years.

Q You used the phrase "after first exposure".

Does that, in your opinion, Dr. Gabrielson, mean that subsequent exposures after that first one don't contribute to the disease?

A No, I don't mean that at all. People that have these brief exposures do have higher incidences of mesothelioma than a background population.

But, people that have long exposures over many years have even higher incidences of mesothelioma.

More likely than not, all of those exposures have contributed to the development of the cancer in those individuals with long-term exposure.

And, again, one would expect that all of these exposures could have fibers that would cause genetic changes in the mesothelial cells.

Q A few moments ago you also mentioned the word "durability".

Durability of the fibers?

A Yes, sir.