

1 exposed to chrysotile?

2 A There has. It has been an area that has
3 been a little bit controversial initially, because
4 most of the epidemiologic studies that were performed
5 in earlier years, 1970s, 1980s and 1960s, found that
6 chrysotile did not seem to be as potent in causing
7 mesothelioma as the other commercial types of
8 asbestos, primarily amosite and crocidolite.

9 That was a very highly held opinion that
10 chrysotile did cause mesotheliomas, but wasn't as
11 potent as these other types of asbestos in doing so;
12 and that has changed a little bit, and actually I
13 think changed quite a lot in the last maybe two to
14 three years.

15 The articles that I think are perhaps the
16 most important in changing, at least my own opinion,
17 on that issue are ones that have come out in Germany.
18 And between 1960 and 1990, there are reports of 1,082
19 cases of mesothelioma occurring in the counties of
20 Magdeburg and Halle in East Germany and, of course,
21 Germany is one country, and they kept very good