has been looking at chemicals. They have looked, with an animal screen, at 47, according to the last count I have seen.

Of that 47, 27 proved to cause cancer in animals. Even assuming they picked the most wicked-looking molecules they could find out of thousands of chemicals available to look at, that is a pretty scary statistic.

They are a three-quarters of a billion dollars agency. You are a hundred billion dollars industry. What is industry doing to prevent these chemicals from coming forth without our knowing whether they are cancer-causing or not?

DR. KOTIN: I am sure there is a wide spectrum of industry postures. I can tell you what one company is doing, and that is, addressing potentially hazardous agents with the same scrupulousness, the same scientific rigidity as the federal government is, and where an agent is likely to be a potential carcinogen, it is an agent that is abandoned. One can clearly identify among the giants in the chemical industry specific materials that I know have had millions of dollars put into them in development which never saw the light of commercial day.

I don't know that I have the authority to name the company and the compounds or I would have gotten a release, but these are not figments of the imagination. When we are off the air, I will be glad to tell you the names of the companies.

MR. MONROE: Thank you, gentlemen, for being with us today on MEET THE PRESS.