Now, the plaintiffs' lawyers have told you that the defendants, including my client, Owens-Illinois, are at fault because the products that they distributed and manufactured were defective back in the '40s and the 1950s.

The plaintiffs told you that we should have known in the 1930s that asbestos-containing products and exposure to asbestos could cause disease.

Now, one of the things that life teaches you is that the answers that you get depend on the questions that you ask. And that was true then and and that is true now.

Now, back in the 1930s, doctors and scientists did ask a question about asbestos and its ability to hurt humans.

Man figured out asbestos, which you learned this morning, is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined from the earth that had unique properties.

For example, the fibers could be removed from the rock, and it could be woven into a cloth. And it was a good binder, held things together, so it