asbestos-producing plants, products plants and did industrial hygiene measurements in those studies; and, also, as part of my research, I collected air samples and analyzed those by both optical microscopy and by electron microscopy.

Q We have heard about both of those types of microscopy.

Are you still doing asbestos research, Dr. Dement?

A Yes, I am.

Q Have you ever done any work in the area of risk assessment?

A Actually, the studies that I have done -- published with regard to dose response are on risk assessment.

Q Could you tell us what does risk assessment mean?

A Well, there are sort of two levels. One is we believe for most toxic materials, including asbestos, that there is a dose response.

That is, the longer you are exposed, the