they?

A. Let's see, I think they involved the Annerundel County, Maryland school cases, Baltimore County cases. These were ceiling tile cases in buildings.

Q. So is this the third case that you've worked on for Conwed?

A. It could be. There could have been one more.

Q. Were all of the other ones so-called property damage cases?

A. Yes.

Q. Building owners that were suing for the cost of removing Conwed ceiling tiles?

A. Yes.

Q. And in those cases, were you asked to assess the biological risk to occupants of the school buildings from asbestos released by the tiles?

A. No.

Q. What were you asked to do?

A. Examine the tiles, determine if asbestos existed in the tiles, fiber type and

1 concentration. Basically a certain assay.

2 Q. Were you asked to give any opinions
3 at all about a health risk posed by those products
4 in those buildings?

5 A. I don't think so, as I sit here.

6 Q. Have you ever been involved with
7 Conwed in a case where someone was suing Conwed
8 alleging personal injury as a result of working
9 with or around Conwed ceiling tiles?

10 A. I don't think so.

11 Q. Have you ever heard of such a case?

12 A. I don't think -- no. If I had some
13 knowledge, I can't recall.

14 Q. You've also worked with Mr. Brownson
15 for other clients of his other than Conwed?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Which other --

18 A. Asbestospray.

19 Q. That is Mr. Levine's company?

20 A. It was.

21 Q. In Brooklyn?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. First of all, how many cases have you
24 worked on for Asbestospray?

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Center. When I say worked on these cases, I've analyzed air samples, I've provided data. That does not mean I was deposed nor testified but just general assistance in cases. City of Wichita Convention Center. Kansas City International Airport. Transworld Airline International Terminal at Kennedy Airport, New York. Boys High School in New York, Brooklyn, New York. The State of West Virginia for the University of West Virginia Coliseum. University of South Carolina.

Q. And in those cases your role has been to analyze materials to see if there is asbestos in them?

A. Principally, although I did testify down in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Q. In any of the other cases, other than the West Virginia case, have you given testimony either by way of deposition or in court?

A. I think in several of those cases I gave deposition testimony but never at trial.

Q. Did you testify at trial in West Virginia?

A. Yes.

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Q. How about in Wichita?

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A. No.

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Q. In the West Virginia case, did your
5 testimony in any way touch upon health effects or
6 risks of the products in question?

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A. In a way, yes.

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Q. In what way?

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A. Level of dust, comparison of the
10 workplace with the coliseum, levels of the fiber
11 in the air in the coliseum.

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Q. Did you offer opinions on what health
13 risks, if any, those fiber levels present?

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A. I don't know if I was allowed to.

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THE WITNESS: Did I -- I'm turning
16 to Mr. Brownson.

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Did I offer any opinions as to the
18 health risks?

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MR. BROWNSON: I don't remember.

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THE WITNESS: I don't remember
21 either.

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MR. BROWNSON: I'm sure I did but I
23 don't remember if you did.

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A. It was just a relative gauging of
25 exposures to a fiber in the workplace as compared

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to what they were in the coliseum.

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Q. For an occupant or somebody attending
4 a basketball game?

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A. Exactly.

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Q. What type of asbestos fiber did
7 Asbestospray use in their product?

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A. In West Virginia, it was amosite.

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Q. Did they also use chrysotile in any
10 of their products?

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A. There is a formulation with
12 chrysotile, and that was -- I think chrysotile was
13 in the Kansas City International Airport.

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Q. Is their product a plaster -- sprayed
15 on plaster material?

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A. It is a cementing agent and it is
17 tamped.

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Q. Is it applied for fireproofing?

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. Other than for Mr.
21 Brownson, have you done other work -- let me
22 rephrase that question because we will be here all
23 year.

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Am I correct that you've worked for
25 other clients as well as Mr. Brownson's clients in

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2 analyzing building materials for asbestos content?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you know a fellow named Ray
5 Balzer?

6 A. Roy Balzer, yes.

7 Q. Have you ever worked with Mr. Balzer?

8 A. Worked with him directly?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. No.

11 Q. What is his field or area of --

12 A. He studied at Berkeley with Clark
13 Cooper. I believe he has a PhD in epidemiology or
14 public health.

15 Q. Do you recognize him as having
16 expertise in the field of asbestos risks from
17 building materials?

18 A. Asbestos risks?

19 Q. Let me try again.

20 Do you recognize him as having
21 expertise in health risks to building occupants or
22 workers from the presence of asbestos-containing
23 materials in the building?

24 A. That sounds like a legal question. A
25 real legal question.

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A. From a scientific point of view, he knows what air samples are all about and he knows how to obtain the data and generate the numbers, and he, like every intelligent other person, can compare this with exposures in other instances and draw some conclusions. So do I recognize his capability in doing that, yes of course.

Q. Have you ever spoken with Dr. Balzer about Conwed asbestos products?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether he, Balzer, has ever done any work for Conwed?

A. No.

Q. In this case, are you planning to give any testimony about health risks from calidria asbestos to workers in the Conwed plant in Minnesota?

A. If someone asks me what I think, I'll tell them my opinion.

Q. In your opinion, are Conwed ceiling panels containing calidria asbestos and only calidria asbestos, a health risk to building occupants in --

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A. No.

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Q. I was going to say in buildings where
those tiles are installed?

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A. No.

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Q. Why is that?

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A. Because all of the data which I have
seen concerning the use of Conwed tiles in
structures show that the levels inside those
buildings are indistinguishable from ambient
levels. Therefore the risk is extraordinarily
low.

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Q. So low to be trivial?

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A. I would say so low as to be phantom.
We have to worry about other things in society and
the risks are trivial, that's right.

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Q. How about to a person who is, say, a
janitor or a maintenance man, cleaner in that
building?

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A. Tell me how frequently they move the
tiles, what fiber levels they are exposed to,
calculate a cumulative dose and a time weighted
average and we can then tell you what the risk is.

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Q. All right. So that to know whether
somebody was at risk from working with a

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2 calidria-containing Conwed ceiling panel, what you
3 would really want to know is what dose of asbestos
4 are they getting out of the panel?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Would that same answer be true with
7 respect to what risk a person had who was working
8 in the Conwed plant itself?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In order to evaluate the risk you
11 need to know what the dose was?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. In a factory, the dose that a worker
14 gets of dust is determined by, among other things,
15 whatever air hygiene or dust-handling equipment is
16 in place in the factory, is that correct?

17 A. Sure.

18 Q. To your knowledge, did Union Carbide
19 have any direct say or control over what dust
20 equipment or air-handling equipment was used in
21 the Conwed plant?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. Doctor, in your opinion, are pleural
24 plaques a disease?

25 A. Is it a pathological lesion? It is

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2 something that is not normally there? Yes.

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Q. How about clinically, are they

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considered a disease from a clinical point of

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view?

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A. It could. Pleural plaques can cause

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clinical disease.

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Q. How about in the ordinary course?

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A. No.

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Q. How about localized pleural

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thickening, is that from a clinical perspective

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considered a disease?

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MR. BROWNSON: I object. I object

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to the form of the question. Considered by

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whom, by him or by others?

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MR. WILL: By him.

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MR. BROWNSON: Okay.

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Q. So the point of my question is, I am

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trying to distinguish a situation where you have

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substantial diffuse pleural thickening over half

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or something like that or three-quarters of the

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pleura. I'm just talking about localized areas.

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MR. BROWNSON: All these questions

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MR. WILL: Yes. His views.

A. From what I gather in the literature,
a localized thickening or plaque does not cause
clinical symptoms.

Q. In terms of the testimony you have
given in other cases, you have -- well, I'll just
ask it this way. Am I correct that it is your
opinion that chrysotile does not cause peritoneal
mesothelioma?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it your opinion also that
chrysotile is unlikely to cause pleural
mesothelioma?

A. It is less potent, but yes, of
course.

Q. How many pure chrysotile-exposure
pleural mesotheliomas are you aware of that have
been reported in the literature?

A. The numbers are low, yes.

Q. Probably under 15, 20?

A. One question at a time.

Q. Under 20?

A. Under 20? Pure chrysotile verified
by tissue burden studies, is that correct?

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Q. Yes.

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A. It could be that number.

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Q. For a while it was thought that the

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Rochdale and Ferodo plant had some pure chrysotile

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mesotheliomas?

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A. Yes.

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Q. But later investigation showed that

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they were contaminated with crocidolite?

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A. They were related to crocidolite,

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yes.

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Q. In terms of ability to cause pleural

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mesothelioma, would you say -- of the asbestos

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minerals, would you say that crocidolite is the

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most potent?

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A. Yes, generally so.

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Q. Amosite, second?

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A. Probably tremolite asbestos in the

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true asbestos form is probably second, up with

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crocidolite. Amosite next.

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Q. Where do you put chrysotile?

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A. Below that.

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Q. Am I correct that you believe that in

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order for chrysotile to cause pleural

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mesothelioma, there has to be a very high dose?

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A. Yes.

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Q. High enough that you would expect to find asbestosis in that person?

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A. I'm shaking my head. Probably yes.

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Q. At least on pathological examination?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Perhaps not by x-ray but certainly on pathological review?

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A. Yes. Yes.

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Q. How about lung cancer, do you believe there is a difference in the ability of different asbestos fibers to cause lung cancer?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Which do you feel is the most potent? And let's say the absence of confounding factors at this point, so assume a nonsmoker, if you will.

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A. All right. A nonsmoker. I am one of those people who believes that the amphibole asbestos varieties produce more lung cancers than chrysotile.

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Q. Now if you add smoking into the mix, there is supposed to be a synergistic effect, is that correct?

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Q. And is the synergistic effect in your opinion any different with amphibole than it is with chrysotile?

A. It probably is different but I don't know.

Q. You would expect a greater synergism with the amphibole?

A. Well, actually if you follow along the newer concepts of how cigarette smoking interacts with asbestos fiber, it is probably chrysotile which is more carcinogenic.

Q. Is that because of the surface area?

A. In part, yes.

Q. Any other reason?

A. Chrysotile absorbs certain organic biological compounds more easily, and it is thought that the carcinogens from cigarette smoke attach to the organic material carried on the surface of the fiber. So the more lipid the surface of the fiber, the more carcinogenic compound is carried to the target cell.

Q. You said this would be the modern thinking?

A. Yes.

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Q. You are not aware of any experiments
3 that have been done to try to prove this one way
4 or the other?

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A. No.

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Q. In terms of relative risk of lung
7 cancer, can you give me some sense of where in a
8 nonsmoker chrysotile stands versus the amphiboles?

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A. Other than animal data?

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Q. Talking about human data.

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A. Who has a population of nonsmokers?
12 No one. So no, those data are unavailable.

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Q. I think it was Eagle Pitcher at that
19 point. You were called to testify that the
20 chrysotile in the Eagle Pitcher cements could not
21 have been a cause of Mr. Pennock's mesothelioma?

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A. I don't know if I testified to that,
23 but we were looking at different fiber types and
24 concentrations and other factors, but yes.

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Q. Have there been other cases -- have

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2 there been any cases where you have testified in a
3 personal injury context that you did not believe
4 that chrysotile played a role in the plaintiff's
5 development of mesothelioma?

6 A. I wonder if I ever testified too.
7 The last personal injury case that I was involved
8 in here in New York involved the finding of a
9 mixture of fibers in the pulmonary tissues of an
10 electrician who succumbed with pleural
11 mesothelioma. And at that time, the fibers in the
12 tissues consisted principally of crocidolite with
13 an extraordinarily small portion of chrysotile.
14 Crocidolite would have to be called the causative
15 agent. I don't think I have ever dismissed
16 chrysotile in a role, but rather given the
17 relative potencies one has to come to some general
18 conclusion.

19 Q. What type of fiber burdens would you
20 expect to see in the lung of a person whose
21 mesothelioma you believe was caused by chrysotile?
22 What kind of fiber burdens --

23 A. At least hundreds of millions of
24 fibers per gram of dry lung tissue.

25 Q. The normal white developed male lung

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2 has approximately how many dried grams in it?

3 A. The ratio is generally one to 10,
4 meaning that for every 10 grams of wet tissue,
5 this can be reduced by heating and dehydration to
6 one gram, so in an adult lung, a male, with a
7 1,000-gram right lung, this could be reduced to
8 100 grams of dry lung.

9 Q. How about the left lung, how many --

10 A. It is smaller. We are talking in
11 generalities. Could be 1500 grams, 1200 grams.
12 In women it could be 850 grams or 650 grams,
13 something like that.

14 Q. But an average white male -- lung
15 size does --

16 A. It depends on physiology, race and
17 other factors.

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18 Q. So we are talking about white males,
19 say approximately a thousand grams of wet tissue
20 on the right lung and 900 on the left?

21 A. 900, 850, something like that.

22 Q. When was the first time you ever
23 looked at calidria asbestos samples?

24 A. 1960's.

25 Q. What was the reason for doing that?

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A. I was interested in characterizing asbestos used in the United States and in various products.

Q. From what perspective, characterizing it as to what?

A. Just looking at it in terms of mineralogical composition, fiber length, fiber character.

Q. Is that when you acquired some calidria from Union Carbide?

A. Yes. I think I got those fibers in the early '70s. 1970, 1971, '72. Something like that.

Q. So that would have been your first examination of calidria at that pint?

A. I'll tell you when I became interested in calidria. This is just an aside. I was at a meeting, mineralogical meeting, mineralogy of asbestos in Oxford in 1968, and Fred Mumpton presented data on the New Idria deposit and I obtained some specimens at that time.

Q. Shortly after that meeting and then you began looking at them?

A. I was interested. It was a new kind

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2 of product, new kind of material.

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Q. Did the first calidria you obtained
4 come from Union Carbide or were those samples in
5 '70/'71 after you had already done some looking at
6 it?

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A. No, they came from Union Carbide, I'm
8 sure.

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Q. What did you do, just call up Union
10 Carbide and say, "I'm interested in investigating
11 your product, could you send me some samples"?

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A. Essentially yes, but I think I wrote
13 to someone. I don't know whoever or whomever.

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Q. What conclusions, if any, did you
15 draw from your first review of the calidria
16 asbestos?

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A. When I first looked at the stuff?

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Q. Yes, in the early '70s; late '60s,
19 early '70s?

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A. Well, you would have to go back and
21 look at some of my early papers.

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Q. Well, for example, did you ever call
23 up Union Carbide and say something to them like,
24 "I've looked at your asbestos and I think the
25 fiber is a real health hazard to people using it"?

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A. I'm sitting here thinking. I may have. I don't know. Would I have called someone to say that? I must have discussed it at meetings.

Q. Well --

A. Is it a health hazard? What do we talk about at meetings. In my 1974 paper on size distribution of asbestos minerals, which was published in the Environmental Health Perspectives, I talked about size distribution of fibers and whether or not length was important, and I said if length is important, then anthophyllite should produce the most mesotheliomas, followed by amosite, followed by crocidolite, that is if length is the major determinant of mesothelioma production. But it didn't work like that. It worked in the opposite

Q. What your comment said was this might warrant investigation?

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A. Yes.

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Q. My question was more narrow. Do you remember in the late '60s or early '70s ever having a conversation specifically with the people at Union Carbide in which you said to them, in words or to that effect, "I have done some research on your asbestos and I think you've got a real hazard here that you ought to be concerned about"?

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A. No.

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Q. Other than what you put in your scientific papers that may have been published or said at scientific meetings, did you have any communication with anyone suggesting that the Union Carbide calidria asbestos that you were analyzing was a potential health hazard in the factories or plants where it was being used?

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A. I can't recall. I don't think so.

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Q. All right. At least as we sit here today, you don't recall ever doing such a thing?

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A. I don't recall, no.

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Q. And if you had ever done that, that would be something, at least at that time, unusual for your general practice, wasn't it?

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A. Well, it was unusual for me. I'm not so sure it was unusual for Irving Selikoff, but -- it was unusual for me to do that, yes.

Q. Did you ever go to Mr. Selikoff or any other colleague at Mount Sinai between '68 and '74 and say to them words to the effect that "I've been looking at the calidria asbestos, short fiber, and perhaps you should get the word out to warn people about this"?

A. Maybe a little background without going into the details of this. We were interested in the fibers which were in the mainstream of commerce with the greatest number of applications. And the stuff from Coalinga was going into things like floor tiles and ceiling tiles and I don't think it concerned us very much. So we were interested in construction products coming out of the Manville deposits or the other deposits from Canada, so our focus was there.

Q. Would it be correct to say, Doctor, that you are not aware of anyone from Mount Sinai during this period 1968 to 1974 going to Union Carbide and saying something to the effect of, "We have been looking at your calidria asbestos and we

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2 think it is a potential hazard in the plants where
3 it is being used"?

4 A. I don't have any knowledge of that,
5 no.

6 Q. That is what I asked you. You are
7 not aware of any such conversation?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. All right. Let's look at what
10 I have earlier marked as Exhibit 2, just to be
11 compulsive and go in order. This is a copy of the
12 notice of your deposition?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. And you received a copy of that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. We will come back to that a
17 little later. Let's talk about Exhibit 3, which
18 is your report in this case, is that correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. That is the report on your analysis
21 of the materials that you obtained from the KCAC
22 mine?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. This past July?

25 A. Yes.

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Q. And do you have any plans at this point to -- let me back up.

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You said you had completed the laboratory work, is that correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. But you said you might do some additional work on what you described as the nonchrysotile fibers?

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A. Yes. This is just the analysis of diffraction patterns.

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Q. That you've already done the diffraction patterns?

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A. I've already done the electron microscopy. I have photographed the diffraction patterns but I have not obtained the plates nor the prints as yet.

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Q. Will those plates of the diffraction patterns help you to perhaps identify precisely what minerals are in the sample?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Other than identifying those as to date, unidentified minerals, is there any other work that you plan on doing with respect to the analysis of the samples taken from the mine?

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A. Probably not, no.

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Q. Am I correct that in your -- backing
4 up, you had 12 different samples, is that right?

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A. Right.

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Q. And you also had some of the RG-100
7 pellets that had been given to you by Union
8 Carbide back in the early '70s?

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A. I have RG-100, 144, 244.

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Q. For purposes of this report, the only
11 pellets that you looked at though were the RG-100,
12 is that right?

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A. That's right.

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Q. Was there a reason you picked the
15 RG-100 and not one of the other pellets?

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A. No.

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Q. Are you aware of what grade of Union
18 Carbide pellet was used at Conwed?

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A. I think it is 144. It may be 244. I
20 have some attributions to some dust counts.

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Q. What is your understanding of the
22 difference between the Union Carbide grades 100,
23 144 and 244?

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A. My understanding, there is a
25 different degree of processing and beneficiation.

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Q. What do you mean by beneficiation?

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A. It is a general term of grading of

ore to concentrate of that which is being

extracted and that which is being discarded.

Q. So --

A. It is a general term.

Q. So 244 would be "purer asbestos" than

100?

A. Well, make no mistake about it, these

are awfully pure. So that the degree of purity

would require another analytical study, if you

really want to characterize in terms of analytical

purity, but for our purposes, I believe it is

okay.

Q. Just generally that is your

understanding, that the RG-144 and 244 have

additional refining steps beyond the RG-100 to try

to remove so-called impurities?

A. That is my understanding.

Q. In terms of what you find in the ore

then, am I correct you would be -- you would want

to look at the RG-100 to be sure that what you

were looking for hadn't been removed in the

additional refining?

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A. I don't understand that question.

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Q. If your point in doing the analysis

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of these materials is to try to see what else is

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in the product other than chrysotile asbestos, you

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would want to look at the RG-100 because that

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presumably has the most nonchrysotile objects or

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materials in it?

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A. I don't think it makes any

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difference. It is like top grades of nytal 100,

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200 and 300. There are some minor differences

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that they are interchangeable. Frequently they

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are. So I am unimpressed with differences that I

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see by optical microscopy so it didn't matter to

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me. There was no selection on the basis that,

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gee, this might have the most mineral A in it as

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associated mineral. No, that didn't drive this

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assay.

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Q. I was just suggesting in terms of

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being conservative, if you take the one that goes

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through the least refining steps, you are

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guarding, however slightly, on the side of making

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sure that anything that is there you will find,

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would that be correct?

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A. No, that didn't enter into the assay.

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2 If I wanted to do an assay like that, I would have
3 ground up the host rock and looked at the host
4 rock rather than the ores. If that guided me --
5 looking at this material, why would you want to
6 look at the host rock which is discarded in the
7 boulders and all of that sort of stuff. It is
8 kind of interesting if you are doing the genesis
9 of the ore deposit, but other than that, it is not
10 helpful.

11 Q. Was there any reason then that you
12 chose the RG-100 as opposed to the 144 or the 244?

13 A. I think I had most of that in the
14 laboratory. That was just available. And it
15 could also be RG-100, I think is mentioned in
16 several of these papers that I described to you
17 earlier



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Q. Are you aware that people have been
3 analyzing this material for something like 100
4 years?

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A. Well, this is true. And I also would
6 offer the following piece of information, that
7 when the original prospectors went over that
8 deposit, they thought it was talc and not
9 asbestos.

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Q. Did you find anything -- backing up,
11 you did find chrysotile asbestos in the samples?

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A. Sure.

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Q. Putting aside the chrysotile asbestos
14 for a moment, did you find anything in the samples

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20 intergrowth structure of some kind which might
21 conceivably cause disease, but there is no
22 evidence of that either. So to answer your
23 question, the answer is not at this time, no.
24 There are some suggestions but I don't know.

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Q. Let me see, I think I asked you this

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question in terms of pleural plaque but let me

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refine the question a little bit. Setting aside

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the chrysotile asbestos for a moment, did you find

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anything in any of the samples that is associated

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with asbestosis, lung cancer or mesothelioma in

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humans?

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A. Anything else?

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Q. Right.

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A. In humans?

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Q. Right.

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A. Well, I don't want to get Union

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Carbide nervous, but there is some chromite

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magnetite, but I don't think that would be a

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problem.

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Did you find something? You are

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asking me did I find something. I would have to

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think of all of the minerals there and how many of

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those are associated with disease. Is it

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chrysotile, yes, okay, the amphibole asbestiform

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materials are not there. Nematite, experimentally

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in animals, laboratory animals. Does that mean

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that coalingite is also active? I don't think so.

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So chromite has produced diseases in certain

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instances but this is an associated minor mineral.

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2 And I'm not even sure people inhale the thing. So
3 I would say, well, there is some -- probably not.
4 No.

5 Q. Let me ask you the question this way
6 then. Would it be your opinion that whatever
7 health effects are associated with calidria are
8 due to the chrysotile component as opposed to
9 anything else?

10 A. Yes. Probably yes.

11 MR. WILL: Off the record.

12 (Discussion off the record)

13 Q. Doctor, in the course of preparing
14 this report, do you have any other data
15 compilation or notes of your analysis?

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. Did you bring that with you today?

18 A. No.

19 Q. What else do you have?

20 A. Well, I have all my laboratory notes
21 and the x-ray diffraction tracings and things like
22 that, and the reason I provided a summary report
23 is that I have not had time to give you all of the
24 details but that essentially is what the data will
25 support, that there is chrysotile there, there are

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2 the other serpentine minerals present and there
3 are these other minerals associated with
4 serpentines. Period. That's it.

5 Q. As far as you are concerned, is your
6 analysis of the samples and the RG-100 consistent
7 with the other analyses that have been published
8 in the literature?

9 A. Yes, generally so.

10 Q. Prior to doing this particular piece
11 of research for Mr. Brownson, had you ever before
12 done an analysis of ore from -- let me be
13 careful -- material either processed or
14 unprocessed from the KCAC mine?

15 A. KCAC specifically.

16 Q. Or -- from the pit, put it that way?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You mentioned you had looked at some
19 of the Union Carbide samples that had been given
20 to you in '68 or somewhere in that '68/'71 time
21 frame?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Did you later have occasion to get
24 additional samples from either the mill or from
25 the mine?

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A. I got some other samples, yes, and my
3 colleague Dr. Nolan got some samples, and he was
4 involved in this litigation, I think.

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Q. Did you do anything to review the
6 samples that Dr. Nolan got?

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A. No.

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Q. Maybe I can do this a little less
9 clumsily. I understand -- I know of two occasions
10 when you have reviewed either processed or the raw
11 ore. One would be in the '68 to '71 time frame?

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A. Something like that.

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Q. When you got samples from Union
14 Carbide?

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A. Right, right.

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Q. The second would be this time for Mr.
17 Brownson?

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A. Right.

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Q. Okay, and you said there were some
20 other times --

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A. There had to be. People send me
22 samples all the time, so I would say yes, there
23 had to be other instances, sure.

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Q. Do you remember what the other
25 instances were next with?

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A. No. I've looked at literally
3 hundreds of samples that people send me. They
4 send me samples from all over the country, what is
5 in this and so on and so forth, but -- so I'm sure
6 I've had an opportunity over the past 28 years to
7 look at other samples of this, sure.

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Q. And the findings that you reached in
9 this case were, as far as you know, consistent
10 with all of your previous findings?

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A. I think so, yes.

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Q. On page 1 of your report, which shows
13 it was faxed to me, it has been faxed so many
14 times it keeps growing as people put cover sheets
15 on, but in any event, the title page about
16 three-quarters of the way down the page, you say
17 that some fibers displayed anomalous blue-gray
18 birefringence.

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Q. First of all, what is blue-gray
20 birefringence?

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A. When minerals are examined by means
22 of polarized light, microscopy, the minerals,
23 those which are crystalline, display colors which
24 are the product of light entering the crystal and
25 being affected by the mineral's crystal structure.

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And different minerals display different colors as
3 a function of their chemistry and structure. This
4 particular color is not usually found with
5 chrysotile.

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Q. That is why you said it was
7 anomalous?

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A. Meaning that instead of a straw
9 yellow color, like this pad, it was darker and
10 bluish, generally a color not found for this
11 particular material.

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Q. Did you associate the blue-gray
13 birefringence with any particular mineral or
14 substance?

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A. Generally in thicker specimens, it is
16 a sign of strain that the mineral was subjected to
17 some force, external to it, and the crystal
18 structure deformed in some way.

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Q. Would this be then an indicator of
20 the geologic history of that area?

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A. It is possible. Since I found
22 associated features in a feldspar, I would assume
23 that this is related to some of the tectonic
24 forces.

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Q. Am I correct that this blue-gray

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2 birefringence was in the chrysotile fibers
3 themselves?

4 A. In some.

5 Q. In some of them, not all of them?

6 A. Some of them. It was just an
7 observation.

8 Q. Over on the second page you mention
9 that you analyzed the RG-100.

10 A. Right.

11 Q. And then you talk about the aliquots?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What exactly is an aliquot?

14 A. That is a subsample. You have the
15 material and you select portions of it to analyze,
16 not the whole thing.

17 Q. How many subsamples of the RG-100 did
18 you analyze?

19 A. Looked at by polarized light --

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Maybe up to 10.

22 Q. How about of the ore samples from the
23 pit?

24 A. Two or three each.

25 Q. So since there were 12 samples, you

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2 probably had 36 aliquots that you would look at?
3 Something like that?

4 A. Give or take.

5 Q. Somewhere between 24 and 36?

6 A. Probably more, but --

7 Q. Okay. And you indicated that under
8 polarized light microscopy, you did not observe
9 any amphibole material?

10 A. That's correct, but there was one
11 fragment that could have been an amphibole.

12 Q. Let me ask you about that, that was
13 a --

14 A. Nonasbestiform.

15 Q. Meaning it was not fibrous?

16 A. Correct. A fragment.

17 Q. And you describe it as a single
18 crystal?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Were you able to identify what that
21 mineral was?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Was that one of the x-ray diffraction
24 plates that you are waiting --

25 A. No, no.

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Q. Did you attach any particular significance to the appearance of that fragment?

A. No.

Q. How were you able to identify this fragment as a possible amphibole under light microscopy?

A. This is the technique. A powder is immersed in some general mounting medium because a powder by itself will just refracture light from its boundary. You want to compare the properties of light coming through this crystal with the properties of light which surrounds it. So we use immersion oils with known indices of refraction, known densities.

Light behaves in a certain way. Light enters the medium and is slowed in some fashion. Velocity of light in air, about 1.00. The velocity of light in water is 1.33. So it is slowed down approximately 33 percent. When light enters minerals, depending on the crystal structure and the chemistry, light slows and breaks into component parts according to these properties of the mineral.

I have a collection of mineral oils,

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2 a standard set of oils which change in increments
3 of 0.002 units, let's call them units. These
4 immersion oils range from approximately 1.400 to
5 approximately 1.800. The minerals which have high
6 density which have iron in the structure, like for
7 example olivine and pyroxene have high indices of
8 refraction.

9 When I scan a specimen, I use an
10 immersion oil which will allow me to visualize,
11 for example, chrysotile. My normal scanning oil
12 has an index of refraction of 1.515. Now
13 chrysotile has, for example, one of the indices
14 parallel -- vibrating to the long fiber direction.
15 Approximately 1.556. Now the difference between
16 1.556 and the immersion oil 1.515 allows me to
17 visualize chrysotile very well because there is a
18 difference in index of refraction, and it means
19 that I can, that the mineral has what is known in
20 the optical crystallography field as high relief.

21 There is a marked difference in the
22 transmission of light in these two materials and
23 so there is a contrast. There are edge effects.
24 Now if you scan a field of a powder at 1.515 and
25 you see a mineral which looks like a mountain, it

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looks like a grain which stands out very high, it is either very much lower in index than the mounting oil or very much higher.

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Now given the assemblage of minerals, I assume that I was not looking at cristobalite or opal but rather I was looking at a crystal which was a ferromagnesium mineral which made up the serpentine host. Now when it is rounded with high birefringence, slightly altered serpentized, it is probably olivine of some form. If it has very high relief but yet has a certain pattern of cleavage which are more rectangular, rectangular, I made up a word, rectangular, this is more characteristic of pyroxenes.

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Now I can't analyze the materials I'm looking at when immersed in an index oil 1.515. I have to take another aliquot powder and use a different liquid and hope to find a similar grain to measure the characteristics. Sometimes you see it, sometimes you don't.

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What looked like a fragment of amphibole based on certain extinction characteristics, when the crystal became darkened when viewed between crossed Nichols, that is the

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2 name of a prism, and has certain characteristics
3 of amphibole, one has to measure the indices of
4 refraction. If you find other pieces like it and
5 it is more frequent or more abundant or occurs
6 with greater concentration, you can do this. But
7 when that is the only fragment you found, you
8 cannot. So it remains unknown. The other
9 minerals were more, behaved better. They were
10 there in higher concentration and it allowed me to
11 perform more analytical work.

12 Q. Let me see if I can ask a shorter
13 question here.

14 A. Please.

15 Q. All right. On page 2, you say that
16 you found this in one specimen number one, you
17 found this fragment?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. You were not able to find a similar
20 fragment in any of the other specimens?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Because you were not able to find a
23 similar fragment in other specimens, you were
24 unable to do the necessary test to identify the
25 mineral?

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A. It was a good probability.

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Q. Now, my question was based upon what you were able to observe through the optical microscope, of this unique fragment that you found, you felt it was some type of amphibole?

Q. And what was it that made you feel that was a good probability? In other words, what about the characteristics of that particular fragment?

A. It was not olivine because it did not have the very high relief. It was not pyroxene because it did not display any of the pyroxene cleavage characteristics and it looked like what I frequently see as fragments of amphibole. A cleavage fragment.

Q. Do you have any way of identifying which amphibole it was like?

A. No. It could have been a fragment of pyroxene viewed on edge. That is a possibility too. But --

Q. Could have been a lot of different things?

A. Well -- a lot. Well, it could have

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Q. Some?

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A. Some. One of 20 minerals or one of
5 10 minerals, something like that.

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Q. How many different minerals are there
7 in the amphibole family?

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A. You mean discrete amphibole species?

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Q. Yes.

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A. I don't know. There could be a
11 hundred. There could be 150.

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Q. All right.

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A. I mean I could list maybe 20 or 25
14 principal ones, but then there are, you know,
15 oddball things that people find somewhere. One of
16 something, yes.

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Q. Langerite?

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A. Yes, Brownsonite.

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Q. From page 2 to 3, you say, "It is
20 important to note that fibers are observed within
21 the specimens which exceed 100 microns in length."

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. Now, are those fibers in
24 the RG-100 specimens or in the ore specimens?

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A. Okay, the longer fibers were found in

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the ore specimens. That is true.

Q. I'm just trying to figure out to which specimens that sentence refers. Does it refer to ore or RG-100?

A. Since it's a separate paragraph and not in the RG-100 paragraph, there are fibers found in matrices of serpentine that are greater than a hundred microns in length. This is true.

Q. Well, over on the very first page, you indicate that at 100 times magnification, several of the finer bundles approached 1 millimeter in length?

A. Where do I say that?

Q. About halfway down.

A. That's right. Yes.

Q. All right, so that --

A. These are the 12 specimens in the pit. Some of the fibers approached a millimeter.

Q. Okay, so does that mean then that the reference over on page 2 to 3 about 100 microns which would only be about one-hundredth of a millimeter --

A. That would be in the ore specimens as well.

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Q. If --

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A. Actually the short fibers were in the
muds that were collected.

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Q. When the fiber bundles in the ore
that were approximately one millimeter in length
were processed at the mill, would you expect them
to break up and shorten?

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A. Probably, yes.

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Q. Are those fiber bundles made up of
smaller fibriles?

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A. Yes.

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Q. What is it that holds the fibriles
together, what force --

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A. One of the great mysteries of life,
isn't it. Whatever the forces are, the materials
are thought to be essentially the magnesium
silicate material itself, which is really some
substance that we call sepiolite, which is a
magnesium silicate hydrate which may or may not be
crystalline, or the fiber bundles are packed
together in such a way that their surface
properties interact with each other, but those

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forces are not very great, so --

Q. All right. Over on page 3, you are talking now about the x-ray diffraction, and you say that, "The following minerals were detected," and you say chrysotile, and there is a parenthesis, "Predominantly the 2M polytype."

A. Yes.

Q. What does that mean?

A. That connotes the essential crystal structure. When you compare the pattern you obtain with the available extra data in the literature, this pattern conforms to 2M. It is a monoclinic form. It is a stacking reference. How the minerals hung together.

Q. Then down at the bottom of that paragraph, you say that when you looked at the RG-100 specimen you found chrysotile, lizardite, which is another serpentine.

A. Yes.

Q. And antigorite, which is another serpentine.

A. Yes.

Q. And brucite, that is another --

A. That is a magnesium hydroxide.

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Q. And coalingite?

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A. Yes, right.

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Q. What family is the coalingite in?

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A. Coalingite is an alteration product

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of brucite.

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Q. What percentage of the material by

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weight would you say was brucite or coalingite?

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A. Small. Trace. Barely detectable.

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Q. In terms of the x-ray diffraction

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analysis, what were your detectable limits?

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A. Well, given this matrix, maybe a half

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of a percent or a little less. Just kicking it at

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a thousand watts -- if I had a 2,000-watt

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generator we would detect lower. We would wallop

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the material. The RG-100 we are running 95 or

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better chrysotile.

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Q. But the detection limits were about

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half of 1 percent?

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A. Yes, I would -- yes. I'm shaking my

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head. You admonished me not to but I'm shaking my

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head. Yes, it is about that.

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Q. You are satisfied that if there were

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amphibole fiber in this material, you would have

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MR. BROWNSON: I object to the form of the question. In these samples or in the entire mine?

MR. WILL: I'll rephrase the question.

Q. Doctor, am I correct you are satisfied if there had been amphibole fibers in the samples or in the RG-100, you would have found it?

A. I think they are less than the levels of detection if present.

Q. And based on the best science, if you will, that you could do, you were not able to find them, is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. Down at the bottom of page 3, you refer to something called serpentine polymorphs?

A. Yes.

Q. Polymorph means many structures or many --

A. A polymorph in the physical or chemical meaning is a term of the same chemistry but a different structure, and therefore it has different properties. Like silical polymorphs.

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Q. By the way, has Mr. Brownson given you any other papers or test data that suggests that anyone has ever found fibrous amphibole in any material, whether ore or pellets, taken from the Coalinga mine?

A. No.

Q. Over on page 4, you are talking about analytical electron microscopy.

A. Yes.

Q. And you said that it was decided based on resources that only the final ore product would be examined in detail?

A. Right.

Q. I assume that means that you didn't have enough money to do all of it?

A. Well --

Q. Or Mr. Brownson didn't.

A. Well, we can extend this project into two years and have post-docs work on it to look at all those specimens by analytical EM. It is a time-consuming, resource-consuming, costly enterprise. And I -- this is not at Mr. Brownson's direction, by the way.

Q. Okay.

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A. I felt looking at the specimens by polarized light microscopy that if I found amphiboles in the part of this ore which is discarded, what in the hell would that -- what would that mean. It wouldn't mean very much. Then going one step further, given materials that would be processed through the mill and the ore, let's look at it by extra diffraction and let's see what that shows, and it basically shows that much of the debris is taken out. Then when you do analytical electron microscopy, which is an investment of these resources, look at the -- look at some product that might have entered that workplace.

Q. O.K.

A. After everything is removed and discarded, what is left. What would an aerosol look like.

Q. What actually went to Conwed, in other words?

A. Presumably. Right.

Q. In the next paragraph down, you mention that the diffraction patterns are consistent with standards with clinochrysotile?

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A. Yes.

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Q. What is clinochrysotile?

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A. That is the monoclinic form. The 2M

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Q. Now on the bottom paragraph on page

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electron-dense mineral fiber with an aspect ratio

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greater than 15 to 1?

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A. Right.

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Q. And you said that morphologically --

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that means structurally?

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A. Form.

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Q. -- formwise, this mineral resembles

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an amphibole?

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A. Right.

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Q. What did you mean by that?

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A. It just resembles one. It looks

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Q. Did you take a picture of that?

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Q. Do you have that with you?

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ones. This is the selected area diffraction pattern (indicating). I said an aspect ratio of greater than 15, correct?

Q. Yes.

A. That aspect ratio of that one is 19 to 1.

MR. WILL: Off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

(Whereupon, photographs marked Langer Exhibits 4-A, 4-B and 4-C for identification, as of this date.)

(Recess taken)

BY MR. WILL:

Q. Dr. Langer, let me show you what we have marked as Exhibit 4-A. Can you tell me what that is?

A. This is a print, a photomicrograph taken on an electron microscope of one of the nonchrysotile fibers found in this specimen.

Q. Okay. And that was -- you indicated that has an aspect ratio of about 19 to 1?

A. Correct.

Q. O.K.

A. Length to diameter. Yes.

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2 Q. All right. And that was done in your
3 lab?

4 A. Yes -- no. No.

5 Q. Sorry. Where was it done?

6 A. This was taken on the instrument in
7 the department of pathology up at Mount Sinai.

8 Q. So you took the samples up there to
9 have the photomicrographs?

10 A. I took the grids up there. Right.

11 Q. I show you what has been marked as
12 Exhibit 4-B. Can you identify that for me?

13 A. 4-B is a selected area electron
14 diffraction pattern obtained on this fiber.

15 Q. Now, what is that supposed to show?

16 A. The beam of electrons, the beam
17 passes through the crystal, the crystal -- the
18 atoms in the structure interact with this beam of
19 electrons. The electrons are scattered as x-rays
20 are scattered, and the scattered electrons form
21 patterns which conform to the structure of the
22 material.

23 Q. Okay. And then by comparing those
24 patterns to the known patterns of other materials,
25 you can try to identify them?

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A. Yes. You can do comparisons or you can actually measure the spaces between those particular reflections and generate information concerning the actual interatomic space action present in the material.

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Q. Let me show you what we have marked as 4-C. What is that?

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A. 4-C represents an energy dispersive x-ray spectrum obtained on this particular fiber. It shows the chemistry, the essential chemistry of the fiber.

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Q. Is there any way of saying that this long fiber isn't simply a number of chrysotile fibriles still adherent to each other?

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A. Probably isn't.

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Q. Why is that?

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A. The diffraction pattern shows that it is not a chrysotile pattern, although superimposed in here there are some reflections which might eventually be indexed as a chrysotile pattern, but it is more than chrysotile. This seems to be a mixture of structures and the energy dispersive x-ray spectrum. The chemistry shows that the magnesium signal is too low for chrysotile.

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Q. Okay. Based on the x-ray spectrum or the diffraction picture, have you been able to identify that material?

A. Not yet.

Q. Okay.

A. I've spent another day just on this particular stuff and I have not been afforded the opportunity to examine the plates in detail.

Q. All right. There are two hand-drawn black arrows --

A. Right.

Q. -- on Exhibit 4-C?

A. Correct.

Q. What are those for?

A. Those mark out what is the presence of two trace elements. Elements present in small concentrations. The arrow at approximately 640 KEV -- actually it is 6,400 electron volts is probably iron, and the pattern, the small peak at approximately 590 or 5,900 electron volts may be manganese. So there are traces of other elements.

Q. Are those traces of iron and manganese significant in identifying this material?

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2 A. Iron you would expect in this
3 particular material. Manganese, if that is
4 manganese, it could be some heavy metal, that is
5 the majority of the spectrum lies outside of this
6 particular region.

7 Q. You said that the electron
8 diffraction pattern suggests a complex structure?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Is that because of the superimposed
11 chrysotile pattern?

12 A. It could be.

13 Q. Anything else about the pattern that
14 you thought was complex?

15 A. Other than the fact I can't
16 immediately identify what it is, yes.

17 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the
18 x-ray diffraction pattern of, say, crocidolite?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How about tremolite?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How about amosite?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Does this extra diffraction
25 pattern --

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A. For x-rays, no, I didn't identify those peaks either. By selected area diffraction, no. They are not and the chemistry is certainly not.

Q. You mention in your report something that you call a talc bowl. What is a talc bowl?

A. That is a structural mixture of talc and an amphibole, generally anthophyllite in which there are regions of different mineral in the same ribbon, in the same fiber.

Q. You were suggesting this may just be a structure that has mixed minerals in it?

A. That's right. It is possible.

Q. You didn't find talc in this particular fiber, did you?

A. No. Actually talc would be a good guess because the magnesium signal for talc is about half of that of chrysotile.

Q. You mention in your report the magnesium silicon ratio?

A. Right.

Q. And then you give a ratio for chrysotile of 0.75 to 0.85?

A. That is about right.

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Q. What ratio is that?

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A. Magnesium to silicon.

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Q. But is that number of atoms,

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A. Those are the number of x-rays

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generated on the specimen. You can recalculate on

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the basis of a first order approximation the

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atomic percent based on that particular x-ray

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count.

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Q. And you say the ratio then of

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magnesium to silicon, it is that there is

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approximately three-fourths to 85 percent

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magnesium x-rays to silicon x-rays?

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A. That is exactly what it states, yes.

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It implies little else other than the fact that

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the elements are present in approximately equal

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atomic weight percent. Approximately.

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Q. And when you did the magnesium

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silicon ratio for this fiber here, you got a

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considerably lower percentage?

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A. Yes. That's right. Correct.

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Q. When you talk about a discredited

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serpentine mineral, what do you mean by that?

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A. There is a convention followed that

every claim of a new mineral has to be -- the data has to be presented to some body of mineralogists, either the Mineralogical Society of American or the International Mineralogical Commission or whatever, and the data are presented and people determine whether or not these are distinctly new minerals or whether they are variants of what exists previously or what is known.

And the problem in the old nomenclature, there must have been 50 different serpentine minerals. No one used electronmicroscopes because it was not a tool routinely used by mineralogists, but bulk techniques were used to characterize specimens. Bulk chemistry, meaning a whole specimen was analyzed chemically or x-rayed a fraction or something else, and frequently minerals with names like Deweylite and picrolite and Stevensonite and so on were found to be mixtures of chrysotile and lizardite, chrysotile and antigorite, antigorite and lizardite. So many of these minerals have been subsequently reevaluated with newer techniques, and these are mixtures, these are not separate entities. So they are discredited. Like

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Q. What did you mean by a discredited mineral?

A. The mineralogists are asked not to use the term anymore because it is something else.

Q. So this large fiber may be one of these conglomerate structures?

A. Exactly. I just don't know that yet.

Q. Okay, but it may be?

A. It may be.

Q. In your opinion, is the fiber in the photograph Exhibit 4-A a different material than the crystal that you observed in specimen number 1?

A. Probably is.

Q. Do you have an opinion on whether there is any significance for the health of people using RG-100 to the presence of that fiber in picture 4-A?

A. Don't know.

Q. How long did it take you to do all of the analysis of the -- of all of the specimens? Number of hours?

A. I don't know, it has been on and off.

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2 I do the polarized light microscopy and the x-ray
3 diffraction and I am focusing on the TEM. My
4 colleague generated the aerosol and we are having
5 a student measure under this, under the
6 supervision of Dr. Nolan. My input, in total?

7 Q. Yes.

8 Maybe I should ask you the
9 question --

10 A. Maybe 40 or 50 hours.

11 Q. How many man-hours or person-hours
12 all together?

13 A. That --

14 MR. BROWNSON: All together for this
15 analysis?

16 MR. WILL: Yes, of this analysis to
17 this point.

18 A. I believe Dr. Nolan is going to bill
19 separately for his hours involved in the
20 generation of the aerosol and so on and so forth.
21 My involvement may be 50 hours total.

22 Q. And what rate do you charge for your
23 consulting work?

24 A. I charge \$225 an hour for background
25 work like this.

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2 Q. Different rate for testifying?

3 A. \$275 an hour for a deposition and

4 \$325 an hour for trial testimony.

5 Q. This background work, does it include

6 literature reviews, laboratory work, visiting mine

7 sites or field sites?

8 A. Yes. And what comes free is all my

9 thoughts as I'm driving down in and out of work.

10 That is sort of free. There is no egg timer in

11 the car.

12 Q. Those are like mine.

13 A. That is a freebie.

14 MR. WILL: Why don't we break for

15 lunch.

16 (Lunch recess: 12:51 p.m.)

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Afternoon Session

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BY MR. WILL:

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Q. Before we took a lunch break we were

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talking about your report briefly on the analysis

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of the samples. Am I correct that in terms of

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your analysis of the samples from the mine and the

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RG-100 samples, that the only thing that you have

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left to do at this point is whatever work you are

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going to do to try to analyze that fiber that is

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shown in Exhibit -- or not analyze --

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A. Similar fibers.

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Q. -- that or similar fibers to that in

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what is 4-A?

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Q. Other than that, your work with the

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samples is finished?

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A. Pretty much, sure.

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Q. Well, I ask you because this is my

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one chance to ask you about that because anything

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you do after today --

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A. I'll tell you about it if I do it

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2 through Mr. Brownson.

3 Q. All right.

4 You mentioned that you have at your
5 lab the raw data, I guess, if you will.

6 A. Right.

7 Q. That was generated from your analysis
8 of the samples.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Do you have anything else that you
11 didn't bring with you today that you have
12 collected or prepared for purposes of your
13 testimony in this case?

14 A. Well, yes, the actual reprints of the
15 papers that I read as background.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. So you have somewhere a file with
19 those reprints in them?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. All right. Other than that file and
22 the raw data from the analysis, is there anything
23 else that you have been given or you have
24 collected for this case that you did not bring
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A. Yes. I mean I look up papers which have been published in the proceedings of conferences which have been published in other journals.

Q. But if you make a copy of those, you would put them with the others?

A. If I make a copy of them, yes.

Q. What I'm asking you is do you have any other materials beyond whatever copies of papers you may have and the raw data from the analysis of the samples that relates to this case that you have not brought with you today?

A. Well, there are the standard mineral specimens that are part of my collection in the laboratory. Ore specimens from other parts of the world, the UICC collection.

Q. I mean things you gathered just for this case, things that you --

A. I don't think so. I can't recall, but as I sit here today I can't think of anything.

Q. Okay. Now, what you brought with you today is a small manila file that has some information in it, is that correct?

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Q. And then you brought photocopies that

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are in three different packages with rubber bands

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around them?

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. We'll take the thickest

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of the packages, and that is copies of Union

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Carbide dust counts, is that correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And are all of these in the thicker

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packet from the King City plant?

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A. I believe so, yes.

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Q. And I'll just indicate for the record

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that they are King City dust count dated February

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3rd, 1978, UCC plenum test, 10,903 dust count,

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5/12 and 7/26/82.

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There is an asbestos count -- dust

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count, King City California dated April 19, 1977.

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There is a King City NIOSH sample dust count,

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January 25 through 27 of '83. There is a dust

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count, King City, California, May 2 of '78. A

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dust count dated December 11, 1974. A dust count

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dated March 15, 1979. A dust count dated April 19

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through 20 and 25 through 26, 1978. Something

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called residential dust count, King City,

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California, April 21 through 22, 1981. UCC plenum
3 tests, dust count mill tailings, May 12th, 1982.

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A dust count, March 23 of '77. A
5 dust count of May 2, 1978. A dust count of -- I
6 guess this is another copy of the residential dust
7 count, April 21 and 22 of 1981. There is another
8 dust count apparently dated ceiling counts
9 performed on short-term samples obtained at King
10 City on April 19, 20, 25 and 26 of 1978. And the
11 last item in the packet is a memo dated March 25,
12 1983 with attached asbestos fiber counts for
13 samples from King City mill collected on February
14 14, 1982. Is that right?

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A. Sounds right.

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Q. The second package of materials you
17 have has a label on it that says "Conwed," is that
18 right?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And there is a copy of the deposition
21 of Edward Kleber taken in the case of James
22 Manisto on February 13, 1989, is that right?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Then attached to it are some Union
25 Carbide documents marked as exhibits at that

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2 deposition?

3 A. Right.

4 MR. WILL: Off the record.

5 (Discussion off the record)

6 Q. And the third package of material are
7 dust counts for other Union Carbide customers, is
8 that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Those are Southern Imperial Coatings, New
11 Orleans, Louisiana, November 20, 1974, RUCO, Inc.
12 of Meriden, Kansas, dust count of March 7, 1977.
13 RCA Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, dust count
14 file, no date on the cover of that one. And REN
15 Plastics in Lansing, Michigan, dust count of
16 October 28, 1975. And finally Resin Coatings,
17 dust count of July 30, 1973. Is that right?

18 A. That sounds correct.

19 Q. Okay. How was it that the other --
20 the dust counts for other customers were selected,
21 do you know?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Were those given to you by Mr.
24 Brownson?

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Q. Did he tell you that there were several hundred other dust counts?

A. Yes.

Q. Is he planning to have you review those?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. When you get around to it.

A. Well, you are looking at a lot of documents. If you take the numbers out of the tables, you can make a large table, you get a better understanding of what is going on, so I think it is important to do that.

Q. You said if you made a large table showing the dust counts from various plants, you could get a better idea of what was going on?

A. Sure.

Q. Okay. But in order to know what the dust counts were in a particular plant, you would have to do air sampling in that plant while the product was being made?

A. That would be best.

Q. Because the amount of dust released in any particular plant depends on a host of site-specific factors?

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Q. Do you know for purposes of your testimony in this case, what purpose, if any, would be served by doing this large collection of data from all of the different plants?

A. Yes.

Q. What purpose would that be?

A. That purpose would be that which allows one to focus on the relative degree of manipulation of a product and whether or not a certain product liberates dust.

Q. So the purpose of looking at these is to reach some conclusion about whether or not use of the pellets produces dust?

A. That's right.

Q. Now, would that give you a basis for making a comparison as to whether it produces more or less dust than, say, a similar amount of asbestos that came in bags but was not pelletized?

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Given the same operation, would you expect pelletized asbestos such as Union Carbide provided to be more or less dusty than an equivalent amount by weight of asbestos that was

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10 Q. By friable, you mean they release
11 fibers with finger pressure?

12 A. That is normally how it is defined by
13 EPA, but friable is a term used in the Union
14 Carbide documents.

15 Q. Well, do you know how they meant
16 friable when they used it in their documents?

17 A. I would think that friable would mean
18 crumble to the touch of the hand.

19 Q. That is the EPA definition?

20 A. That is the general mineralogical,
21 geological definition too.

22 Q. When you use friable in this context,
23 do you have a different definition?

24 A. No.

25 Q. If the operation involved is simply

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2 taking a bag and dumping it into a tank, if you
3 will, with a wet solution in it, would you expect
4 that operation to be more or less dusty if pellets
5 are used as opposed to just loose fibers?

6 A. That is a different question. The
7 purpose of pelletization is to control dust. One
8 has to determine what the -- how these bags were
9 handled and how much manipulation the bags went
10 through to determine whether or not there is dust
11 which exists somewhere in that bag. Since these
12 pellets rub against each other, suffer a
13 disaggregation when impacted physically with
14 something, but generally speaking, one would have
15 to measure that. One has to measure that.

16 Q. Okay. You are aware of measurements
17 that were taken in the Conwed plant at the time
18 when Union Carbide asbestos was being used there
19 in the Conwed plant?

20 A. In the Conwed plant?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. No.

23 Q. You've not been shown that
24 information?

25 A. There are no Conwed data there. I'm

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2 looking at Mr. Brownson pointing to the study.

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4 MR. BROWNSON: I'm not going to
5 answer the question but you can go through
6 them and look.

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8 MR. WILL: We just went through it.
9 I don't remember if there was attached to
10 Kleber's --

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12 THE WITNESS: Hold it a second.
13 Here we have it. Seek and ye shall
14 find.

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16 A. Yes.

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18 MR. GERSON: Off the record.
19 (Discussion off the record)
20 Q. You see in Kleber's deposition, there
21 is a report of dust counts made at the Conwed
22 plant when Union Carbide asbestos was being used?

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24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And am I correct you had not focused
26 on those before right now?

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28 A. Well, I just read too much. There
29 was just too much material. Obviously --

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31 Q. Okay.

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33 A. Anyway.

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35 Q. Are you aware of any dust counts that

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were taken at the Conwed plant when non-Union

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Carbide asbestos was being used in the operation?

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A. No.

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Q. Do you have any way, then, of

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comparing whether use of the pelletized product in

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the Conwed operation was more or less dusty than

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use of nonpelletized asbestos would have been?

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A. No.

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Q. Were you aware that union -- that

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during this period of time when Conwed was

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purchasing asbestos from Union Carbide, that Union

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Carbide made both pelletized -- sold both

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pelletized and nonpelletized asbestos?

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A. No.

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Q. Do you know whose decision it was to

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get the pelletized asbestos for the Conwed

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operation?

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A. No.

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Q. You indicated that, to your

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understanding, pelletization was designed to

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control dust?

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. The general theory being

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that a pelletized product will emit less dust than

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2 the same product not pelletized?

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A. Yes.

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5 In the case of calidria asbestos, is
6 there any reason to believe that that general
7 proposition would not hold true?

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A. No.

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10 In terms of the materials that you
11 have been provided by Mr. Brownson, other than the
12 Kleber deposition and the materials that we have
13 gone through here today, is there anything else
14 that he has given you?

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16 A. Not yet, no. I mean there is some
17 promissory note that I'm going to look at all
18 these other data sets.

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20 Q. Okay. Did you have everything you
21 felt you needed in order to make your analysis of
22 the samples that you obtained from the mine?

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A. I don't understand the question.

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Q. All right. Let me put it this way.

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26 Was there anything that you did not have that you
27 wished you had in order to do your analysis of the
28 material?

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A. Yes.

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A. Time.

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Q. All right. How much more time was

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A. That is a nice project. It is one

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It is an interesting problem area and it is one

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collecting data on the mineral nature of an ore

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Q. So there are other things from a

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mineralogical point of view you would have been

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interested in looking into?

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A. Sure.

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Q. As far as the particular issue in

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litigation, which is what else is in the ore?

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A. That is one of the factors, right.

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Q. Did you have enough time to do that

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analysis?

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A. Well, is there ever enough time? You

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have to view the problem against what you consider

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to be an appropriate commitment of resources.

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2 That this particular problem is one of the
3 principal elements is the presence or absence of
4 other biologically active minerals. If we don't
5 find it now in 50 hours of concentrated work or 60
6 with electron microscopy or 70 or a 100 or
7 whatever, it may not be important, meaning it is
8 trivial in relation to the total risk.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Now you can just beat this to death
11 and find one part per million amphibole fiber and
12 it may have very little significance biologically.

13 Q. Or you might beat it to death and
14 still not find anything?

15 A. Exactly correct.

16 Q. Did you feel you were able to make a
17 reasonable commitment of resources and time to
18 this project given what your results indicated so
19 far?

20 A. I think given my experience and given
21 what I find in other instances and given the
22 expertise of the involved players, yes, I think it
23 is reasonable, I think it is reasonable, and given
24 the data which are out there in the published and
25 unpublished reports, I think it is also

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Q. Okay. Other than time, was there
4 anything else that you would have liked to have
5 that you didn't have? I suppose time and money,
6 right?

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A. What would I have liked to have for
8 an assay?

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Q. Something that Mr. Brownson could
10 have given you that he didn't give you.

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MR. BROWNSON: Wait a minute. That
12 is a vague question. Why don't you define
13 what you mean.

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Q. I'll rephrase the question.

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Did you ask for anything in the
16 course of doing this analysis of the materials
17 that was not given to you or made available to
18 you?

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A. No. I must state for the record this
20 has never happened. And Mr. Brownson has been
21 forthright and forthcoming with all materials.

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Q. So that basically you had everything
23 you felt you needed to make a reasonable analysis
24 of the material?

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A. Yes. Frequently of course it is

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2 reversed, it is I who provided the materials as I
3 should.

4 Q. Okay. In terms of your CV, which we
5 have marked as Exhibit 1, let me ask you a couple
6 of questions about that.

7 Actually before we leave that, I want
8 to ask you about other documents. You brought
9 with you a manila file and in it was a copy of
10 your report?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Copy of the deposition notice?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Okay. There is also a copy of a
15 document from the State of California, Air
16 Resources Board, Stationary Source Division dated
17 February 1990 entitled "Proposed Control Measure
18 For Asbestos-Containing Serpentine Rock in
19 Surfacing Applications, Staff Report"?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. What is the gist of this report?

22 A. As a result of the EPA involvement
23 out in California and as a result of several
24 reports that there were chrysotile outcroppings
25 and asbestos entering the air at certain places,

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2 in fact there is a major recreation area in which
3 off-road vehicles raise dust clouds that contain
4 fiber, California became interested in whether or
5 not serpentine rock could be used on roads as road
6 surfacing material.

7 Q. As in gravel or --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- or as blacktop?

10 A. No, uncovered. Just crushed stone
11 which is a serpentine rock.

12 Q. This says this is a proposed control
13 measure.

14 A. Yes. I think that has recently
15 been -- it has been legislated into law.

16 Q. And why were you involved with that?

17 A. Actually this is the result, these
18 documents that I have in my possession are the
19 result of my contacts at that EPA meeting, so
20 there were individuals there representing the
21 California Air Resources Board and the State
22 Health Service and the State Environmental Control
23 Group. In fact the meeting was held at the
24 Monterey Bay Pollution Control Unified District,
25 or whatever it is called, and they are interested

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2 in the use of asbestos-containing rocks.

3 Q. If you had been asked your opinion on
4 this proposed control measure, do you think it is
5 appropriate or not?

6 A. I think it is overstated, yes.

7 Q. Did anybody ask you your opinion on
8 it?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right. By overstated, you mean
11 that that degree of control is not necessary?

12 A. Well, I think that -- yes, that
13 degree of control is unnecessary, that they are
14 dealing with levels of fiber that are about a
15 million or 10 million times less than you find in
16 workplaces, at least workplaces in the past that
17 produced disease, that their concerns are
18 disproportionate to the risk involved.

19 Q. All right. And --

20 MR. WILL: Let me mark this as
21 Exhibit 5.

22 (Whereupon, report marked Langer
23 Exhibit 5 for identification, as of this
24 date.)

25 Q. I show you what we have marked as

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Exhibit 5, and that also came from your folder?

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A. Right.

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Q. Where did you get that?

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A. That was given to me by Mr. Brownson.

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Q. And you indicated you would like to
get a copy of that report from NIOSH?

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A. Yes.

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MR. WILL: Let's mark this proposed
California measure as Exhibit 6, just to be
complete.

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(Whereupon, California staff report
marked Langer Exhibit 6 for identification,
as of this date.)

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Q. We have marked the California staff
report as Exhibit 6, is that right?

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Q. You also have with you, there is a piece of yellow paper, notes in your file, I guess. What is that all about?

A. That is just an outline of what I thought would be areas that I might be asked to comment on or testify to.

Q. Okay.

MR. WILL: Let's mark that as 7.

(Whereupon, notes marked Langer Exhibit 7 for identification, as of this date.)

Q. We have now marked your sheet of notes as Exhibit 7.

A. Okay.

Q. Is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this a list of topics you thought you would be asked about at the deposition or that you might testify about at trial in this case?

A. Actually this is my list which I proffered to Mr. Brownson as to what I thought I could assist on.

Q. Okay.

A. I don't know whether I'll be asked to

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A. Yes. And the size character of
3 aerosols.

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Q. All right.

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A. Then a calculation as to what is seen
6 by light microscopy and what is actually present
7 as visualized by transmission electron microscopy.

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Q. Does that last item refer to the fact
9 that if you can see a certain number of fibers
10 optically under a light microscope, that if you
11 use it, an electron microscope, there will be a
12 certain magnitude higher of fibers?

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A. Yes.

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Q. What is the size character of the
15 aerosol, is that what we discussed earlier?

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A. Yes.

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Q. About the distribution of fibers in
18 different sizes?

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A. Right.

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Q. The last thing says "Ratio light to
21 TEM"?

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A. Yes.

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Q. "Numbers not crunched"?

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A. "Numbers not crunched." That is my
25 own little note to me. The "numbers not crunched"

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2 is correct.

3 Q. And then the last line says something
4 about "Very large, could be like textiles"?

5 A. Yes, it is "Very large, could be like
6 textiles." Meaning that one of the standing
7 working hypotheses regarding the extreme risk
8 associated with asbestos textile work is based on
9 the supposition that there exists a larger
10 population of fibers greater than five microns in
11 length which are beyond the resolution of the
12 light microscope. And that this material is of
13 such character as to suggest that this is also
14 possible.

15 Q. When you say beyond five microns in
16 length, do you mean less than or greater than?

17 A. I'm sorry, greater than.

18 Q. Greater than five microns?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. But still you are unable to see it
21 under light microscope?

22 A. Because it is too thin. Correct.

23 Q. Looking at a sample with the electron
24 microscope would hopefully reveal those types of
25 fibers?

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16 length, do you mean less than or greater than?

17 A. I'm sorry, greater than.

18 Q. Greater than five microns?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. But still you are unable to see it
21 under light microscope?

22 A. Because it is too thin. Correct.

23 Q. Looking at a sample with the electron
24 microscope would hopefully reveal those types of
25 fibers?

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2 Q. All right. How about for lung
3 cancer?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How about for mesothelioma?

6 A. Still yes.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. All other factors equal.

9 Q. Right. Implicit in those questions
10 was the assumption that the worker was there and
11 that there was sufficient fiber release from the
12 production process to generate disease if the
13 fibers are biologically capable of generating
14 disease?

15 A. That's correct. I'm assuming an
16 exposure like in Paterson, New Jersey, if the same
17 materials are used and they are dispersed in the
18 same way.

19 Q. In your opinion, those fibers are
20 biologically capable of causing disease under the
21 right circumstances?

22 A. Possessing the characteristics, yes.

23 Q. Are you aware of the amosite use at
24 the Conwed plant in Cloquet, Minnesota?

25 A. It is my understanding amosite was

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2 used for some time period, yes.

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3 Q. Have you been given years or
4 quantities?

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5 A. My understanding it was for the first
6 several years. Quantities? No.

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7 Q. Have you been asked to provide any
8 opinions in this case on the relative contribution
9 of amosite versus Union Carbide calidria in
10 causing any disease that may have developed out at
11 the Conwed plant?

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12 A. No.

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13 Q. Do you feel qualified to give those
14 types of opinions if asked?

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15 A. I feel qualified to speak about
16 anything. Whether the court qualifies me is
17 something else again.

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18 Q. Let me try the question differently.
19 Are you going to be asked to give such opinions in
20 this case?

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21 A. I don't know. I really don't.

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22 Q. If you were asked such questions,
23 what information would you want to know on which
24 to base your opinion?

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25 A. First, the individual involved, and

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I'm assuming that these diseases appear in individuals --

Q. Yes.

A. What is the individual's work history.

Q. O.K.

A. If an individual worked during the time period that the other fiber was used, how long, what were the fiber levels, what was this particular person's job description, what was this person's cumulative dose when this particular fiber was stopped or removed from the process and calidria was introduced. The same questions are asked for this particular individual's occupational history.

Q. If we do not have dust count data for the period when the amosite was being used, would you still be able to make an assessment of the relative contributions between the two fibers?

A. That would be far more difficult. If the individual succumbed with a peritoneal mesothelioma, then without knowing what the levels were of amosite, I would say that sounds like amosite. Amosite produces a proportionately

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greater mortality experience, it is higher,

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following amosite exposure.

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Q. Without regard to a specific plant or

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individual, do you believe that amosite is more

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fibrogenic?

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A. Do I believe that amosite is more

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fibrogenic?

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Q. Yes.

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A. No.

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Q. In terms -- go ahead.

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A. I misspoke. Than chrysotile?

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Q. Yes.

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A. No.

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Q. In terms of ability to cause

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asbestosis, if we assume the same dose between

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amosite and chrysotile.

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A. On a fiber-by-fiber basis?

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Q. Yes.

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A. On a fiber-by-fiber basis, probably

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amosite.

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Q. Would be more potent than chrysotile?

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6 Q. By fibrogenic, do you mean ability to
7 cause fibrosis in the lungs?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Which is another way to say caused by
10 asbestosis?

11 A. If it is caused by an asbestos fiber,
12 it is called asbestosis, right.

13 Q. In a given amount of amosite, would
14 you expect to find more, less or the same number
15 of fibers as in an equivalent weight of calidria?

16 A. Far less.

17 Q. Because the fibers are larger?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And heavier?

20 A. More dense, yes.

21 Q. More dense?

22 A. So that even if the size distribution
23 was identical given an equivalent weight, you
24 would find less amosite, correct.

25 Q. If you were counting fibers?

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2 dissimilar is the fact that amosite has a density
3 that is about 20 percent greater, 30 percent
4 greater than chrysotile, so that means that there
5 will be 20 or 30 percent less fiber. So we can go
6 the other way and give chrysotile a 20 percent
7 more fiber or 30 percent more fiber, so instead of
8 a hundred, it is the equivalent of 120 or 130
9 chrysotiles.

10 Q. So if I --

11 A. On a weight basis.

12 Q. Then on a weight basis, you might
13 have a hundred chrysotile -- 130 chrysotile fibers
14 and about a hundred amosite fibers?

15 A. One.

16 Q. One amosite fiber?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That is assuming the same length?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Are you familiar with the South
21 African asbestos amosite grade G?

22 A. Oh boy, classifications from South
23 Africa were different from the classification of
24 Quebec, of course. I'm completely blocking on it.

25 Q. You realize G, GK, DX?

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A. It is a completely -- it is a similar classification but it is not same. Again it is a commercial application. We are talking about a commercial designation. We are not talking about the Quebec method. It is a different kind of classification. This classification scheme was given to me by the former president, Bob Cryor of North American Asbestos in Chicago.

Q. Do you know where Cryor is today?

A. He died of a mesothelioma.

Q. Do you know when that was?

A. 15 years ago, 20 years ago. In fact the last time I saw him he was at Mount Sinai.

Q. For treatment?

A. I think he came for a consultation with Irv.

Q. After he became ill?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. That was a yes?

A. I'm sorry, I apologize.

Q. Doctor, at the present time you are the director of the Environmental Sciences Laboratory of the Institute of Applied Sciences at the Brooklyn College of the City University of New

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2 York?

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A. Yes.

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Q. How long have you been the director?

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A. Since I arrived there in 1988, I

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guess.

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Q. And prior to that, you were at Mount

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A. Yes.

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Q. Why did you leave Mount Sinai?

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A. Well, it is a long tortured kind of

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explanation. Basically I left the Environmental

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Sciences Laboratory. My appointment was not

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renewed under Landrigan. I went to the Center for

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Polypeptide and Membrane Research, which was

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incorporated into the department of physiology and

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biophysics when that director retired. That is

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Dr. Irving Schwartz. And that was the time to

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leave.

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Q. You indicated your appointment was

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not renewed?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Who was that?

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A. Landrigan. He was Irving Selikoff's

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replacement.

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2 Q. What was the reason, the stated
3 reason that Dr. Landrigan did not renew your
4 appointment?

5 A. The stated reason was that on the
6 retirement of Selikoff, the unit would move in
7 other directions and he would not be embarking on
8 any asbestos research areas.

9 Q. Did you suspect there was another
10 reason?

11 A. Oh, sure, of course.

12 Q. What was that?

13 A. What does it matter. Doesn't matter
14 today.

15 Q. I don't know unless I know what the
16 reason was.

17 A. Why don't you ask Phil Landrigan.

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18 Q. From your perspective what was the
19 real reason?

20 A. Irv Selikoff didn't want me around.
21 I became too independent and spoke and wrote views
22 which were contrary to his pronouncements and
23 beliefs. I know that is hard to believe but it is
24 true.

25 Q. Can you identify one or two most

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2 important areas where you came to disagree with
3 Irv Selikoff?

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A. There are many areas.

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Q. Can you pick out one or two or three
6 or four?

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A. In the early 1980's, I was involved
8 in a study which was funded by a Crown Corporation
9 in Canada which involved the asbestos industry.
10 In fact, the Crown Corporation was represented --
11 it represented the reorganized industry after the
12 bankruptcy of Johns-Manville. This industry was
13 jointly owned by the Ottawa government, the Quebec
14 government and the holders of the asbestos
15 interests at Thetford and Asbestos, Capital A,
16 that is the name of a town.

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The study involved the modification
18 of fiber for safe use. It doesn't matter what the
19 details are. I first spoke about these materials
20 at an OSHA hearing in 1984 in which I essentially
21 violated the litany of Sinai, which infuriated
22 Irving Selikoff, and Irving Selikoff felt that he
23 was losing control or lost control of what I was
24 saying and where I was going.

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Q. Which part of the litany did you

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2 violate?

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A. That modified asbestos could be used in certain products with reasonable safety of low risk and that the surface properties of a mineral fiber dictated its biological potential, and that I did not believe that many of the frequently stated concepts were true. I mean people kept repeating them, so many neophytes in the field thought that this was so, and there was some data to support it but there weren't any data, and I said so. And I was the only one who went my own way. Anyway --

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Q. Okay. Well, I am -- I'm interested in these areas where you disagreed with Dr. Selikoff.

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A. I disagreed with him in a lot of areas.

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Q. As opposed to the personality clash but the scientific disagreement. Was it your perception at that time that the Sinai litany was that there was no safe level?

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A. I didn't believe that.

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Q. And they did?

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Q. And one of the areas where you disagreed with extrapolating projections of disease from relatively high exposures to rather low exposures?

A. Well, there is nothing to disagree about. I think you can do that. The nature of a model certainly warrants discussion. The problem was that I didn't believe that the EPA could base a policy which would affect society so dramatically based -- it should be based on such weak data. I was opposed to that. I came out against the EPA ban on asbestos. I critiqued the environmental -- no, excuse me. It is the Natural Resources Defense Council's proposed ban on asbestos and friction products. I thought it was so unscholarly and offensive and I said so. There were a lot of reasons why we parted company and parted ways.

Q. How is the Environmental Sciences Laboratory of which you are the director funded?

A. We do contract work with various groups.

Q. Is there any state funding?

A. We just got a major state grant. The

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2 state just gave us \$725,000 as part of a major
3 grant to the City University, and that will be for
4 new equipment.

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Q. Okay. I guess --

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A. My laboratory. This is just my
7 laboratory.

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Q. Is that -- this is the Environmental
9 Sciences Laboratory?

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A. At Brooklyn, yes.

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Q. What I am not clear about is, as I
12 understand, you have this laboratory which is --
13 affiliated with the Brooklyn College of the City
14 University of New York?

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A. That's right.

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Q. But you are funded basically from
17 your contract work?

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A. That's correct.

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Q. Unless you qualify for more or less
20 one-time state grants?

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A. We are hoping it is not one time, but
22 we qualify to seek support from any units, whether
23 these are foundations or various government, state
24 or federal or through various talc companies,
25 pharmaceutical companies, gasket manufacturers,

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feet. We have a microscopy room that is 15 by 15,

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so that is 225. We have a preparation room. They

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are all about 15 by 20, that is 300. And we just

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got a room to set up microscopy preparations,

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another 300, so that is 600 feet. So it is about

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3,000 square feet.

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Q. And this is in one of the buildings

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at the City College?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Brooklyn College?

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A. Ingersoll Hall.

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Q. Were you the founder of the lab?

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A. Yes.

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Q. For purposes of the analysis you did

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in this case --

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A. Right?

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Q. -- was all of the equipment that you

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used at your lab or did you need to go somewhere

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else?

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A. No. Not all equipment was at my lab.

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Yes, I had to go somewhere else.

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Q. And what equipment did you not have

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at your laboratory?

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A. The x-ray diffraction unit was not at

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2 my laboratory. I have one in my laboratory but it
3 is not set up to do this kind of work. I used the
4 one available in the laboratory up at Vanderbilt
5 Talc Company in Norwalk, Connecticut, and I have a
6 user relationship with the department of pathology
7 in the Mount Sinai School of Medicine to use their
8 analytical electron microscope.

9 Q. And you pay them a user fee?

10 A. It is a modest fee but we have a very
11 good working relationship and it worked out well.
12 I help them interpret data they can't interpret
13 and they let me use that instrument any time I
14 want to.

15 Q. Okay. How long have you known Bob
16 Nolan?

17 A. Bob Nolan, he was an undergraduate
18 when I first met him at Mount Sinai. He came in
19 as a summer student. I bet that is maybe 15 years
20 ago.

21 Q. What is his degree in?

22 A. He has a PhD in chemistry here in the
23 City University.

24 Q. Is he any relation to Charles Nolan?

25 A. Chuck Nolan?

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Q. Yes.

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A. Captain of police, Paterson, New

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Jersey. They are only related by blood. That is

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his father.

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Q. All right. Was Bob in any way

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involved in the Paterson, New Jersey studies?

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A. No.

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Q. Do I understand correctly that Chuck

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Nolan helped even to the point of -- helped that

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study to the point of storing specimens of

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materials.

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A. Yes.

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Q. Other than being chief of police, did

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he have any scientific training?

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A. I don't know.

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Q. Did you work with the father?

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A. I knew Chuck Nolan and -- well, work

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with him, other than see him at Sinai, once in a

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while.

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Q. Do you know where the materials are

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today from the Paterson study, the tissue?

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A. The tissue I would give my right arm

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for. No.

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Q. Nobody knows where it is?

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A. Several years ago I made an inquiry
3 of Jack Churg, and by law pathology departments
4 store materials, even blocks, for only five years.
5 That is some legal requirement. And bulk tissues
6 no pathology department has room to store, so
7 whatever they had were disposed of.

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Q. I see from your CV that you have a
9 bachelor's degree in geology, master's in
10 petrology and PhD in mineralogy.

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A. Correct.

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Q. What is the difference between the
13 three?

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A. Geology is the general field, the
15 general science. Petrology is the science of
16 rocks and rock systems. And mineralogy is the
17 study of the individual components of rocks, ore
18 deposits and things like that.

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Q. What are -- if somebody else starts
20 out as a geologist, what are some of the other
21 directions they go other than into petrology and
22 mineralogy?

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A. Let's be serious about this. They
24 could go into petroleum exploration as a
25 structural geologist or paleontologist or

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2 micropaleontologist or sedimentologist or a
3 stratigrapher. They could also go into mining,
4 mining engineering. Also could go into a
5 general -- academics, I suppose.

6 Q. As you described it, it seems to me
7 you were talking more about larger structures and
8 relationships than in the direction you went,
9 which is focusing first on rocks and then the
10 individual components?

11 A. That's right.

12 Q. Is that a gross summary?

13 A. Well, it is just different
14 disciplines. Different disciplines look at
15 different parts of the problem.

16 (Recess taken)

17 BY MR. WILL:

18 Q. Dr. Langer, have you looked at any
19 tissue of any workers at the Conwed plant at
20 Cloquet?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Have you been made aware of any fiber
23 studies or fiber burden studies on any Conwed
24 worker?

25 A. No.

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Q. Do you know whether that has ever been done?

A. No.

Q. Have you seen any medical records or any x-rays or any medical materials on any of the workers at Conwed?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any sense of what diseases were claimed to have been suffered by the work force as a result of their exposure to asbestos?

A. I'm thinking.

Q. Let me see if I can rephrase the question.

Have you been given any sort of breakdown about claimant diseases that are related to asbestos that were incurred by the Conwed -- or allegedly incurred by the Conwed work force?

A. Years ago the Cloquet plant closed, am I correct, in that assumption, years ago --

Q. No.

A. The Conwed facility closed?

Q. No.

A. It is still open?

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Q. It was sold but it didn't close.

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A. I see. It was sold but then

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something happened whereby everybody was out of

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work, is that correct?

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Q. When it was sold they were out of

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A. When it was sold they were out of

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recollection is that years ago there was some --

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I'm not sure this is Minnesota or Wisconsin.

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papers published in the American Journal of

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Industrial Medicine on a group of people, and I

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can't think of the -- I'm blocking on this. Maybe

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it is late in the day. Right now I can't recall,

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although in dim recollection I think there are a

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couple of papers published but --

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Q. Okay. Let me make the question more

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specific. Has Mr. Brownson given you any such

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information for use in this case?

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A. He might have mentioned it to me but

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I can't recall.

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Q. Do you have then as we sit here today

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any awareness of what the claimed types or

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2 instances of asbestos-related disease at the
3 Conwed plant were?

4 A. No. That was not in my workout line.

5 Q. If we are looking at getting disease
6 from amosite exposure, what number of fiber years
7 of exposure would you feel is necessary to cause
8 and start with asbestosis?

9 A. Fiber years?

10 Q. Well, we -- what degree of exposure,
11 let's put it that way, to amosite would you feel
12 is necessary?

13 A. You just want a guess. You just want
14 me to off the top of my head do one of these --

15 Q. Well, I can short-circuit this. Are
16 you going to ask or be asked to give any opinions
17 in this case on whether the exposure to amosite at
18 this plant was insufficient or sufficient to cause
19 disease?

20 A. I don't know.

21 MR. WILL: Can you help us out?

22 MR. BROWNSON: This is not an issue
23 in the case because under Minnesota
24 compensation case, if the disease was
25 caused in any degree --

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MR. WILL: I would care about the amosite.

MR. BROWNSON: Well, we don't. He is not going to make those calculations. When I said -- it is not an issue for us. It may be a defense for you.

MR. WILL: Right, okay.

On the representation of Mr. Brownson that you are not going to offer any such calculations, then I think we can move on.

MR. BROWNSON: Yes, we can move on.

Q. Without trying to figure out what the -- or did you do the calculations while we were talking, you did them?

A. Well, I mean if you were to assume an insulation worker is exposed to between 10 and 20 fibers per c.c., that is the difference between low-end construction and high-end marine, for 25 years, that would be a Selikoff kind of calculation. That is 250 to 500 fiber years. About 7 percent of the mortality is asbestosis, so if 7 percent results at let's take 250, it is the low end. If 7 percent is at 250 fiber years

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2 cumulative, 2500 fiber years would produce 70
3 percent and 25 fiber years would produce 0.7
4 percent.
5 Q. That is asbestosis mortality?
6 A. That's correct.
7 Q. That doesn't tell you how many people
8 simply contract the disease?
9 A. At 250 to 500 fiber years for 25
10 years, they all have some asbestosis, or clinical
11 or subclinical, but it is present.
12 Q. In terms of just calculating people
13 who may develop clinical but not fatal asbestosis
14 from an amosite exposure, less than 250 fiber
15 years would be required?
16 A. I would think so, yes.
17 Q. You mentioned Dr. Pooley. You worked
18 with him and published papers?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. You recognize him as an expert in the
21 area of asbestos-related disease?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. Do you know Richard Lee?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. How do you know Mr. Lee?

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A. Dr. Lee. I first met Dr. Lee when he represented U.S. Steel when I was involved in the contamination of Lake Superior. The Reserve Mining case. United States of America versus Reserve Mining, et al.

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Q. In what areas do you recognize Dr. Lee as having expertise?

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A. In electron microscopy. The acquisition and analysis of data by electron beam methods.

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Q. Do you know Dr. William Weiss in Philadelphia?

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A. I know of him. I've never had an opportunity to sit down and chat with him, no.

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Q. Do you recognize him as having some expertise in the area of --

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A. He is a pulmonologist, yes.

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Q. Okay. And how about in the epidemiology of asbestos diseases?

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A. How about it?

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Q. Are you familiar with his work in that area?

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A. Less familiar with that.

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Q. Okay. Have you ever had any

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2 relationship with McCrone Laboratories? Done any
3 work with them, for them?

4 A. I know of them. I believe we may
5 have passed samples back and forth 20 years ago or
6 something like that.

7 Q. Okay. Are you in a position to
8 comment on their expertise?

9 A. They are very good.

10 Q. Or the accuracy -- have you ever
11 checked any of their results?

12 A. Yes, as a matter of fact.

13 Q. In what context?

14 A. The analysis of Conwed ceiling tiles.

15 Q. Was that in one of the Baltimore
16 cases?

17 A. I think it was Annerundel.

18 Q. I'm sorry, the Maryland cases?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Did you reach the same results that
21 they did?

22 A. Basically.

23 Q. What was the result?

24 A. That there was fiber present. We
25 disagreed a little on the amount of fiber.

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A. I don't recall the details. There was some discrepancy but I didn't think it was major. Since we use different protocols for the preparation of the material.

Q. You mentioned in your CV a Professor Kerr.

A. Professor Kerr was the Newberry professor of mineralogy of Columbia University.

Q. Did you do your graduate work under his direction?

A. Most of it.

Paul F. Kerr, a gentleman and a scholar. So few of us left.

Q. You came to Mount Sinai in what year?

A. 1965.

Q. And remained there then until '88, is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Okay. You held various capacities during that time?

A. Yes.

Q. Your training was in geology, petrology and mineralogy?

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A. Correct.

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Q. What formal training did you have in

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biology?

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A. Formal training, you mean coursework?

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Q. Yes.

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A. At what, undergraduate level --

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Q. Skip the undergraduate for a minute.

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A. Graduate level?

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Q. Yes.

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A. Formal in which I enrolled for a

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course. None.

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Q. Okay. How about any formal

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coursework at the graduate level in terms of, I

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don't know how you want to break it down, but more

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the biological impact of mineral fibers on humans?

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A. I don't think anyone offered a course

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in that, quite frankly.

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Q. All right.

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A. It is just on the basis of work and

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reading.

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Q. All right. Since you went to work

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for Mount Sinai and since then? Let me rephrase

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the question.

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Am I correct that your reading -- the

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2 reading and the work which you referred to that
3 provided you with knowledge concerning the
4 biological effect of minerals on humans has been
5 acquired since approximately 1965?

6 A. That's right, basically with study
7 and research and reading.

8 Q. You have testified numerous times as
9 an expert witness in cases involving asbestos, is
10 that correct?

11 A. No.

12 Q. How many times have you testified?

13 A. By deposition or trial --

14 Q. Start at trial.

15 A. Trial. Not many. Over -- I've been
16 in this field for 28 years. I may have testified
17 at trial 20 times, 18 times. Nothing
18 extraordinary.

19 Q. How about by deposition?

20 A. By deposition, maybe twice that.
21 Maybe twice that.

22 Q. And the times that you have testified
23 at trial, have you sometimes been limited in the
24 opinions that you could express to those relating
25 to mineralogy as opposed to medicine or --

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A. Limited to mineralogy? No.

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Q. Have you ever been prevented by a court from giving testimony about what the court regarded as medical issues?

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. And that would be to assess risk or cause and effect? What types of things have you not been allowed to testify to?

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A. It was more generic, whether I could testify to or make the statement in open court that the biological potential of chrysotile that had been milled either increased or decreased depending on the milling method. I was prevented from commenting on two papers where I was senior author on both. You can laugh but that is the nature of it.

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Q. It was sufficient for peer review journals but it wasn't sufficient for the judge?

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A. Correct. That is absolutely correct.

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Q. How did you happen to get interested in the area of asbestos research?

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A. That is a long, involved story. Selikoff, in 1965, was interested in forming a unit at Mount Sinai which would focus on asbestos,

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2 and included among the disciplines he wished to
3 bring to bear on the problem was mineralogy. I
4 was the last of Paul Kerr's PhD students in
5 residence.

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At that time I had an appointment to
7 go to the astrogeology branch in Flagstaff,
8 Arizona with the United States Geological Survey,
9 but Selikoff in outlining the nature of the
10 position convinced me that maybe a year's leave of
11 absence would not be out of -- would be -- would
12 not be damaging, and I could explore this new
13 area, new interesting area, which I did.

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Q. And that started a life's work?

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A. That started, yes, my life's work.

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Q. You worked part time for the Air
17 Force?

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A. Yes. When I was a graduate student.

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Q. What did you do for the Air Force?

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A. I was involved in a study concerning
21 the mineral character and the role mineralogy
22 played in imparting mechanical properties to dry
23 lake beds which permitted their use as landing
24 fields. It is fascinating.

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Q. Were you involved in setting up these

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2 airfields on the dry lake beds?

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A. No, but I was involved in the assay
4 of certain playas or dry lake beds and indicating
5 which would be suitable for emergency landing
6 fields.

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Q. You've also consulted, at least in a
8 couple of cases, with the oil industry?

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A. Yes, that's correct.

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Q. That was earlier, though, in your
11 career?

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A. Much earlier. I was still a graduate
13 student at Columbia. Professor Kerr had some
14 problems, one was with the Creole Oil Company.
15 Also he consulted with Texas Gulf Sulfur.

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Q. Trying to find oil?

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A. No. Texas Gulf Sulfur had a
18 phosphorite deposit in North Carolina, and they
19 wanted to set up some catchment ponds for the
20 water because it was very close to the surface and
21 they were pumping from this surface working, and
22 they found that their earthen dams failed, and the
23 reason for that was the nature of the clay
24 minerals associated with the phosphorite deposit.
25 It picked up water, it swelled, it had no

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2 mechanical strength.

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4 Q. You mentioned you had done some work
5 in Minnesota in connection with the Reserve Mining
6 case.

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A. Yes.

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9 Q. Was that looking at the dumping of
10 asbestiform minerals into Lake Superior?

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A. No.

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Q. What was it?

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14 A. It was the dumping of amphibole
15 gangue materials. There were no asbestiform
16 minerals, no asbestos minerals present. And years
17 later when we had more data we found that the
18 materials that were being dumped into Lake
19 Superior had no bearing, had no relationship
20 basically with asbestos minerals.

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22 Q. But at the time people thought
23 asbestos was being dumped into Lake Superior?

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A. Exactly.

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26 Q. And there was a much-to-do about
27 that?

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29 A. Much to do about nothing, someone
30 once said. Or much ado about nothing.

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Q. Who were you working for in that

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2 case?

3 A. The United States Department of
4 Justice.

5 Q. Who was suing to prevent Reserve
6 Mining dumping?

7 A. It was the U.S. -- yes, it is the
8 United States of America, et al., the State of
9 Wisconsin, the State of Minnesota, the State of
10 Michigan.

11 Q. That were trying to shut down the
12 plant?

13 A. Silver Bay. Shut it down.

14 Q. At least keep it from dumping, which
15 would have shut it down?

16 A. I'll tell you a story off the record
17 when we finish with this --

18 MR. BROWNSON: Let's get the
19 questions answered.

20 Q. You are listed as a fellow of the
21 Collegium Ramazzini. What is the Collegium
22 Ramazzini?

23 A. It is a brainchild, was a brainchild
24 of Irving Selikoff. Ramazzini is considered the
25 father of occupational medicine, and on the 300th

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2 anniversary of Ramazzini's birth, Irving Selikoff
3 banded together with a group of other interested
4 parties, international parties, to form a group
5 which would meet periodically to bring to the
6 forefront emerging occupational problems, in the
7 sense that there is always some lag time between
8 the appearance of reports in the literature and
9 the application and implementation of control
10 strategies, so Irv thought it was a good idea, and
11 it was a good idea, yes.

12 Q. And who provides the financial
13 sponsorship for that?

14 A. Well, everyone is supposed to pay
15 their dues and then they hold meetings and they
16 charge people to attend the meetings and things
17 like that.

18 Q. You are elected a fellow?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What does that mean?

21 A. What does that mean?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. With \$1.25, I can ride your subways.
24 It means there were only 100 fellows in the whole
25 world and I am one. You got it.

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Q. All right. Has the Collegium looked at issues other than asbestos?

A. Yes, sure.

Q. Has any funding for the work of the Collegium been provided by the Plaintiffs' Asbestos Personal Injury Bar?

A. It is my understanding that this has occurred in the past.

Q. You wrote, I believe it was your master's thesis, on Manhattan serpentine?

A. No. It is actually on the Manhattan formation in New York City. The rocks that constitute --

Q. Is there serpentine in those rocks?

A. Yes.

Q. Any asbestiform?

A. Yes. Right out there (indicating) there is a low-lying hill in Staten Island, the witness is pointing south, and on the other side of that harbor (indicating), the continuation of the Palisades, it goes under the surface of New Jersey here and it crops out on Staten Island and there is a hill called Todt Hill, and it is the highest peak along the East Coast, the shore, 400

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2 feet above sea level. And a gentleman by the name
3 of Mr. Johns had an asphalt asbestos tile plant
4 there where he personally mixed by hand various
5 asphalt products with chrysotile asbestos from
6 that deposit and made asphalt shingles. Mr.
7 Johns, who expired in 1899, this is true, of
8 miner's pthysis. He died of pneumonoconiosis.

9 Q. Doctor, you have been on the
10 editorial board of a number of different
11 publications?

12 A. Journals.

13 Q. Journals?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And some of those journals have also
16 published some of the papers you have -- some of
17 those journals have published some of the papers
18 of which you have been the author or co-author?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. For a person submitting a paper who
21 also is on the editorial board of the journal, are
22 there any different requirements or procedures
23 involved in getting the paper published?

24 A. Well, yes, of course. It is
25 subjected to the most rigorous of evaluations.

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2 Even more so.

3 Q. There is no different procedure in
4 terms of the number of people that review it?

5 A. Well, it depends who is doing it. If
6 I'm doing it, it is one standard. If Phil
7 Landrigan is doing it, it is some other standard.
8 That is the way it is.

9 Q. All kidding aside --

10 A. All kidding aside, basically all of
11 the papers I've ever written I've given to
12 colleagues, and I say go over it and tell me what
13 you think and/or I will make recommendations.
14 Let's say a paper is submitted to the British
15 Journal of Industrial Medicine, I say this should
16 be reviewed by Chris Wagner or John Davis or John
17 Addison and you make recommendations. They are
18 people, experts in the field, and they will read
19 this and they will tell you what they think is
20 good and what they think is lousy, and you respond
21 to it, and it makes the paper better and it is a
22 positive form of evaluation.

23 Q. You mentioned something earlier about
24 how long asbestos remains in the lung. Is that
25 something that is sometimes referred to as

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biopersistence?

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A. Yes. That is a wonderful term.

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Q. When you use that term in your

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writing, what does that refer to?

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A. The fact that fibers are retained and

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remain as opposed to being degraded or eliminated

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in some fashion.

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Q. All right. Does chrysotile have a

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different biopersistence than the amphiboles?

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A. It tends to be less.

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Q. Does the biopersistence of chrysotile

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depend upon fiber size?

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A. Yes.

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Q. All right. Are shorter chrysotile

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fibers more likely to be removed?

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A. Yes.

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Q. In terms of those fibers, chrysotile

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fibers removed from the lungs, what is your

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opinion about whether those fibers contribute to,

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let's start with asbestosis?

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A. Probably not.

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Q. How about lung cancer?

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A. I think the two processes are pretty

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much related. Less, also.

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Q. How about mesothelioma?

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A. The problem is when you remove it from the lung, where does it go? If it is coughed up or spit out, it has no effect on mesothelioma.

Q. If it lodges in the pleura --

A. That is not the story.

Q. Are some of the fibers removed through the lymph system?

A. Yes.

Q. Those fibers would not play a role in pleural mesothelioma, would they?

A. The surface of the pleura, whether it is the visceral pleura or the parietal pleura, is an area of lymphatic drainage to fibers swept along could come to rest on the pleura, so if you remove particles from the lung through the lymphatic drainage, it could come to rest at the pleura.

Q. If it doesn't come to rest, if it continues to drain, then presumably it plays no role?

A. It would play no role. It would be sequestered in some node.

Q. In terms of the amosite, is there any

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2 clearance of amosite from the lung?

3 A. Yes. Some of it goes. About 80

4 percent of it goes. Something like that.

5 Q. How is it removed?

6 A. The same processes, it is a

7 mucocilliary escalator. That is the beating of

8 cilia, and of course the macrophages and the other

9 cells which move particles.

10 Q. So would you also then get amosite
11 fibers draining through the lymph system along the
12 pleura?

13 A. Yes, sure.

14 Q. In terms of the translocation of
15 fibers, what do you mean by that?16 A. Translocation is a fiber that changes
17 from one place to the next. This is part of this
18 system that we are talking about. You can have a
19 particle removed from the lung but it winds up in
20 some other organ. Let's say you have a very long
21 amosite fiber, you cough it up, you swallow it, it
22 winds up in the gut. It is thought this is one of
23 the mechanisms, one of the pathways by which
24 fibers wind up in the gut and is associated with
25 increased gastrointestinal cancer.

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Q. Does the translocation of fibers

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refer only to movement within the organ and within

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the body?

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A. Yes.

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Q. In terms of the translocation within

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the lungs, is there a difference between the

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ability of chrysotile and, say, amosite to move

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it?

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A. Depends on the size distribution.

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Which is the longer fiber. The longer the fiber,

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they tend to remain, shorter fibers tend to be

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swept. Given general populations of fibers, I

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would say amosite tends to remain. Chrysotile

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tends to be removed.

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Q. So the amosite fibers would tend to

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remain where they lodge?

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A. All other factors being equal.

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Q. They are more likely to remain where

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they --

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A. I would agree with that, yes.

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Q. You have published studies on an

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analysis of calidria asbestos, correct?

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A. Yes.

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Q. You have been the author on how many

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published studies on calidria?

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A. Specifically calidria?

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Q. Right. There is the Yager paper you

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mentioned earlier?

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A. I'm just recalling that offhand. The

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others are just attributions to the nature of the

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material.

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Q. So that is the only published --

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A. Offhand that is the only one I can

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think of.

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Q. Now, are you aware of any cohort

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studies done with a calidria-exposed population?

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A. Cohort study? Bona fide cohort?

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Q. Yes.

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A. No.

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Q. If we could do that, wouldn't that be

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a good study to see what impact calidria may have

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in causing disease?

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A. It might be. It might not.

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Q. Why might it not be?

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A. It would be very similar to the

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studies for other forms of chrysotile. If you

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went to Charleston, South Carolina and thought

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that represented all of the chrysotile industries

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2 in the world, you would be misled. If you were to
3 study miners and millers in Canada or Ferodo
4 friction product manufacturing, you would get a
5 different picture. So it might be in some way a
6 good extrapolation to Conwed if similar products
7 were made or similar machinery was involved and
8 amounts of fiber and the matrices were the same.

9 Q. At least there would be a piece of
10 data you would be interested in if it were
11 available?

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. Would you expect to find -- based on
14 what you know about calidria, would you expect to
15 find examples of asbestos-related disease in
16 people who mined and milled the
17 calidria-containing ore?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. The fiber levels are extraordinarily
21 low. I was out at the pit. I felt extremely
22 comfortable. The material is -- the material
23 forms a mud. It is wet right below the surface.
24 Vehicles moving on the surface did not raise much
25 dust at all. The mill, the ore was dumped a half

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2 mile from the mill or quarter mile from the mill.

3 It is brought to the mill in a slurry, a wet

4 slurry. The process is a wet process. No, I

5 would be surprised if there was any disease.

6 Q. Again that is based on the low fiber
7 levels?

8 A. I'm sure the fiber levels are very
9 low.

10 Q. You have some dust counts in your
11 possession that were taken at the mill and the
12 mine, correct? At least at the mill?

13 A. Yes, I have seen some data. In fact
14 some of Lee's data, by TEM, extraordinarily low.
15 No, I would not anticipate diseases there. In
16 that small group of people? No.

17 Q. Do you know how the measured fiber
18 levels at the mill compared to the measured fiber
19 levels at the Conwed plant?

20 A. The mill represents a different
21 environment entirely and control measures were
22 taken. I'm not sure they are even comparable.

23 Q. But measurements were taken at both
24 sites?

25 A. Correct.

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Q. My question is, do you know which showed higher levels based on the measurements that were taken?

A. I think -- I can't compare them directly, and the reason I can't compare them directly, because there are values given for times that are less than time-weighted averages. They would have to be recomputed or you have to know whether this represents an episodic burst or a segment of an eight-hour time-weighted day. In my head I think that one of the levels found at the mill was 0.95 fibers. And at Conwed, there are in some places excursions of greater than 10 fibers, but the time-weighted averages seem to be lower than the .95, so it is something like that.

Q. Basically you would want to review the data and perhaps --

A. It has to be tabulated. When you read these different reports and everybody is doing different kinds of things, it becomes difficult to make an immediate mental comparison. You have to sit down, look at the data and say this could happen, that could happen and so on.

Q. Do you know whether in fact there has

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been any asbestos-related disease with the people
3 who worked at the mine or at the mill?

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A. I have no idea.

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Q. In the Yager paper, you and your
6 collaborators attempted to measure I guess the
7 macrophage mortality rate?

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A. That's right. A macrophage mortality
9 study. You feed cells dust and determine if these
10 cells respond differently than another cell
11 populations not exposed to the same material.

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Q. Now you've got the cells, they were
13 alveolar macrophages.

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A. Yes.

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Q. And you got them from seven donors I
16 guess through Georgetown?

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A. Right.

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Q. And in the article it indicates that
19 there were three nonsmokers, one smoker and one
20 donor, if I may, one marijuana smoker?

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A. Weren't there nine individuals
22 involved? Or five volunteers? It is 10 years
23 ago.

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Q. I didn't know -- do you recall what
25 the smoking history of the ones --

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A. No, no. That's right, there were some cigarette smokers and some guy who was a marijuana freak. Right.

Q. Now, the dust that you used was from one of three sources, is that correct?

A. I think so.

Q. UICC, chrysotile?

A. Yes, we used UICC, that's right. Or the calidria, yes, correct.

Q. And you also used quartz dust as a positive control.

Was there any reason that you didn't use a negative control, some sort of dust felt to be largely inert?

A. I left that to my colleagues who were formally trained in biology.

Q. That is something to take up with them, in other words?

A. That's right. Those dopes.

Q. Now another thing that this study did was to ball-mill the calidria asbestos?

A. It was blade-milled.

Q. To blade-mill it?

A. That's right.

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2 Q. And at two different time intervals?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. And the study reported that the
5 longer the calidria was milled, the greater the
6 macrophage mortality?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. But the UICC, I believe it was
9 Rhodesian chrysotile was not milled, was it?

10 A. I don't think so, no.

11 Q. Was there any reason why it wasn't
12 milled?

13 A. We wanted to retain its fiber length,
14 as I remember in our discussions.

15 Q. Do you have an opinion on whether had
16 you milled the Rhodesian chrysotile, it would have
17 produced a similar increase in macrophage
18 mortality?

19 A. It probably would have.

20 Q. How about for example amphibole
21 fiber, would you expect to see the same results if
22 you did the same experiment?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. Why is that?

25 A. It behaves differently when it is

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2 milled. It is a more -- it is a tougher mineral
3 and you tend to introduce surface artifacts more
4 quickly than with chrysotile, which disaggregates
5 first, then the surface functionalities are
6 affected.

7 Q. I realize this is sort of a crude
8 description, but are you saying that if you --

9 A. I'll give you a crude answer.

10 Q. If you mill chrysotile it tends to
11 come apart fairly easily?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Whereas if you mill the amphibole
14 fibers, say amosite, it is so tough to break it
15 apart that you may alter the surface of the fiber?

16 A. It is more difficult to manipulate.

17 Q. And in manipulating that harder
18 mineral, you may induce alterations in the surface
19 chemistry?

20 A. Yes. What you are basically doing is
21 imparting mechanical energy into the system. Now
22 the system responds. The system may respond by
23 breaking apart and breaking along the weakest
24 bonding elements, or you have to attack the bonds
25 themselves that make up the mineral. So you

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2 either disaggregate it or you start to break down
3 the mineral itself.

4 Chrysotile tends to disaggregate
5 because those fiber bundles are not held together
6 with strong forces, whereas an amphibole fibrile,
7 if it doesn't have some submicronic, some
8 submicroscopic structure along which the material
9 breaks like a twin plane or some other defect, it
10 will start to modify the surface.

11 Q. Do you think it would have made any
12 difference to the results if you had ball-milled
13 the chrysotile as opposed to blade-milling?

14 A. I think it would have.

15 Q. What --

16 A. It would have reduced the activity.

17 Q. Why?

18 A. Well, we have a study that we
19 published in which material was ball-milled,
20 impact milling, and that starts to break bonds and
21 it changes the characteristics of the surface and
22 the structure of the material so that certain
23 properties fail. The flow of electrons and so on.

24 Q. And ball-milling would have made the
25 calidria, in your opinion, less toxic, if you

2 will, to the macrophages?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Which study is that that you prepared
5 with respect to the ball-milled --

6 A. The 1977 study.

7 Q. That is published under the name of
8 what?

9 A. Langer, et al. It is in my CV. It
10 is on progressive milling of chrysotile asbestos
11 alteration of -- let me just get this citation for
12 you.

13 The citation is the following. It is
14 on page 13, number 36, in my CV. Variation of
15 properties of chrysotile asbestos subjected to
16 prolonged milling. 1978.

17 Q. In terms of the biological effect of
18 chrysotile, do you think it makes -- if we are
19 talking just about the chrysotile, does it make
20 any difference whether it is Canadian or Rhodesian
21 chrysotile or calidria chrysotile or is it the
22 size and shape of the fiber that makes the
23 difference?

24 A. Complex question. All the fiber
25 types are different. They are different from a

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2 number of standpoints. All of the fibers then
3 manipulated respond to the manipulation
4 differently so you get a range of properties which
5 affect biological potential.

6 Q. By and large, do you think results
7 obtained with fibers of one chrysotile type of a
8 given size are applicable to fibers of another
9 chrysotile type of comparable size?

10 A. Probably within a certain range.

11 Q. And I realize this is a general
12 question, but is that range so large that the
13 studies are of no value or is the range small
14 enough that you say yes, the studies are probably
15 applicable but they might change a little bit?

16 A. All studies are of value. They
17 answer certain questions. Some studies answer
18 more questions than others. I thought I
19 successfully avoided answering your question.
20 I'll give you an example.

21 Q. Sure.

22 A. The UICC, that is all caps, by the
23 way, UICC-B, the Canadian standard is a mixture
24 from eight different mines in Canada. The
25 asbestos mine, the question was do chrysotiles

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2 behave the same. No, they don't behave the same.

3 For example, the standard asbestos type, the
4 UICC-B, which is the Canadian specimen, results
5 from a mixture of fibers from a number of mines.

6 Chris Wagner has experimented with
7 each of the individual splits that make up the
8 specimen and he produced a range of mesothelioma
9 mortality in laboratory animals which -- well, the
10 values of which ranged from 32 percent to 64
11 percent. So it was -- it varied by a whole
12 factor.

13 Q. So there is some difference from one
14 form of chrysotile to another?

15 A. Certainly.

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16 Q. All right. In terms of biological --
17 okay. Within those limits there are
18 applicabilities from one study to another?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. In your opinion, what is responsible
21 for the differences in the behavior of different
22 types of chrysotile?

23 A. The properties are many. And the
24 properties may be those properties of the fiber
25 itself, which includes chemistry, trace metals,

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2 relative harshness, associated minerals,
3 superimposed properties brought about by
4 industrial manipulation which include heating,
5 surface treatment, mechanical milling and others,
6 and finally the superimposed properties of the
7 product itself and the products use.

8 For example, thermal insulation on a
9 pipe which contains chrysotile after many years
10 contains a modified chrysotile which is more
11 dusty, so you have the intrinsic properties of the
12 material, you have the superimposed properties of
13 the industrial workplace and you have the final
14 properties of the environment of use.

15 Q. If we are talking about fiber as it
16 comes from the mill, say, then what you would be
17 talking about are the differences between the
18 shape, chemistry of the fiber itself, plus
19 anything that was done to it in the milling and
20 mining?

21 A. That is a way of looking at it.
22 That's right. I mean it is the nature of the
23 fiber itself plus everything that is superimposed
24 on it.

25 Q. In terms of -- other than the

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2 macrophage mortality study you mentioned, are you
3 aware of any studies that attempt to measure
4 whether calidria chrysotile is more or less
5 biologically active in the production of
6 asbestos-related disease than other types of
7 chrysotile?

8 A. I've seen no cohort studies so I
9 can't judge that.

10 Q. Okay. Are you aware of anybody else
11 who has done papers attempting to compare the
12 performance of calidria versus other types of
13 chrysotile, I mean an experiment in animals --

14 A. Yes, there are a few of those.

15 Q. What studies are those?

16 A. Hartwig, Muhle, Pott, Maltoni, and
17 others.

18 Q. You mentioned Platek?

19 A. Frank Platek and colleagues at NIOSH.

20 Q. What did Muhle show in his study?

21 A. He showed it was not very active.

22 Q. Calidria was not active?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Less active than other types of
25 chrysotile?

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A. Yes.

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Q. What did Pott show?

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A. He wasn't too sure, although it showed some activity but he didn't think it was terribly dangerous.

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Q. How about Maltoni?

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A. Maltoni produced tumors.

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Q. With calidria?

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A. Yes.

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Q. And none with --

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A. But less than the other chrysotiles.

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Q. And how about Platek and NIOSH?

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A. No lung scarring in laboratory animals, although Arnie Brody has reviewed these and he thinks there is some scarring.

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Q. But in any event, less than with calidria?

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A. Yes, that is my understanding.

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Q. Now --

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A. I'm testifying to this -- this is my recall.

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Q. Right.

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A. If I had all the papers in front of me, we could go over them in detail.

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Q. Right.

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A. Just trying to pull this out.

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Q. Right. This is your

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off-of-the-top-of-your-head recollection?

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A. That's right.

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Q. Would it be a fair summary of your

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off-the-top-of-your-head recollection of these

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papers that what they showed was to the extent

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that calidria is biologically active, if you will,

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it is somewhat less active than other types of

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chrysotiles?

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A. That is the general conclusion. Yes.

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Q. Do you agree or disagree with that

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conclusion?

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A. Do I agree or disagree? I sit here

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and think about it. How were the materials

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prepared, were they comparing mass, were they

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comparing fiber number per unit. It is more

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difficult to evaluate. I can only tell you what

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they reported. We would have to go over the

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details of the study, so offhand I would say at

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first blush, yes, they -- it seems to be less

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active, but the details of it, I don't know.

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Q. Okay. Are you planning as part of

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2 your work in this case to do any kind of analysis
3 or critique of those studies?

4 A. Well, if I'm called to trial I would
5 more than likely pull them out of my file and
6 review them, sure.

7 Q. Are you aware of any studies, putting
8 aside the Yager paper for a minute, any studies
9 that show that calidria is more biologically
10 active than other types of chrysotile?

11 A. I can't think of any offhand.

12 Q. You did some lung burden analysis of
13 lung fiber -- burden analysis, excuse me -- of
14 people who lived in New York City?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. To attempt to measure the
17 biopersistence of asbestos, is that right?

18 A. Well, no, that was not the objective
19 of the study.

20 Q. Okay. Was that one of the
21 by-products of it?

22 A. That was a by-product of it, yes.

23 Q. And in that group of about 126 people
24 that were in your series --

25 A. Yes, 126, 128, something like that,

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2 right.

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Q. And in that group were both people
4 who had occupational asbestos exposure and those
5 who did not?

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A. Yes.

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Q. You found among the people without
8 occupational asbestos exposure that there was
9 chrysotile in the lung, is that right?

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A. That's correct.

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Q. I think you gave the count.

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A. Above statistical background, I think
13 half of them. 64 out of 128. Something like
14 that.

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Q. For the people in New York with
16 nonoccupational exposure to asbestos, what is the
17 background level of fiber burden?

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A. It is pretty low.

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MR. BROWNSON: The people in his
20 study?

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MR. WILL: Yes.

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A. It is not so much the quantities,
23 although the quantities -- I think the highest
24 level I found in a nonoccupationally exposed
25 individual was in a man who was an 80, 81-year-old

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2 male who died of heart failure for which he had
3 no -- he had five million fibers greater than five
4 microns in length per gram of dry lung tissue.
5 Per gram of tissue, put it that way. And that
6 this was the highest of the nonoccupationally
7 exposed. So for us it was a statistical outwire.
8 Didn't have good follow-up on this person's
9 occupational history, but we accept that as a
10 background case. That was the highest, but most
11 were much lower. 50 to a hundred thousand or
12 200,000, but it was very much lower.

13 Q. Among those people that had
14 nonoccupational exposure, did you find evidence of
15 asbestos-associated disease?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Am I also correct that among those
18 without occupational exposure, the type of fiber
19 you found was chrysotile?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You also attempted to count the
22 fibriles shorter than five microns?

23 A. That's right. Everything.

24 Q. Everything. Both longer and shorter?

25 A. Yes.

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Q. And in those people without occupational exposure, you did find significant numbers of chrysotile fibriles below five microns in length?

A. That is true, yes.

Q. Those counts are reported in your paper?

A. That's right.

Q. Now, in the occupationally exposed people, you did find some evidence of asbestos-related disease, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And you also found long chrysotile fibers in the occupationally exposed?

A. Yes. Yes.

Q. Far more than in the nonoccupationally exposed?

A. Yes. That was one of the distinguishing characteristics.

Q. Is the length of the fiber in the lung?

A. Yes.

Q. You also found amphibole fiber in the occupationally exposed?

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A. That is true.

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A. I'm not sure.

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Q. In most cases both amosite and

crocidolite?

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A. Either/or.

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Q. Has your research or reading

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indicated anything that suggests that chrysotile

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becomes more biologically potent when it is in the

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lung with amosite?

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A. No, I think it is the opposite.

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Q. It becomes less potent?

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A. With or without amosite. Chrysotile

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with time may be detoxified, depending where it is

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in the lung.

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Q. And that is through this clearance

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mechanism?

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A. No.

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Q. What is that that detoxifies it over

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time?

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A. Chemical degradation. It loses

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magnesium from the surface.

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Q. Whereas the amosite does not degrade?

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A. Not as much, no.

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MR. WILL: Let's take a quick break

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and decide what we are going to do.

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BY MR. WILL:

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Q. Referring for a moment to the Yager,

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2 et al. article, what conclusions, if any, from the
3 results of that study did you draw?

4 A. Chrysotile is cytotoxic to human
5 cells, human macrophages, that the use of a mass
6 unit in a dose response study may be misleading
7 because the manipulation of the dust which alters
8 fiber number and surface area changes the outcome.
9 And we found that an asbestos sample in which the
10 absolute number of fibers greater than five
11 microns in length remained the same as the shorter
12 bundles were opened to a greater surface area, the
13 material became more cytotoxic. We felt that was
14 an interesting contribution.

15 Q. The relationship of surface area --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- to toxicity?

18 A. And the most important part of that
19 study was never published but Kagan began to tell
20 you about that.

21 Q. Which part was that?

22 A. We had a cigarette-smoking
23 population, and the macrophages were killed more
24 effectively.

25 Q. With the cigarette smoking?

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A. Yes. And it follows everybody's

hypotheses that cigarette smoke exacerbates

asbestosis as well.

Q. Why wasn't it published?

A. Henry Yager just didn't get around to

it. That was the medical side of it. And we

said, "Publish it, Henry, this is interesting,"

"Well, I would like to."

Q. In terms of the relationship between

killing alveomacrophages and producing asbestosis,

in your opinion is that what does it?

A. No.

Q. Okay.

A. No. I would prefer for a macrophage

to live and continue to generate chemical

substances under the generic heading cytokines,

specifically a subgroup called growth factors, and

that these stimulate the fibroblast population to

produce collagen.

Q. Could --

A. So I would prefer a macrophage to

live and generate all of the chemical stuff than

to die.

Q. Would that suggest then that because

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2 the milled calidria had a higher macrophage
3 mortality rate that it would be less likely to
4 produce asbestosis in a human?

5 A. I would think yes, but others would
6 disagree.

7 Q. Disagree?

8 A. Of course.

9 Q. In terms of your findings about
10 surface area, do I understand correctly that what
11 you said is that as you get smaller fibers, you
12 have more surface area per given mass?

13 A. Yes. Thinner fibers, specifically.

14 Q. Because as the calidria chrysotile
15 splits up, breaks up, it splits longitudinally?

16 A. Yes. It splits both ways but
17 primarily longitudinally.

18 Q. It gets thinner and thinner?

19 A. Thinner and thinner.

20 Q. Rather than shorter and shorter?

21 A. Correct. It gets thinner and thinner
22 first, then shorter and shorter.

23 Q. Okay. Do you think that calidria
24 chrysotile is capable of producing pleural
25 mesothelioma in humans?

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2 A. If you get a high enough dose of it.

3 Q. How high a dose would you have to
4 have?

5 A. Pretty good dose of that stuff.

6 Q. Higher than you think would have been
7 obtained at the Conwed plant from what you know
8 about the air samples?

9 A. Well, I don't know what the air
10 samples are telling me just yet, but I think in
11 order to produce pleural mesothelioma with
12 chrysotile, you would have to be exposed to 10 to
13 a hundred times more fiber than an amphibole. And
14 I'm quoting to you from some of my own data. And
15 I think that this follows some of the data that
16 exists in the literature, specifically some of
17 Andrew Churg's data, that is Jack's son, in which
18 these mesotheliomas occur and there is a lot of
19 fibers still in the tissue.

20 Q. Andrew Churg says that if you get
21 levels of exposure comparable to the World War II
22 shipyards, without that you will not get a
23 chrysotile mesothelioma, he said that, is that
24 right?

25 A. Yes, but that begs the question what

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2 were the levels.

3 Q. O.K.

4 A. Then we will talk about it.

5 Q. Yes. All right.

6 In terms of the ability to cause
7 asbestosis in humans, what degree of exposure to
8 calidria chrysotile do you think a person would
9 have to have?

10 A. I don't know. But it has to be like
11 the others, high.

12 Q. Higher than for mesothelioma?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How about for lung cancer, what
15 degree of exposure?

16 A. I believe it is the same. You need
17 high levels.

18 Q. The same as asbestosis?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. WILL: I think this is a good
21 time to stop. We are at 4:15.

22 MR. BROWNSON: Okay.

23 MR. WILL: What we have decided to
24 do is to adjourn the deposition at this
25 point to be reconvened, hopefully within

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the next week or two in conjunction with another trip out here when we have got other depositions in this case.

I told Mr. Brownson that I was not going to use the fact that we were unable to finish Dr. Langer today as a reason to refuse to produce my witnesses, so we will work on the scheduling of those people.

In terms of the exhibits that we had today, what I would like to do is to give Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 to the court reporter and have those attached to the transcript. So, Doctor, if I may I'll take your CV back.

THE WITNESS: Fine.

MR. WILL: I would like Dr. Langer to get, through Mr. Brownson, a copy of Exhibits 4-A, B and C, 5, 6 and 7 for us. Is that all right?

MR. BROWNSON: Yes.

MR. WILL: And he can retain the originals of those, but if you would please get those.

The other thing that I would ask is

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2 that Dr. Langer try to complete whatever
3 further analysis that he wants to do of
4 that one fiber before we reconvene the
5 deposition so when we wrap up the
6 deposition, we can wrap up all of his work
7 on the analysis.

8 MR. BROWNSON: Okay.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay. That sounds all
10 right to me.

11 MR. WILL: Is that all right?

12 MR. BROWNSON: I've got your card.

13 (Time noted: 4:28 p.m.)

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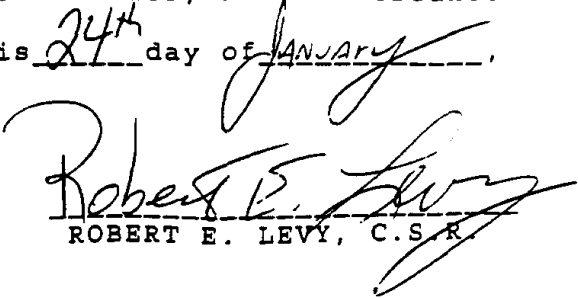
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Langer AM, et al: Amosite fiber size-distribution at a fabrication plant: mesothelioma and fiber dimension.

Langer AM, et al: Asbestos bodies in two periods of time: review, secular trends, New York City, 1915-1970.

Langer AM, et al: Asbestos bodies and age, sex, occupation of urban dwellers: asbestos bodies as indices of disease risk

PARTICIPATION IN POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION COURSES (1976-PRESENT):

- 6/70 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine: Asbestosis.
- 4/71 - NY Academy of Sciences, Seminars for Trade Union Representatives: Occupational Health Hazards.
- 4/71 - American College of Chest Physicians, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY:
Interstitial Pneumonias--Acute and Chronic.
- 5/75 - United States-USSR Environmental Protection Agreement:
Workshop on Basic Practical Approaches to Environmental Carcinogenesis, Mount Sinai.
- 6/76 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine: Environmental Lung Disease.
- 2/77 - Office of Continuing Education, Baylor Medical College, Houston, TX:
Pulmonary Diseases and Carcinoma of the Lungs, Baylor Medical School, Houston, TX.
- 11/77 - New York Lung Club, Cornell University Medical College: Silicosis revisited. New York City Tunnel and Caisson Workers: 1928-1977.

PARTICIPATION IN POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION COURSES (1976-PRESENT) (cont):

- 1/78 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Asbestos Carcinogenesis.
- 3/78 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Occupational and Environmental Pulmonary Diseases.
- 6/78 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
NY: Health Effects of Asbestos Exposure. Course
Director.
- 11/78 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
NY: Asbestos Associate Diseases: With Particular
Reference to United States Shipyards.
- 1/79 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
NY: Scientific Basis for Evaluation of Occupational and
Environmental Asbestos Disease.
- 10/79 - Office of Continuing Education, Baylor Medical College,
Houston, TX:
Asbestos-Associated Diseases, Houston, TX.
- 1/80 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Asbestos in Shipyards.
- 3/80 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Management and Control of Asbestos in Public
Buildings.
- 6/80 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Health Effects of Asbestos in Public Buildings.
- 9/80 - College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey:
Rutgers Medical School, Recent Advances in Occupational
Toxicology, Graduate Center, NY.
- 11/81 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Recent Advances in Occupational Medicine.
- 12/82 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Scientific Basis for Evaluation of Asbestos-
Associated Diseases.

PARTICIPATION IN POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION COURSES (1976-PRESENT) (cont):

- 3/85 - Page and Black Postgraduate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine,
New York, NY:
Asbestos in Schools and Public Buildings, Hasbrook
Heights, NJ.
- 9/91 - Environmental Lung Disease. American College of Chest
Physicians. Mineralogy Techniques. Montreal, Canada.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES:

Union College, Schenectady, NY, Department of Geology and Civil
Engineering. "Asbestos and Lung Disease." April, 1967.

Barnard College, NY, Department of Geology. "Asbestos Fiber in the
Ambient Air and Disease Potential." December, 1968.

The Rockefeller University, Air Pollution Working Group, Health
Research Council. "Analysis of Air Samples for Inorganic
Constituents." June 9, 1969.

New York University Medical Center, New York Lung Club. "Sublight
Microscopic Mineral Particles in Talc Pneumoconiosis. Physiology
and Mineralogical Studies." November, 1970.

Lehigh College, Department of Material Sciences and Metallurgy.
"Electron Probe Characterization of Particles in Tissues." April,
1971.

Oberlin College, OH, Department of Geology. "Asbestos Dust in the
Workplace and Human Disease." May, 1971.

State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of Biophysical
Sciences. "The Asbestos Problem. An Interdisciplinary Approach."
April, 1972.

Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of
Earth and Environmental Sciences. "Asbestos and Disease. How Wide
is the Spectrum?" November, 1972.

Columbia University, NY, Department of Geology and Biological
Sciences. "Contamination of the Environment with Mineral
Particles." December, 1972.

College of South Hampton, Long Island University, Division of
Chemical Sciences and Oceanography. "The Contamination of Lake
Superior with Fibrous Silicates." January, 1973.

National Institutes of Health. Review of Asbestos Problem.
"Mechanism of Fiber Action." National Institutes of Health,
Bethesda, MD, February, 1973.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES (cont):

City College of the City University of New York, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. "Mineral Particles and Human Disease." May, 1973.

Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Health Sciences. "Occupational Hazards as Harbingers of Environmental Hazards." September, 1973.

Rutgers University, Colonial Conference Tri-State Environmentalists. "Recognition of Environmental Hazards: Use of Academic Facilities for Monitoring and Control of Hazards." November, 1973.

Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health. "Asbestos Minerals and Disease." Seminar. April, 1974.

Rutgers University, Department of Environmental Sciences. "Mineral Particles in the Air." June, 1974.

Temple University, Department of Geology. "Amphibole Contamination of Lake Superior Water from Taconite Processing." September, 1974.

American Museum of Natural History, Department of Mineral Sciences. "Minerals and Disease." September, 1978.

Rutgers University, Department of Chemistry. "Minerals and Their Biological Activity." October, 1978.

University of North Carolina, Department of Medicine. 1) "Analytical Methods of Tissue Analysis, Asbestos Bodies and Asbestos Fibers"; 2) "Inorganic Particles in Cigarettes and Cigarette Smoke." November, 1978.

University of Maine, Farmington, Department of Geology. 1) "The Asbestos Problem"; 2) "Evolution of an Environmental Scientist, A Personal View." March, 1979.

School of Public Health, Columbia University. "Epidemiology of Asbestos Diseases." April, 1979.

New York Medical Examiner's Conference. "Analysis of Tissues for Asbestos Fiber and Asbestos Bodies." June, 1979.

Seton Hall University, Department of Chemistry. "Minerals and Disease: Interaction Mechanisms." October 2, 1979.

American Institute of Mining Engineers, Tucson. "The Biological Effects of Inorganic Fibers: The Case Against Asbestos" (invited speaker). October, 1979.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES (cont):

American Chemical Society, Staten Island Section. "Minerals and Diseases: Physical and Chemical Factors." February 19, 1980.

Society of Sigma Xi Lecture. "Man in Conflict with His Physical Environment." Invited Speaker for initiation ceremony, City University, New York, May 13, 1980.

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Department of Health and Human Services CCERP-26. "Serpentine-Containing Host Rocks: Amphibole-Containing Host Rocks." November, 1980.

NIEHS-EPA-NIOSH Joint Committee at Bethesda. "Mount St. Helen's Volcanic Ash: Mineral Nature and Biological Activity." July 23, 1981.

The Rockefeller University. "Minerals and Toxic Agents, Parameters and Mechanisms." Invited speaker in series on Comparative Toxicology, February 12, 1981.

Kettering Laboratory, University of Cincinnati Medical Center. "Silica and Silicosis: Mechanisms." April 8, 1981.

University of California, Irvine, Occupational and Environmental Health Center. "Physicochemical Properties of Inorganic Dusts and Biological Consequences of Exposure." Occupational Medicine Series, December 2, 1981.

Barlow Hospital, Los Angeles, University of Southern California Medical School. "Tissue Analysis for Asbestos, Comparative Techniques." Chest Service, Department of Medicine, December 3, 1981.

Appalachian Laboratory for Occupational Safety and Health NIOSH-CDC, Morgantown, West Virginia. "Surface Properties of Silica and Its Biological Activity." February 24, 1982.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. "Silica and Silicosis." Cincinnati, March 24, 1982.

Society of Sigma Xi Lecture, Queens College of the City University of New York. "The Case Against Chrysotile Asbestos." December 2, 1982.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Pathobiology of Mesothelioma, Research Triangle Park, NC. "Physicochemical Character of Dust and its Role in Inducing Human Mesothelioma." January, 1983.

Geology Seminar, Long Island University, College at South Hampton. "The Biological Effects of Asbestos." March 18, 1983.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES (cont):

Graduate Seminar, Rutgers University, Department of Geology.
"Physical-Chemical Properties of Minerals and Their Biological
Activities." April 13, 1983.

Symposium on Fibrous Minerals, American Lung Association Annual
Meeting, Kansas City, MO. "Mineralogy of Mineral Fibers." May 8,
1983.

Faculty Research Collegium, Ph.D. Program Earth and Environmental
Studies, CUNY, Graduate Center, NY. "Physicochemical Properties of
Minerals Controlling Biological Activity." March 6, 1984.

Graduate Seminar, Department of Geology, Princeton University.
"Minerals and Disease." Princeton, NJ, March 8, 1984.

Graduate Seminar, Department of Biology, New York University, New
York, NY. "Asbestos: Biological Considerations." April 16, 1984.

Medical Geology Conference on Health Threatening Toxins in Water.
"Asbestos Fiber in Water." May 3, 1984.

Asbestos Information Association of North America, Annual Meeting,
Alexandria, VA. "Asbestos Substitutes. How Safe are They?"
September 18, 1985.

American Society for Testing Materials, Annual Meeting, Bal
Harbour, FL. "Method for Testing Indoor Air for Asbestos.
Analytical Electron Microscopy." November 4, 1985.

University of Southern California Medical School. "Membranolytic
Properties of Quartz and Phosphorylated Chrysotile Fiber." January
29, 1985. Main Campus. "Asbestos Fiber in Lung Tissue - Analysis
by Analytical Electron Microscopy." January 30, 1986.

Milton Kannerstein Lecture. "Mineral Dust and Pulmonary Lesions."
Annual Meeting of the Klemperer-Otani Society. Mount Sinai, June 5,
1986.

Northeast Regional Environmental Public Health Center, University
of Massachusetts. Symposium: Asbestos in Play Sand. "Tremolite
Analysis, Morphology, and Health Significance." February 11, 1987.

The Defense Research and Trial Lawyers Association, Reno, NV.
"Analytical Protocol for the Study of Sublight Microscopic
Particles in Human Tissues"; "Types and Amounts of Asbestos Fibers
in the Pulmonary Tissues of Asbestos-Exposed Workers in the United
States." October 30, 1987.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES (cont):

Graduate Seminar, Rutgers University, Department of Geology. "Physical-Chemical Properties of Minerals and Their Biological Activities." April 13, 1983.

Symposium on Fibrous Minerals, American Lung Association Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO. "Mineralogy of Mineral Fibers." May 8, 1983.

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Medical Geology Conference on Health Threatening Toxins in Water. "Asbestos Fiber in Water." May 3, 1984.

Asbestos Information Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA. "Asbestos Substitutes. How Safe are They?" September 18, 1985.

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University of Southern California Medical School. "Membranolytic Properties of Quartz and Phosphorylated Chrysotile Fiber." January 29, 1985. Main Campus. "Asbestos Fiber in Lung Tissue - Analysis by Analytical Electron Microscopy." January 30, 1986.

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INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES (cont):

The Manville Settlement Trust Asbestos Disease Seminar, Washington, DC. "Asbestos Fibers: The Physico-Chemical Properties and Health Effects." March 16, 1988.

Asbestos Fiber Type and Risk of Disease, Conference: New York - New Jersey Environmental Expo: The Source for Environmental Solutions. Seminar 7E, The Management of Asbestos in the 1990's. Thursday, October 18, 1990.

American Industrial Hygiene Association, Georgia Section, Atlanta Georgia. Conference: The Asbestos Controversy. Has the Public Been Properly Informed? "Understanding the Asbestos Risk." November 30, 1990.

Armstrong Defense Group. Memphis, Tennessee. The Asbestos Saga and the Star Wars Trilogy: The Empire Strikes Back! Thursday, April 25, 1991.

Department of Medicine - Pulmonary, New York University Medical Center. Pulmonary Grand Rounds. Particle Characteristics Responsible for Pneumoconiosis and Cancer. Tuesday, September 3, 1991.

Nelson Institute of Environmental Medicine, New York University School of Medicine. Surface Properties of Minerals as Determinants of Biological Activity. Tuxedo, New York. Wednesday, October 23, 1991.

Defense Research Institute. Current Issues in Asbestos in Building Seminar. Report From the Health Effects Institute. Orlando, Florida. Friday, January 24, 1992.

Characteristics of Mineral Fibers - Critical Research Needs. Invited to Workshop on Chemical and Biological Interactions of Glass. Bethesda, Maryland, March 5-6, 1992.

Mealey's National Lead Litigation Conference. Presented: Bioavailability of Lead. April 22-23, 1993. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Physics and Chemistry of Asbestos Minerals. Oxford, July, 1967. Presented: The Nature of Soft and Harsh Chrysotile (with Kerr PF.).

Second International Conference on the Biological Effects of Asbestos. Dresden, DDR, April, 1968 (two papers with Berkley C, Sastre A, Arneson A and Schwartz J).

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

International Conference on Pneumoconiosis. Johannesburg, April 23-May 2, 1969. Presented: Electron Microprobe Analysis of Asbestos Bodies (with Rubin IB and Selikoff IJ).

Working Group: Asbestos and the Asbestos Diseases. Cardiff, April 6-9, 1970. Presented: Identification of Asbestos Fiber in Tissue.

British Occupational Hygiene Society: Inhaled Particles and Vapors. Imperial College, London, June, 1970. Presented: Inorganic Fibers, Including Chrysotile, in Lungs at Autopsy (with Baden V, Selikoff IJ, and Hammond EC).

Fifth National Conference on Electron Microprobe Analysis. New York, July 21-24, 1970. Invited paper: Electron Microprobe Analysis of Particles in Tissues (with Berkley C and Rubin IB).

Second International Clean Air Congress. Washington, DC, May 1971. Paper with Selikoff IJ.

International Agency for Research on Cancer. WHO, Lyon, September, 1972. Presented: Identification of Single Asbestos Fibers in Human Tissues with (Pooley FD).

6th International Meeting of Forensic Sciences. Edinburgh, September, 1972. Presented paper Asbestos Fiber in Human Lungs: Forensic Significance in Environmental Disease (with Ehrenreich T).

Dialogues in Microscopy, 1973, NY. Microscopical Society. Chaired Session: Identification of Asbestos, May, 1973.

International Conference on the Biological Effects of Ingested Asbestos. NIEHS sponsored. Pinehurst, NC, November, 1973.

International Conference on Environmental Sensing and Assessment. Las Vegas, NV, September, 1975 (paper with Rubin IB and Wolff M). Chaired 2 Sessions: Fine Particles-7; Fine Particles-2. United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Conference on Health Problems of Energy Technologies. Held by NIEHS, January, 1976.

Mineralogical Society of London. London, April, 1976. Presented paper Nature and Range of Mineral Dust in the Environment.

International Agency for Research on Cancer. The World Health Organization, Lyon. Invited member of working group, December, 1976. Chemical Carcinogenesis Monograph Series. Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk of Asbestos, Vol. 14.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

Royal Society of Medicine. Meeting Focusing on Occupational Diseases. London, April, 1977. Presented paper Asbestos Content of Dust Encountered During Brake Maintenance and Repair (with Rohl AN, Weisman I, and Klimentidis R).

Invited Consultant to Institute of Public Health. Oslo, Norway, May, 1977. Presented three papers: Contamination of the Biosphere by Submicroscopic Particles; Asbestos Minerals and Their Carcinogenic Effects; Are There Safe Substitutes for Asbestos Materials?

Invited Consultant to the Ministry of Mines. Biological Effects of Asbestos. Johannesburg, October, 1977. Monograph, Ministry of Mines.

Health Hazards of Asbestos Exposure. New York, June 24-27, 1978. Presented paper on Contamination of Lake Superior with Amphibole Gangue Minerals and organized and chaired workshop on Significance of Aspect Ratio in Regulation of Asbestos Fiber Exposure.

International Conference on Critical Current Issues in Environmental Health Hazards. Tel Aviv, March 4-7, 1979. Presented paper Defining New Asbestos High Risk Groups. Chairman Workshop: Laboratory Approaches in Environmental Medicine.

International Agency for Research on Cancer. WHO, Lyon, October, 1979. International Conference on the Biological Effects of Inorganic Fibers. Invited Rapporteur. Physics and Chemistry of Asbestos Minerals.

Expert Consultant, International Metal Workers Federation. Geneva, September, 1980. Focus on problem: Asbestos Fiber Contamination of Metal Ore Deposits.

International Conference on Crystalline Deposits in Human Tissues. August 13-14, 1981. Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. Presented paper The Role of Analytical Electron Microscopy in Diagnosis of the Pneumoconiosis (with Weisman I, Adams A, and Pooley F).

Annual Symposium Scanning Electron Microscopy. Anaheim, CA, April, 1982. Presented paper Identification Characterization and Quantitation of Asbestos Fibers in Human Lung Tissue by Analytical Electron Microscopy.

Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Center. Salt Lake City, April, 1982. Invited to present two papers: Fibrous Minerals: Properties and Biological Activity; Relationship Between Surface Properties and Biological Activity in Health Issues Related to Metal and Non-Metallic Mining.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

World Symposium on Asbestos. Montreal, May 24-27, 1982. Presented paper Mineral Fibers: Properties Imparting Biological Activity.

6th International Pneumoconiosis Conference. Bochum, Federal Republic of Germany, September, 1983. Presented two papers: Recognition of Quartz by the Erythrocyte Membrane; Physicochemical Factors Effecting Membrolytic Properties of Quartz (with Nolan RP, Foster KW, and Simenski R). Chaired Session: Etiopathogenesis of Silicosis.

Program of Research on Asbestos. University of Sherbrooke, December 5-6, 1983. Presented lecture Physicochemical Properties of Minerals as Related to Biological Activities.

2nd International Congress on Applied Mineralogy. February 22-25, 1984. Presented two papers: Asbestos, Fibrous Minerals, Acicular Cleavage Fragments and the Minerals Industries; Minerals and Disease: The Association Between Exposure to Minerals and Rock Dusts and the Occurrence of Human Disease.

Workshop on the Assessment of Mineral Fibers from Human Lungs. Oxford, England, September 17-19, 1984. Keynote speaker Problems of Tissue Analysis with the Analytical Electron Microscope.

3rd International Workshop on the In Vitro Effects of Mineral Dusts. Schluchsee, Hochschwarzwald, FRG, October, 1984. Physicochemical Properties of Minerals Relevant to Biological Activities. State of the Art, (paper with Nolan RP); Alteration of surface of quartz and altered biological activity.

Workshop on Biological Effects of Chrysotile. General Motors Cancer Research Foundation. Cardiff, Wales, May 7-9, 1986. The Mineralogy of Chrysotile Asbestos: Physicochemical Properties as Determinants of Disease Potential (with Nolan RP).

International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS). WHO Environmental Health Criteria 53. Asbestos and other Natural Mineral Fibres. Hannover, Germany. Session chairman, co-author. 194 p., 1986.

International Agency for Research on Cancer. The World Health Organization. Invited member of working group. Lyon, France, July, 1986. Chemical Carcinogenesis Monograph Series. Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk of Fibrous Talc, Wollastonite, Palygorskite, Sepiolite, Erionite and Crystalline Silica. Vols. 34-42.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

Symposium: Mineral Fibers in the Non-Occupational Environment. IARC-WHO. Lyon, France, September 8-10, 1987. Summary of five presented papers; Round-table discussant on Environmental Risk. Presented paper: Fiber Type and Parenchymal Burden Found in Workers Occupationally Exposed to Asbestos Fiber in the United States (with Nolan RP).

Symposium: Fibers in Friction Materials. Society Automotive Engineers and the Asbestos Institute. Symposium organizer and Co-Chairman. Fibers and Health Issues. Atlantic City, NJ, October, 1987. Presented summary paper; co-authored Physicochemical Properties of Fibers and Biological Potential (with Nolan RP).

Symposium: Safe Use of Asbestos Cement. Peruvian Ministry of Health and the Environment. The Asbestos Information Association of South America. Lima, Peru, March, 1988.

International Symposium/Workshop: Biological Interaction of Inhaled Mineral Fibers and Cigarette Smoke. Session Chairman. Presented paper: Inorganic Particles Found in Cigarette Tobacco, Cigarette Ash, and Cigarette Smoke; co-authored Physico-Chemical Properties and Membranolytic Activities of the Titanium Dioxide Polymorphs Compared to Quartz. April 10-14, 1988.

Electron Microscopy Society of America; the Microscopical Society of Canada: Presented paper: Electron Diffraction of Mineral Fibers Vs. Acicular Cleavage Fragments. Milwaukee, WI, August 7-12, 1988.

National Organizing Committee, Workshop Chairman: Hazard Recognition of Mineral Dusts. Presented: Mineral Fibers in the Lung Tissues of Persons Exposed to Asbestos in the United States; Distinguishing Between Tremolite Asbestos and Tremolite Cleavage Fragments. VIIth International Pneumoconiosis Conference, Scientific Organization Committee. Pittsburgh, PA, August, 1988.

Session Chairman: Asbestos, Pleural Pathology, and Lung Fiber Burden. VIIth International Pneumoconiosis Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, August, 1988.

Workshop on Asbestos Research. Health Effects Institute, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA, October 31-November 1, 1988.

Symposium on the Health Aspects of Exposures to Asbestos in Public Buildings. Presented: Fiber Type and Risk of Mesothelioma to Building Occupants. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 14-16, 1988.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

First International Conference on Health Related Effects of Phyllosilicates. International Scientific Organizing Committee. Session Chairman: Health Related Effects After Non-Occupational Exposure. Presented: Fibrous Minerals as Natural Contaminants of Phyllosilicates (with Pooley F). Paris, France, March 16-18, 1989.

International Federation of Building and Woodworkers. Health Hazards in Painting and Allied Trades. Presented: Hazards in the Painting Trade. Panelist. Geneva, Switzerland, May 8-12, 1989.

NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Mechanisms in Fibre Carcinogenesis. Presented: The Importance of Mineral Subpopulations in Biological Assays. Alburquerque, NM, October 22-25, 1990. Co-authored paper: Association of tremolite habit with biological potential, co-authored with Nolan RP, Oechsle G, Addison J, Colflesh D.

American Lung Association - American Thoracic Society. 1991 International Conference. Presented: Mechanisms of Asbestos-Induced Pulmonary Disease: Importance of Surface Properties of Asbestos and Non-asbestos minerals in cell interaction. Anaheim, California, May 12-15, 1991.

American College of Chest Physicians. Fourth International Conference - Environmental Lung Disease. Presented: Diagnostic Methods in Occupational Lung Disease: Mineralogic Techniques. Co-Chair session: Diagnostic Methods in Occupational Lung Disease. Montreal, Canada. September 25-28, 1991.

Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology. Workshop on Approaches to Evaluating the Toxicity and Carcinogenicity of Man-made Fibers. Durham, North Carolina. November 11-13, 1991.

Institute for Glass Science and Engineering. Workshop on Chemical and Biological Interactions of Glass. Discussant on Biologically Important Properties. Bethesda, Maryland. March 5-6, 1992.

International Geological Congress. Environmental Mineralogy in relation to human health and activities. Session I-3-49. Co-chair with N. Kohyama, J. Addison, Kyoto, Japan. 24 August-3 September, 1992. Introduction. Importance of environmental mineralogy. Summing up. 1 September, 1992.

Biopersistence of Respirable Synthetic Fibres and Minerals. Presented: Comparison of lung tissue mineral fibre retention of exposed workers and the general population. With RP Nolan, co-authored: Health hazard evaluation of the lung tremolite fibre content among Canadian chrysotile workers. With RP Nolan and J Addison. Round-Table discussant on: Role of Biopersistence in Pathogenicity. IARC, Lyon. September 7-9, 1992.

INVITED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (cont):

Symposium on Chemicals and the Environment. Chemical Specialities, '92. Invited presentation: Zeolite catalysts. Is there a health risk? Philadelphia, 3-4 November, 1992.

International Life Sciences Institute. 4th International Inhalation Symposium, Hannover. Invited Faculty Presentation: Factors Controlling the Biological Potential of Inorganic Dusts. Surface Chemistry and Character. With R.P. Nolan. Hannover, 1-5 March, 1993.

Hoffman-LaRoche Pharmaceuticals. Analysis of Medicines for Asbestos. Microscopy Protocol. Edinburgh, U.K. Institute of Occupational Medicine. April 25-26, 1993.

Cellular and Molecular Effects of Mineral and Synthetic Dusts and Fibres. NATO Advanced Workshop. Invited paper: Phosphorylated Canadian chrysotile. With RP Nolan and G Herson. Chaired session: Physico-chemical properties of minerals in relation to their biologic effects. Paris, 11-13 October, 1993.

Workshop on the Health Risks Associated with Chrysotile Asbestos. Intl. Commission on Occupational Health - Intl. Program on Chemical Safety (WHO) Presented paper: Chrysotile: The Mineral and Its Properties. Jersey, Channel Islands. 14-17, November, 1993.

FUNDING SOURCES

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ROLE IN PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECT PERIOD</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL DIRECT SUPPORT</u>
Asbestos disease in New York City workers	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	07/01/66-06/30/67	Health Research Council, NYC	39,703
Silica and Silicosis	Principal Investigator Mineralogist	09/01/66-08/31/68	Polacheck Foundation	10,000
Microprobe analysis of asbestos-pseudo asbestos bodies	Co-Principal Investigator	06/01/67-05/31/69	NIH	133,245
Asbestos exposure risk in defined human populations	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	05/01/68-04/30/73	NIH	1,306,281
Biological effects of modified inorganic fibrous particles	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	07/01/68-06/30/69	Johns-Manville Corporation	61,930
Insulation industry hygiene reports	Co-Principal Investigator	09/15/68-09/14/73	Johns-Manville Corporation	500,000
Asbestos air pollution in New York City	Co-Principal Investigator	12/01/68-11/30/70	HRC-NY DAR-NY	110,455
Inorganic particles biological systems interactions	Principal Investigator Career Development Award	06/01/69-05/31/74	NIH-NIEHS	125,000
Asbestos exposure and cancer in the general population	Co-Principal Investigator	12/01/69-11/30/71	NIH	105,539

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Inorganic particles in cigarettes and cigarette smoke	Principal Investigator	07/01/71-06/30/73	NIH	65,730
Environmental cancer in US industries	Co-Principal Investigator	09/01/71-08/31/74	ACS	289,321
Asbestos exposure and cancer in the general population	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	12/01/71-11/30/73	NIH	254,569
Asbestos air pollution; extent persistence, effects	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	01/01/72-12/31/74	NIH	348,858
Asbestos in therapeutic drugs for human use	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	04/01/72-03/31/73	NIH	49,230
Effects of asbestos in water (Duluth)	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	06/01/73-10/30/73	EPA	47,970
Environmental agents, relation to human health effects	Co-Principal Investigator	06/01/73-08/31/78	NIH	2,823,220
Asbestos in brake drum dusts	Principal Investigator	07/01/73-06/30/75	Ford Motor Company	10,000
Population at high risk of lung cancer: establishment of cohort and development of serial surveillance	Co-Principal Investigator	08/01/73-07/31/75	NIH	78,572

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Asbestos exposure of workers and public from brake linings	Co-Principal Investigator	07/01/75-06/30/76	HRC-NY	12,980
Asbestos exposure with brake lining service and repair	Co-Principal Investigator	07/01/75-06/30/77	HRC-NY	51,142
Residency training in occupational medicine	Co-Principal Investigator	07/01/76-06/30/78	NIOSH	105,491
Asbestos in brake workers' lungs	Principal Investigator	09/01/77-08/31/79	NIOSH	95,223
Environmental Health Sciences Center Grant	Co-Principal Investigator	09/01/78-08/31/83	NIEHS	4,841,529
Environmental dusts and macrophage activation	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	03/01/79-02/29/81	NCI via Sloan-Kettering Institute	168,589
Surface properties of chrysotile asbestos and its role in biological potential	Principal Investigator	07/01/79-continued yearly	Mobil Foundation	8,000 12,000
Environmental cancer research project	Co-Principal Investigator	09/01/80-08/31/81	ACS	284,540
Particle analysis St. Regis Health Study	Co-Principal Investigator	07/01/81-06/30/82	Canadian	1,016,581

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Activity of amosite asbestos and grunerite fiber	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogist	09/01/82-08/31/84	NIOSH	143,396
Environmental Health Services Center Grant	Co-Principal Investigator/Mineralogy Group Leader	07/01/84-06/30/86	NIEHS	300,000
Biological activity of modified chrysotile asbestos fiber	Principal Investigator	09/01/84-12/31/86	SNA, Canada	300,000
Biological activity of asbestos substitutes	Principal Investigator	01/01/87-03/31/87	SNA, Canada	15,000
Analysis of play sand for asbestos content	Principal Investigator	11/01/87-02/01/88	Consumer Products Safety Commission	4,000
Analysis of talcs for mineral character	Principal Investigator	04/01/88-12/01/88	Vanderbilt Talc Company	32,000
Surface properties of asbestos and substitutes	Principal Investigator	04/01/87-03/31/88	Asbestos Institute	10,000
Evaluation Microscopy Laboratories	Co-Principal Investigator	03/01/88-06/30/90	Battelle, Columbus	130,500
Wollastonite in animal lungs	Principal Investigator	12/01/88-06/01/89 08/01/88-12/01/88	NSI - National Toxicology Program	38,000

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Modified asbestos; asbestos substitutes; surface properties	Principal Investigator	04/01/88-09/01/90	SNA, Canada	50,000
Fibers in vermiculite	Principal Investigator	08/01/88-09/01/88	State of Montana	900
Characterization and biological potential of asbestiform and non-asbestiform amphiboles	Principal Investigator	06/01/89-current	Vanderbilt Talc Company	162,000
Talc and its associated mineral impurities	Principal Investigator	08/01/89-02/29/91	Georgia Pacific Company	32,000
Study of asbestos contamination of building air	Principal Investigator	06/30/88-present	CNA Insurance Co.	50,000
Asbestos-emissions during gasket replacement	Co-Investigator	01/30/91-present	Durabla Company	35,000
Release of Rockwool fibres from gaskets	Principal Investigator	01/01/93-present	Lapinus Fibres, B.V.	4,250
Asbestos-release from plumbing supply products	Co-Investigator	10/01/92-present	Sexauer Mnf.Co.	10,000
Asbestos in the lungs of exposed workers	Principal Investigator	03/01/93-present	W.R. Grace & Co.	90,000
Applied Technology - Equipment Assistance Grant	Co-Investigator	09/93-09/96	New York State	720,000

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and

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COMPANY, A.W. KUETTEL & SONS, INC., AFI, INC.,
and MacARTHUR COMPANY,

Third Party Defendants.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30,
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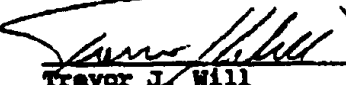
The deposition shall continue from time to time and from place to place as necessary until completed, and may be used for all purposes contemplated under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the witness is required to produce the documents described as follows:

1. Any report, analysis, test results, notes or documents relating or referring to any samples of Calidria or Coalinga asbestos Dr. Langer has reviewed, examined or tested.
2. Any publically unreported or unpublished data, test results, studies or reports upon which Dr. Langer relies to support any opinion he has formed for or intends to offer in this action.
3. Dr. Langer's file for this case.
4. The results of Dr. Langer's analysis of the samples he took at the KCAC asbestos mine in July of 1993.

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**Mineralogical Analysis of Chrysotile Ore
Specimens Obtained in the KCAC Pit
(Formerly Union Carbide's New Idria Deposit)**

Summary

Ore specimens obtained during the July 27, 1993, field trip to Union Carbide's New Idria asbestos deposit were subjected to analysis by polarized light microscopy and continuous scan x-ray diffraction. Selected specimens were examined by analytical electron microscopy.

The twelve specimens collected from the pit were separately (and gently) ground by hand in an agate mortar with pestle. Aliquots of each specimen were mounted in appropriate immersion oils for purposes of mineral identification and characterization. The indices of refraction of the immersion oils ranged from $n = 1.518$ - $n = 1.700$. The findings were as follows: chrysotile fiber was found in all specimens, but ranged in concentration; at 100x magnification several of the fiber bundles approached approximately 1mm in length (commercially a "short" fiber); intergrowths of fiber and massive serpentine were common and occasionally some fibers displayed anomalous blue-gray birefringence; fragments of other minerals derived from the host rock (serpentinite) ranged in abundance as well, a function of proximity to the central ore body; other mineral particles identified included plagioclase feldspar (displaying undulatory extinction of albite twinning); altered mineral fragments with optical characteristics of both olivine and pyroxene were observed; platy forms of serpentine (lizardite and antigorite) were observed; chrysotile bundles with limonite stains

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suggested weathering of associated iron-containing minerals; several carbonate minerals, including magnesite and calcite were present; fibers with optical properties consistent with the brucite were observed; some fibers of brucite displayed signs of alteration (coalingite?). In one specimen, number 1, a fragment of an amphibole mineral was noted. The fragment was a single crystal, non-polyfilamentous, and was not asbestiform. The identity of the fragment remains unknown. Opaque minerals (magnetite? chromite?) were also noted. As with the other principle minerals, their concentrations were observed to be variable.

It was noted that certain minerals ranged widely in concentration throughout the deposit. The opaque mineral, thought to be principally magnetite, although invariably present in all specimens ranges considerably in concentration. So it is also for the brownish alteration product of brucite (coalingite) as well as for the presence of fractured and serpentinized residual olivine and pyroxene minerals.

An analysis of palletized ore, RG 100, in addition to chrysotile, contained concentrations of mafic mineral fragments, opaque minerals, and brucite alteration products. In the many aliquots examined by polarized light microscopy no amphibole mineral was observed.

It is important to note that fibers are observed within the

Analytical Electron Microscopy

As for analysis of specimens by continuous scan x-ray diffraction only select samples were analysed by analytical electron microscopy. It was decided, however, based on resources, that only the final ore product (RG 100) would be examined in detail. The instrument used was a JEOL 100 CX interfaced with a Tracor Northern 5500 energy dispersive x-ray spectrometry system. A number of grids were prepared and examined.

Chrysotile asbestos is the principal mineral in all of the preparations examined. Selected area electron diffraction patterns are consistent with standards for clinochrysotile. Associated platy minerals are consistent with lizardite, antigorite and brucite.

Occasionally, an electron-dense mineral fiber, with aspect ratio > 15:1, was observed. Morphologically this mineral resembles an amphibole but inspection of the selected area electron diffraction pattern suggests a complex structure not unlike the talcboles found in many talc deposits in the United States. The magnesium:silicon ratio is much less than for chrysotile, generally lying in the range of 0.45-0.52. Chrysotile appears to be associated with the fiber, with its long axis parallel to the long axis of the electron-dense mineral. The chemistry of chrysotile obviously affects the chemical ratio obtained on these fibers (chrysotile's ratio of magnesium:silicon is approximately 0.75-0.85). It is

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unknown at this time if this mineral represents an intergrowth a chain silicate and a serpentine mineral or is even one of the discredited serpentine minerals which has been shown to be a mixture of several of the associated magnesium silicate phases.



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