

1 asbestos fibers in terms of their ability to stay in
2 the air for periods of time once they are released?

3 A Sure. Individual asbestos fibers are very,
4 very small particles, and like all other small
5 particles, they can stay in the air for a very long
6 time.

7 That is, they don't have much of a settling
8 velocity, and they can remain airborne long enough to
9 circulate throughout a workplace, throughout a general
10 environment.

11 There are asbestos fibers in the ambient air
12 from time to time, and those can stay airborne for
13 quite a long time, but as you can see here, 20 meters
14 away we still have a substantial fraction of the
15 original material still airborne.

16 Q That is 60 feet away?

17 A Even more than 60 feet. It is getting close
18 to 65, yes, sir.

19 Q Okay. And at the Bay Bridge where you did
20 your studies for asbestos release from brakes in 1969
21 or '70, that was outdoors with the wind blowing,